

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
405 EAST MAIN STREET
BATAVIA, NEW YORK

NEWSLETTER—JANUARY 2017



The Name of God

My dear friends,

On January 1st many people are making (and perhaps already breaking) resolutions, gathering with family to eat Hoppin' John (see our Recipe Corner), still celebrating or trying to recover from celebrating. In the church, however, January first is the eighth day of Christmas and is the ***Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus***. In Jewish tradition a male child is named and circumcised on the eighth day after birth, and Jesus was no exception. When he was eight days old he was given the name Jesus. The English name Jesus comes to us from the Hebrew through Greek and then Latin. The Hebrew name is best translated as Yeshua or Joshua or Jeshua. It means "**God Saves**". In his very name we are given the essence of who and what Jesus is. Jesus described himself in other ways:

Son of Man – he is fully human and shares our life, struggles and joys

Bread of Life – he is the food that never perishes, never runs out

Good Shepherd – he is our constant guide and care giver

In the scriptures he is given other names:

The Gospel of John describes him as "**The light of the world**"

Revelation describes him as the "**Alpha and Omega**", the beginning and end of all things.

We are called, invited and encouraged to give Jesus many names: brother, friend, counselor, guide, and savior. We can give these names to Jesus because in his infinite love, we have been named. Jesus has named each and every one of us, individually and uniquely. Our names have been written in the scroll of the book, on the very palm of the hand of God.

Your sister in Christ,
Mother Bonnie+

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT:

It is now 2017! Where does the time go? For St. James it means another year of progress toward the goal of well-run parish of love and hope.

One thing I would ask all to do is keep Russ D. in your thoughts and prayers. In case you haven't heard he slipped and fell just before Christmas and hurt his back He will be laid up for some time. In the meantime, the Maintenance Team will take care of the day to day work under the leadership of Jack Kershner and Gary Hammond.

The handicap ramp has had all work completed on it except masonry and paint. Unfortunately these will have to wait until the cold weather breaks. The good news is that the "Turner" entrance is progressing nicely. The storage module is complete, with painting and lighting to follow. Thanks to Gary Hammond and Dawn Mark for all their work.

The Property Committee is filled out and doing its thing- planning the future of our campus. Dave Lange will chair, with Barb Pierce, Gary Hammond, Russ Dvoroznak, Keith Price, Theresa DeMars, Wayne Townsend, Jack Kershner, Joan Ellison and I as members. I was impressed with and grateful to this list of St. James members who stepped forward and will do this important work.

Our next important task is the Annual Meeting after services on January 22nd. Reports, including a budget will be presented along with voting on our next Vestry and Jr. Warden. This is a chance for all to be heard, ask questions etc. concerning St. James. This is where we get to set the direction of St. James, both spiritually and worldly for the year. It is important that all attend. Please mark it on your new calendars.

Jim Neider, Senior Warden

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

We pray God's blessing be with you on your special day and every day.

Carol Queal 1/1 Nichole Essig 1/9 Susan Best 1/14

Marilyn Thureau 1/21 Jacob Rosenbeck 1/25 Jon McManis 1/28





Soup Sunday—January 8th.

Be sure to come to coffee hour to enjoy delicious home-made soup, fellowship and friendship. Everyone is welcome!

Annual Meeting—Sunday, January 22

Every year we gather to listen to reports on the previous year, discuss important issues for the coming year and beyond. We also have our Annual Election to elect wardens and vestry members. This year we will also vote on some proposed changes to our parish By Laws. This is an important event in the life of our parish. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend.



Annual Meeting Reports All reports for the Annual Meeting need to be in the office by January 2nd. Please send them to the office electronically.

Clerk of the Vestry

We are in need of someone to serve as Clerk of the Vestry. The primary duties are to take the minutes of every vestry meeting and maintain the official records of the vestry. This is a volunteer position and takes approximately 5 to 6 hours per month. If you are interested in this position that is so important to the life of the parish, please contact Jim Neider, Russ Dvoroznak or Mother Bonnie. Qualifications are the ability to take and transcribe accurate minutes, willingness and availability to attend all meetings of the vestry and strict adherence to confidentiality.

Prayers in Action

Aiden is 18 months old and has suffered acute liver failure. He has been on our pray list since Thanksgiving. Aiden and his family are dear friends of our parishioners Diane and Bill Cox. Medical expenses are mounting for the family and they are in need of help. If you would like to donate to their medical expenses, please go to <https://www.gofundme.com/please-help-aiden>. You can also contact Diane Cox for more information on how you might help.

With grateful thanks and in loving memory of her life among us, the Rector, Wardens and Vestry are pleased to announce that we have received a bequest in the amount of \$60,000 from the estate of **Joan Pfeifer**. This gift to St. James will be placed in our Memorial Fund. The vestry will decide on an appropriate use for these funds, both to honor the memory of Joan and to be wise stewards of this generous gift.

Thank you to Angel Tree Donors

The people of Saint James were very generous this Christmas season. The Angel Tree was completely covered with warm winter wear. In total 42 pairs of gloves, 34 pairs of socks, 32 hats, and 8 scarves were donated to Journey's End Refugee Service in Buffalo. They were dropped off in time to be distributed for Christmas. Most of these refugees are spending their first cold winter in America.

Our Advent and Christmas season has been full of joyful and spiritual events of worship, music, fellowship, outreach and caring. This would not be possible without the help, cooperation and initiative of so many people. I would like to extend my heartfelt and grateful thanks to all of the people who helped to make this season so meaningful and beautiful. Mother Bonnie+

Dave Lange, Theresa DeMars, Dawn Mark, Peter Mark, Amy Celentano,
Peter Celentano, Jim Ellison, Rachael Best, Emily Tworek-Helenbrook, Kacy Dolan, Seth
Hinkson, and David Porter

St. James Parish Choir

Altar Guild

Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Element Bearers, and Intercessors
Ushers and Greeters

Cookie Bakers and Deliverers

Angel Tree Donors and Jo-Ann Bestine, coordinator

Episcopal Church Women Board

Thrift Store Volunteers

Rupprecht Fund Advisory Committee

Nave Decorators

Sunday School Presentation: Scott and Jenna Essig, Jaycob, Jacen,
and Alexandra Belluscio and Judy Essig

Pastor Carole Grant-White

Barb King, Ann Chilano, Gerrit Wilk and Pat Roblee

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN NEW YORK

DeVeaux Scholarship – the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York and Niagara University offer this scholarship to high school seniors who are considering entrance to Niagara University. This is a average of \$3,000, depending on financial aid and also the number of applicants. If your student/child is interested, it is simple to apply for this scholarship; all you need is a letter of recommendation from either Mother Bonnie or a church warden. The deadline for this scholarship is January 15, 2017.

RECIPE CORNER

Hoppin' John

*A traditional southern dish of black-eyed peas and rice
which is thought to bring good luck when eaten on New Year's Day*

Ingredients

2 tablespoons butter

1 small onion, chopped

1 small red bell pepper, chopped

garlic powder

2 cups black-eye peas, cooked

2 cups cooked rice

salt

black pepper

Directions

Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion, bell pepper, and garlic powder, to taste, and cook for 5 minutes. Add peas and rice and cook an additional 10 to 15 minutes. Be careful not to overcook; this dish is best if the bell pepper and onion still have a crunch to them. Add salt, pepper and garlic powder to taste.

Yield: 6 to 8 servings

A New Year's Prayer

Loving God, thank you for a new year.

May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate.

We know that you are always ready to forgive us.

Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires.

Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do.

Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past,
so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Amen

January Sunday Service Participant Schedule

	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29	February 5
EM 1	C Judkins	Jack Kershner	T McGuire	J Kershner	J Ellison	Jeff Gray
EM 2	Barb Gray	T DeMars	Judy Essig	J Bestine	B Dvoroznak	C Judkins
EM Chantry	J Kershner	Jeff Gray	Barb King	Judy Essig	Barb Gray	T DeMars
1st Lesson	Barb Gray	Liz Findlay	Cathy Judkins	Lilo Townsend	Joan Ellison	Terry McGuire
2nd Lesson	Jeff Gray	Keith Price	Jack Kershner	Diane Cox	Jim Neider	Barb Gray
Prayers of People	Wayne Judkins	Jim Neider	Larry Belluscio	Steve Hawley	Chip McGuire	Keith Price
Acolytes	J. Belluscio Diane Cox	Scott Essig Jenna Essig	A Blossom Jeff Tress	Diane Cox Scott Essig	Jenna Essig Jo-Ann Bestine	J. Belluscio A. Blossom
Ushers	K & L Belluscio	N Harrington B Dexheimer	Diane & Kevin Skelton	Dean Perry Don Fox	Peg & Alan Abrams	C McGuire G Hammond
Greeters	Peg & Alan Abrams	Dean Perry G. Hammond	C & W Judkins	W Townsend G Hammond	L. Belluscio J. Gray	W.Townsend D. Perry
Element Bearers	Peg & Alan Abrams	B. Dvoroznak Donna Kauffman	Kathy & Larry Belluscio	Karen & Harold Odell	Donna Kauffman Betsy Dexheimer	Diane & Kevin Skelton
Nursery	-----	Joanne Fleming	Jo-Ann Bestine	Joanne Fleming	Jo-Ann Bestine	
Altar Guild	B. Rung C. Queal B. Coughlin R. Geitner	D. Kauffman J. Fleming J. Bestine	P. Roblee J. Folger N. Harrington	K. Odell H. Odell K. Belluscio	B. Rung C. Queal B. Coughlin R. Geitner	D. Kauffman J. Fleming J. Bestine
Coffee Hour	No Coffee today	Soup Sunday	Kathy Belluscio	Terry McGuire	Jo-Ann Bestine	Judy Essig
Flower Delivery	none	none	Lilo Townsend	Cathy Judkins	Karen & Harold Odell	Dean Perry

St. James Calendar, January 2017

Sun Jan 1	10:00am – 11:15am	Holy Eucharist
Tue Jan 3	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Property Committee
Wed Jan 4	11:00am – 11:30am	Holy Eucharist - Chapel
Thu Jan 5	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Deadline for Vestry Agenda Items
	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Wardens Agenda Meeting
Sun Jan 8	8:45am – 9:45am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am – 10:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am – 11:15am	Holy Eucharist
	11:15am – 12:00pm	Coffee Hour
	11:20am – 12:00pm	Our Faith - Guild Room
Mon Jan 9	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Genesee Youth Chorale - Music Room
	7:00pm – 10:00pm	Genesee Chorale - Parish Hall
Tue Jan 10	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Vestry Reports Due
	2:30pm – 3:00pm	Holy Eucharist @ Genesee County Nursing Home
	5:30pm – 7:30pm	ECW Meeting
Wed Jan 11	11:00am – 11:30am	Holy Eucharist - Chapel
Thu Jan 12	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Wardens Meeting
Sun Jan 15	8:45am – 9:45am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am – 10:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am – 11:15am	Holy Eucharist
	11:15am – 12:00pm	Coffee Hour
	11:20am – 12:00pm	Our Faith - Guild Room
Mon Jan 16	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Genesee Youth Chorale - Music Room
	7:00pm – 10:00pm	Genesee Chorale - Parish Hall
Tue Jan 17	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Vestry Meeting
Wed Jan 18	11:00am – 11:30am	Holy Eucharist - Chapel
Thu Jan 19	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Wardens Meeting
Thu Jan 19	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Wardens Meeting
Sun Jan 22	8:45am – 9:45am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am – 10:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am – 11:15am	Holy Eucharist
	11:30am – 1:00pm	Annual Meeting
Mon Jan 23	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Genesee Youth Chorale - Music Room
	7:00pm – 10:00pm	Genesee Chorale - Parish Hall
Tue Jan 24	10:45am – 11:45am	Communion at The Manor House
	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Deanery Council - St Pauls Episcopal Church, Stafford
Wed Jan 25	11:00am – 11:30am	Holy Eucharist - Chapel
Thu Jan 26	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Wardens/Treasurers Meeting
Sun Jan 29	8:45am – 9:45am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00am – 10:45am	Sunday School
	10:00am – 11:15am	Holy Eucharist
	11:15am – 12:00pm	Coffee Hour
	11:20am – 12:00pm	Our Faith - Guild Room
Mon Jan 30	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Genesee Youth Chorale - Music Room
	7:00pm – 10:00pm	Genesee Chorale - Parish Hall



St. James Episcopal Church

405 East Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Weekday Services

Wednesday, 11 a.m. – Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

The Second Tuesday of the Month, 2:30 p.m. – Holy Eucharist at the Genesee County Nursing Home, 278 Bank Street, in the Mall Walk

The Fourth Tuesday of the Month at 10:45 a.m. – Holy Eucharist at The Manor House, 427 East Main Street, in the Grand Parlor

Everyone is Welcome!

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Dean Perry, Barbara Pierce, Ron Fancher, Lilo Townsend, Barb King

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