

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

NEWSLETTER — JULY 2017



**Collect for the Feast Day of Saint James
July 25**

*O gracious God, we remember before you today
your servant and apostle James,
first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom
for the Name of Jesus Christ;
and we pray that you will pour out upon
the leaders of your Church that
spirit of self-denying service
by which alone they may have
true authority among your people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*



James, son of Zebedee, brother of John, was a fisherman called by Jesus to become a fisher of people. He became a close friend of Jesus, a traveling companion and worker for the kingdom. Along with Peter and John he witnessed the Transfiguration, was present when Jesus raised the little girl back to life and was with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus nick named James and his brother John the “sons of thunder”. James was loyal, fierce and sometimes (like the other disciples) simply didn’t understand what Jesus was saying or doing. We read about James throughout the Gospels and in the Book of the Acts, in which we learn that he was the first disciple martyred—killed by King Herod Agrippa I with a sword.

The symbols associated with St. James are those of a pilgrim, the staff and the shell, because tradition tells us that St. James traveled to Spain to spread the Gospel. James wasn’t perfect, but he is a great person to honor, pray with and look to for wisdom and guidance. I’m proud our parish is named for this loyal, impetuous friend of Christ.

Your Sister in Christ,
Mother Bonnie+

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR JULY BIRTHDAYS!

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



**Bette Rung 7/2 Ken Draycott 7/2 Ann Chilano 7/3
Jeff Essig 7/3 Jaykob Belluscio 7/8 Abigail Bestine 7/8
Carol McManis 7/9 Dick Rung 7/9 Maureen Scoville 7/16
Shirley LeSeur 7/16 Jean Barnard 7/16 Eric Smith 7/20
Leah Rosenbeck 7/26 Kelly Abranski 7/26 Charles O'Neill 7/29
Catherine Chilano 7/29**



**Genesee Area Deanery Service and Picnic
Sunday, August 13, 2017
St. James Front Lawn**

11 a.m. Joint Holy Eucharist on St. James front lawn.

Noon Picnic

For the picnic—the deanery will provide hotdogs and hamburgers, rolls, drinks and condiments.

Please bring a dish to pass—a salad, a vegetable, or a dessert.

All of our Deanery churches are invited to attend. This service will take the place of our normal 10 a.m. Sunday service.

Diakonia Musings

by Deacon Diana

When present at the dismissal of a worship service, it is both my privilege and duty to charge the congregation to go into the world in the name of Christ. When I do this, I am reinforcing the need for everyone to go into the "mission field" outside the doors of the church and continue being the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. We represent the Episcopal Church here in Batavia, Genesee County, the Western New York Diocese and well...you get the idea. Each one of us represents the church wherever we go and to whomever we speak. When dismissed, I am charging you to go out into the world with a heart that is overflowing with love for all God's children. The response by you, the people, is "Thanks be to God". Both laity and priest respond by thanking God for the privilege of hearing the call to serve Him and for the opportunity to act on it. We have all been baptized and given power through the Holy Spirit to find Christ in all persons and make the world a better place. Discipleship is not easy. Recognizing pain and suffering in others and ministering to those needs is not easy. Talking about our faith and how Jesus has transformed us is not easy. Reading scripture, praying, staying on the right path is not easy. However, it is our responsibility as Baptized Christians to try.

So how can deacons help congregations to model discipleship?

First we can help assess the needs of the poor, helpless, and persecuted and bring those needs to the church in the form of prayers, ministry opportunities, thought evoking questions, and calls for action. But, Deacons are not the only ones to bring those needs into the light. We need the entire congregation to notice where there are needs and share them with the Outreach team or clergy. Not every ministry opportunity will be appropriate for the church to tackle, but even if it is not the right time, (and there will be many reasons why), seeds are planted.

The people of St. James have many gifts that I see displayed each week. Some of you have the gift of organization, friendship, empathy, creativity, hospitality, knowledge, music, teaching, compassion, listening, encouragement, gardening, reading, language, and fixing things. It is my job to help you use your gifts to meet the needs that are brought into the light or find other groups that are already engaged for you to join.

When my children were older and busy with their own lives, I wanted to do so many things that my church did not engage in. Most churches were isolated islands onto themselves and the diocese was terrible at communicating about the ministries that were in place throughout Western New York. Then, I met some other people that felt the same way I did and we organized Partnership Days, a day for sharing. The idea was to share about ministry opportunities that were in existence in the diocese and share how the churches started their ministries. We educated other Episcopalians about possibilities they could engage in. For me personally, Partnership Days planted seeds about prison ministry and it took another 10 years before life allowed me the luxury of serving in that capacity. I now minister with other women from many denominations and areas of western New York within a national organization. Joining a larger group afforded me a gift I would not have had if I had stayed locked into my own comfort zone.

Let's see if we can't find hope in places "hidden in plain sight". Let's see if we can answer our own personal calls to be witnesses to Christ's love in the world as disciples.

"Hide it under a bushel, NO, I'm gonna let it shine"

Senior Warden's Report

Summer has finally arrived. The fact that it took its own sweet time makes it all the more welcome. It also means a subtle change to the rhythm of what goes on at St. James. First, almost all of the leadership team, including Mother Bonnie, will be gone at some time during July and August. Most will be for well-deserved vacations. Speaking for the Wardens we will try to keep the congregation apprised of when we will be gone.

The ARC of Genesee County has taken over most of the interior cleaning of our buildings. The exterior work has yet to be totally set, but will be in place shortly. The roofing to the west lower roof of the Nave and the barn has been completed. This should solve our leak problems in those areas. The handicapped ramp is on the schedule to be completed. A stretch of nice warm, dry weather would help. Finally, we are making slow but sure progress on the landing bathrooms.

Speaking of maintenance work- the Maintenance Team could use some new members to do, well, light maintenance. If you have some time and skill, please see either one of us. The Team usually meets the afternoon of the first Tuesday of the month.

Lastly, and we know it is early, we will be looking for people to step forward and run for Vestry (3) and Sr. Warden in January. We will also need people to serve on the Budget Committee starting in September.

Normality will return after Labor Day. Until then go with the flow.

Thank you, Jim Neider, Senior Warden

June 2017 Vestry Highlights:

Merrill Lynch: A presentation was given by Merrill Lynch. This was the 4th and final presentation about our financial portfolio. The vestry will make a decision following recommendations from the Finance Committee and looking at the references provided. : **Russ Dvoroznak** led a walk around the building pointing out the work that has been done and the work that needs to be done. Some of this work would be permanent and some would be temporary patches. Some of the work could be put into Adopt-A-Project. **Kitchen Request:** A request was made by a non-parishioner to use our kitchen to start a catering business. After discussion of the pros and cons the request was denied. **Cleaning: ARC** will be providing the inside cleaning, but the contract has not been signed yet. **Work to be done:** There is need to repair the sewer line in the Rectory. **Rector's Contract:** Mother Bonnie's contract expires on September 9th. The treasurer's and wardens will work on her new contract. The new contract will reflect her status as our Rector. **Scholarships:** The ECW raised their budget allocation from \$2000 to \$2100 so each of the 3 recipients could receive \$700. The vestry approved a draw of \$3,000 from the scholarship fund. The recipients are Nanami Nakayama, Jenna Essig and Nichole Essig. **Mother Bonnie Away:** Mother Bonnie will be on vacation July 11 – July 29. She will be using continuing education time week of August 20. **Finance Committee:** The finance committee will be comprised of the rector, the wardens, the treasurers, and the parish administrator. A separate **budget committee** will be added to the finance committee when necessary. The budget committee will consist of vestrypersons and parishioners.

Can you help?
Adopt-a-Projects
that need funding, time and labor

Landing Restrooms

- Already Funded: New tall toilets
- Already Donated: Lots of labor and painting
- Needed: \$1,500. Funding for tearing out the old flooring of both bathrooms and the landing, installing new underlayment, new commercial grade inlaid flooring to all three areas
- Needed: Funding for purchase and installation of new sink fixtures (Cost TBD)

Stair Lift into the Parish Hall

- Needed: Funding to purchase a new or used stair lift to make our Parish Hall handicap accessible.

Outside Black Metal Stairs and Landing outside of the kitchen door.

- Needed: \$700. Funding for labor and materials. This should be done soon to prevent additional rust and deterioration. (We don't want them wind up as bad as the emergency stairs and landing.

Parish Hall and Kitchen Doors

- Needed: \$250. Funding to paint the doors, door jambs and inside trim.

Nave Floor-Red Squares

- Donated: labor to paint
- Needed: Funding for the paint. Stay tuned, as soon as we have measured the area and figured the cost of paint we will get that information out to you in the bulletin.

New Floor Mats for Building Entrances

- Needed: Funding for six 6-foot mats at \$80 each, an 8-foot mat at \$105 and a 12 foot mat at \$150. These costs are approximate and may change based on number, size and quality of mats.

Other Ideas?

- We'd love your ideas for new projects!

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

Actions Completed:

Trash collection

- Arc Genesee Orleans has been contracted to provide trash removal collection service, effective 7/01/17. Change of vendors resulted in a net annual savings of \$2,460.per year.

'Barn' roof

- A to Z General Contracting has completed the tear-off/re-roof project at a cost of \$5,625.00 plus time and material charges for replacement of water damaged plywood.

Awaiting Vestry Approval:

- Rectory sewer inspection/repair. Vestry has authorized investigation of cost for the repair.

Upcoming Projects:

- Energy efficiency improvement at the Rectory. We will be asking for Vestry approval for the following work to be completed prior to winter:
 - Replace 20+/- yr. old 40 gallon gas fired hot water tank (still functional)
 - Insulate and ventilate attic (currently uninsulated)
- Paint west exterior Parish Hall wall. Work will include pressure washing the wall, making necessary masonry repairs including filling existing cracks in the masonry, and painting with a durable masonry paint.

Dave Lange

Property Committee Chair

NEWS FROM ST. JAMES

MUSIC AT ST. JAMES DURING THE SUMMER

While our wonderful and hardworking choir takes a well-deserved break during the summer months, in addition to the music of Dave Lange, our organist, we will be treated to guest soloists—both vocalists and instrumentalist—during July and August. Come and enjoy the beauty as these talented individuals beckon us into the worship of our Lord God. **On Sunday, July 16th we will enjoy the Stafford Patriotic Singers.**

OUTREACH AT ST. JAMES

Our Presiding Bishop has said to us—“for the Episcopal Church to survive, we must go outside of our doors. We must take the Gospel of Christ out into the world.” The Outreach Team is exploring many possible ways to involve the people of St. James in the work of Christ. Currently, we are focusing on two major areas: our local community and the wider world.

Our local community:

“Connections” (the former UMToo)

An ecumenical group of churches in Batavia is working to reopen the former UMToo site. Connections will provide walk-in services to the people of the community.

Genesee Deanery Migrant Ministry Team

This is a new group that is exploring ways to help the people who come to our area to work on farms and other businesses. They have few protections under the law and are often unfairly treated.

Our wider world:

CHERA, Community Health & Education for Rural Africa

This non-profit is working in Kasese, Uganda to provide opportunities for education and health care to the local community.

By supporting these initiatives we would enliven our hearts and hands in being the hands and feet of Christ. There are many ways to help, both large and small. If you are interested, talk to Mother Bonnie.

How do you color your World? A Letter from Joan Ellison from Uganda



As a teenager in the 70's, Chicago's "Colour My World" was one of my favorite songs. The line, "Color my world with hope of loving you" is part of the lyrics and came to mind when I saw the "Colour Your World" advertisements in my recent trip to Uganda. Accompanied by my husband Jim Ellison (CHERA Board of Directors Chairman) and Scott Gregory (CHERA Treasurer), I came to love people that I had never met and may never see again.

During my week-long visit, I was able to supplement the current dental care provided with basic dental screenings, oral health education and fluoride varnish treatments for approximately 70 patients, ranging in age from 18 months to 83 years. From those screenings, we were also able to identify dental needs for future treatment. I was happy to learn that some form of oral care is important to most people who use toothbrushes, toothpicks, and toothpaste when available.

Being my first trip to Uganda, I didn't know exactly what to expect. Jim, being involved with this foundation for over 10 years and with 3 previous trips, had tried to relate his experiences telling me about the people he had met and the relationships he'd made. However, I couldn't fully grasp the impact that this experience has on one's perspective on life. I always thought that I'd lived a life filled with "color" having been a military wife, meeting people from all over the United States and other countries throughout our travels. Getting to know the people of this region "colored my world" beyond my expectations! Their warmth, gratitude, faith, and general happiness left me loved, inspired, humbled, and grateful for all that I have.

Learn more about CHERA, please visit cherahealth.org

DONATE NOW

SCRIP CARDS ON HAND

There is currently a large inventory of scrip cards that have been in inventory for a considerable length of time. As long as the cards are in inventory we are not realizing the profit. Please help us reduce our inventory by purchasing these Scrip Cards. They are available in the office and at Coffee Hour.

Arby's	Bath & Body Works	Bed, Bath & Beyond	CVS	Denny's	Dick's
Domino's	Dunkin' Donuts	JC Penney	K F C	Kmart	Maurices
Michaels	Office Max	Peebles	Pizza Hut	Rite Aid	Tim Horton's
Tops	Walgreen's	WalMart	Wendy's		

Please help us to reduce this inventory. Do you have a gift to purchase? Birthday, anniversary, thank you, or thinking of you? Do you shop at the grocery store, drug store, for fast food? Sure you do. Get the card and keep it in your billfold or purse.

Bonnie Smith will have the scrip cards during coffee hour in the parish hall following the Sunday Service Stop, say hello and make your purchase.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There will be no coffee hours following services unless we have volunteers to set up, provide a snack and clean up. We need You to keep this social time going.

THRIFT STORE

We are open every Thursday, but to do that we need people to volunteer. Men can volunteer also. People are needed for two shifts on Thursdays, 9 am- 12 noon and from 12 noon to 2 pm. Also people are needed for set-up. Usually set-up is on a Tuesday afternoon. Can't you give us just a couple of hours of your time? **Cleaning House? Don't forget the Thrift Store:** clothing, housewares, books, toys, linens—all are gratefully accepted!



PAINT CAN FUND -- Around the church you will see paint cans. Another way to help with our improvements is to put a few dollars into the collection can. These funds will be used to make small repairs and improvements before they become major jobs.

Financial Summary for St. James Episcopal Church as of May 31, 2017

	2017 Year to Date	2016 Year to Date
Income		
Parishioner Giving	56,419	53,054
Non-Pledge Giving	16,410	3,633
Income from Investments*	1,371	25,000
Other Income	4,438	11,587
Total Income	78,638	93,274
Expenses		
Diocesan Pledge	8,930	8,403
Outreach Expense	148	-
Personnel	61,390	74,056
Worship and Program Expense	4,955	3,642
Administrative Expenses	7,713	7,915
Building Expenses**	26,156	12,657
Total Expenses	109,292	106,673
Difference	(30,654)	(13,399)

*Income from Investments has been budgeted but not drawn for an additional \$16,666 for this period.

**This includes roofing costs of \$6,131 that will be paid from memorial funds.

RECIPE CORNER

Shrimp

Shrimp Scampi Spinach Salad

2 Tbsp. butter	1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
1 lb. uncooked shrimp (31-40 per lb.) peeled & deveined	1 lemon cut in wedges
3 garlic cloves, minced	1/8 tsp. salt
2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley	1/8 tsp. coarsely ground pepper
6 oz. fresh baby spinach (about 8 cups)	1/4 cup sliced almonds, toasted
	Shredded Parmesan cheese, optional

1. In a large skillet, heat butter over medium heat; saute shrimp and garlic until shrimp turn pink, 3-4 minutes. Stir in parsley; remove from heat.

2. To serve, place baby spinach and tomatoes in a serving dish; top with shrimp mixture. Squeeze lemon juice over salad; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with almonds and cheese if desired,

To toast nuts – Cook in a skillet over low heat until golden, stirring

FROM THE DIOCESE
August 13-16 - Sleep Away Camp

Sleep Away camp will be returning this August for children between the ages of 8 and 12. The camp will be held Sunday August 13 to Wednesday August 16 at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Camp in Bemus Point. Campers will have the opportunities to canoe, swim, do an adventure rope course, play gaga ball, sing, do arts and crafts, worship, and learn more about God! The cost per camper is \$160. To register, please print and send in the Sleep Away Camp Application with a \$50 deposit.



We are also looking for high school aged youth and young adults that would like to serve as Junior Counselors for the camp, and for men over the age of 21 that would like to serve as Senior Counselors for the camp. Please contact Wendy at wschumacher@episcopalwny.org or (716) 830-5443 if you are interested.

SERVICE PARTICIPANT CALENDAR FOR JULY 2017

Also found on the website: www.stjamesbatavia.org

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
EM 1	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Jack Kershner	Judy Essig	Theresa DeMars	Cathy Judkins
EM 2	Russ Dvoroznak	Barb Gray	Barb King	Diane Cox	Jeff Gray
1st Lesson	Keith Price	Lilo Townsend	Cathy Judkins	Theresa DeMars	Liz Findlay
2nd Lesson	Liz Findlay	Joan Ellison	Wayne Judkins	Diane Cox	Jack Kershner
Prayers of the People	Jim Neider	Rose Rumery	Steve Hawley	Jim Neider	Keith Price
Acolytes	Diane Cox Keith Price	Alieda Blossom	Scott Essig	Jenna Essig	Diane Cox
Ushers	Peg & Alan Abrams	Don Fox Dean Perry	Nancy Harrington Bill Coughlin	Bonnie & Russ Dvoroznak	Carol Queal Dean Perry
Greeters	Jeff Gray Dean Perry	Bonnie Smith Wayne Townsend	Peg & Alan Abrams	Carol Queal Bonnie Smith	Cathy & Wayne Judkins
Element Bearers	Donna Kauffman Rich Geitner	Bonnie & Russ Dvoroznak	Karen & Harold Odell	Larry Belluscio Dean Perry	Donna Kauffman Jack Kershner
Coffee Hour	Barb King	Need a volunteer	Kathy Belluscio	Judy Essig	Barb King
Flower Delivery	Liz Findlay	Lilo Townsend	Cathy Judkins	Jack Kershner	Karen & Harold Odell
Altar Guild	Karen Odell Harold Odell Kathy Belluscio	Pat Roblee Jolene Folger Rich Geitner	Bette Rung Carol Queal Bill Coughlin	Donna Kauffman Joanne Fleming Jo-Ann Bestine	Karen Odell Harold Odell Kathy Belluscio

St. James Calendar

Sun Jul 2	10:00am – 11:15am 11:15am – 12:00pm	Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour
Mon Jul 3	The office is closed	
Tue Jul 4	The office is closed for the holiday, no meetings scheduled	
Wed Jul 5	11:00am – 11:30am 12:00pm – 1:00pm	Holy Eucharist - Chapel Bible Discussion Group - Rector's Office
Thu Jul 6	9:00am – 2:00pm 11:00am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 2:00pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm	Thrift Store Open Connections Planning Team - First Presbyterian Church Deadline for Vestry Agenda Wardens Agenda Meeting
Sun Jul 9	10:00am – 11:15am 11:15am – 12:00pm	Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour
Tue Jul 11	1:00pm – 2:00pm 2:30pm – 3:00pm	Vestry Reports Due Holy Eucharist @ Genesee County Nursing Home -
Wed Jul 12	11:00am – 11:30am 12:00pm – 1:00pm	Holy Eucharist - Chapel Bible Discussion Group - Rector's Office
Thu Jul 13	9:00am – 2:00pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm	Thrift Store Open Wardens Meeting
Sun Jul 16	10:00am – 11:15am 11:15am – 12:00pm	Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour
Wed Jul 19	11:00am – 11:30am 12:00pm – 1:00pm	Holy Eucharist - Chapel Bible Discussion Group - Rector's Office
Thu Jul 20	9:00am – 2:00pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm	Thrift Store Open Wardens Meeting
Sun Jul 23	10:00am – 11:15am 11:15am – 12:00pm	Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour
Tue Jul 25	10:45am – 11:45am	Communion at The Manor House
Wed Jul 26	11:00am – 11:30am 12:00pm – 1:00pm	Holy Eucharist - Chapel Bible Discussion Group - Rector's Office
Thu Jul 27	9:00am – 2:00pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm	Thrift Store Open Wardens/Treasurers Meeting
Sun Jul 30	10:00am – 11:15am 11:15am – 12:00pm 12:00pm – 1:00pm	Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour Bible Discussion Group - Rector's Office
Thu Jul 20	9:00am – 2:00pm 2:00pm – 3:00pm	Thrift Store Open Wardens Meeting
Sun Jul 23	10:00am – 11:15am 11:15am – 12:00pm	Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour
Tue Jul 25	10:45am – 11:45am	Communion at The Manor House
Wed Jul 26	11:00am – 11:30am 12:00pm – 1:00pm	Holy Eucharist - Chapel Bible Discussion Group - Rector's Office
Sun Jul 30	10:00am – 11:15am 11:15am – 12:00pm	Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour



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!

The Rev. Bonnie F. Morris, Rector
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The Rev. Deacon Diana Leiker, dllart@aol.com

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