



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

NEWSLETTER—JUNE 2016

My dear friends,

Every spring our earth renews itself. Brown, gray and barren are transformed into brilliant color and bursting bloom. Just as the earth renews, so must we. Take a cue from God's creation and use this season to renew. Take in the warm days, soft breezes, the billowing trees, flowers and flourishing gardens. Draw in a deep breath of fresh air, and whisper or sing or shout a prayer to God.

A Summer Prayer

Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank You for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence,
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart
and a hunger and a thirst for You. Amen.

Source unknown

I pray that this summer is a time of refreshment in body and soul for you and your loved ones.

Your Sister in Christ,
Mother Bonnie+

Senior Warden's Report

May was an extremely busy month here at St. James. The United Way Day of Caring was a great success again this year. Employees of the Willow Group helped clean up the Rectory yard along with planting and mulching of the front of the church property along the sidewalk. It looks fantastic. Many thanks to all involved.

Speaking of the Rectory, we have leased it for the year starting June 1st. Beth Ely and Mike Collee will be our tenants. They will be doing maintenance and repair to the property as part of their rent. This will insure that the building will be taken care of and be properly maintained. Unoccupied it would have continued to deteriorate. Welcome Beth and Mike.

On the Sunday before Memorial Day the front doors were opened for the service for the first time in years. It was amazing. Russ spent two straight weeks working to make sure they work and the entrance is safe and useable. Gerrit helped with the finish work. Both of these individuals deserve a huge thank you for their dedication to this task.

Also, as many of you know Steve Rumery after many years of dedicated service as one of our treasurers has decided to retire. We are fortunate that Pete Mark has graciously agreed to take on the job of Co-Treasurer. We here at St. James owe a great deal of gratitude to Steve for his service. And I'm sure Pete is up to the task before him.

Lastly, if you've seen the blue plastic buckets around the church and hall, they are our Small Job Fund cans. You may place in them any donation you wish to fund a small maintenance or repair project around church. You may also put your name in them if you wish to lend a hand at a small project. Finally, you may put a description of a small project that you feel needs be done around the property.

Thanks, Jim Neider, Senior Warden



Happy Birthday to our June Birthdays!

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

**Bonnie Dvoroznak 6/5 Elizabeth Blossom 6/5 Dorothy Hawkins 6/10
Donald Wolff 6/13 Harold Odell 6/15 Herbert Hammond 6/16
Stephen Hawley 6/16 Betsy Dexheimer 6/17 Patrica Cone 6/19
Keith Price 6/24 Lenora Shepard 6/28 Frank Markwica 6/30**

THANK YOU!

- To the **two anonymous donors** who contributed the funds to repair our front doors.
- **Russ Dvoroznak** who worked for two weeks to repair the doors.
- **Gerrit Wilk**, our sexton, who contributed time and effort to assist Russ.

- To **Steve Rumery** who has served for many years as our parish Treasurer. His time, efforts and hard work have been a blessing to us all. At its May meeting the vestry passed a motion to officially thank Steve for his service to St. James.

Communion at the Chantry Altar

Beginning in June, we will offer communion at the chantry altar in the nave. If steps are a challenge, please considering using this option to receive communion.

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 June, July and August. Come and enjoy the beauty as these talented individuals beckon us into the worship of our Lord God.

Sunday School Recognition-June 12th

One of our greatest and most important ministries as a church is our Christian education and formation. On Sunday, June 12th we will recognize our students in our service. Plan to be with us and greet our wonderful kids! Judy Essig is our faithful, loving and hardworking teacher. She is often assisted by Jamie Belluscio, Joanne Flemming, Jenna Essig and Amy Cassidy. And as always, keep our children and youth in your prayers.

A Prayer for Students on Vacation

May you walk with God this summer, in whatever you do, wherever you go.

Walk with honesty and with courage.

Walk with love and respect and concern for the feelings of others.

May you talk to God this summer on every day and in every situation.

Pray words of praise for the beauty of creation.

Say prayers of thanks for friends and good times.

Ask God's help in all your decisions, expressing sorrow when you have failed and receiving courage to move ahead in the best way possible.

May you always know that you are completely and eternally loved. Amen.

St. James Scholarship Awards-June

In 1964, St. James received a generous gift from the estate of Mr. Edwin Nixon for the purposes of establishing a scholarship fund for St. James parishioners. This fund was increased by another generous bequest in 1994 from Eleanor Haitz. St. James students interested in

receiving a scholarship are required to submit an application including two essays—one on their involvement at St. James and one on their academic aspirations. We will award the 2016 scholarships at our service on June 12th.

Phone chain for announcements

We are working hard at St. James to make sure that we communicate all important information to our parish family in timely and accessible ways. We will continue to use our printed weekly bulletins and monthly newsletter as primary vehicles of information. We will also send out parish-wide emails for important reminders and notices of happenings during the week. Some of our parishioners don't use email – and – just as ALL ARE WELCOME, we believe that ALL ARE IMPORTANT and should get all of the news. To that end, we would like to create a phone chain for announcements for timely and important events such as funerals. Can you help? With little effort we can make sure that all of our parishioners are included in important events. If you would like to be on the phone chain, please contact Barb King in the office, 343-6802 or saint.james2@outlook.com

Rector's Discretionary Fund. As has long been the tradition at St. James, the loose cash offering on the first Sunday of each month is dedicated to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Mother Bonnie uses this fund to help people in need. She says "There are always people in need, and it is a blessing and a privilege to me that our parish family entrusts me with the funds and ability to help and show God's love to individuals, families and organizations as need and circumstance arise. Please continue to place loose cash in the plates on the first Sunday of each month. If you would like to make a specific donation to the fund at any time, please write a check with "Rector's Discretionary Fund" in the memo line, or place cash in an envelope marked for the fund. Thank you very much for your willingness to help the people of our community, region and world."

Income for Jan-May 2016		Expenses for Jan-May 2016	Net for Jan-May 2016
Pledges, donations	54,573		
Fundraising Income	7,576		
Endowment Draw	25,000		
Total	87,150	91,808	4,659
Income for Jan-May 2015		Expenses for Jan-May 2015	Net for Jan-May 2015
Pledges, donations	56,143		
Fundraising Income	6,600		
Endowment Draw	-		
Total	62,743	72,081	9,338

Crossroads House Upcoming Events

- **Concert of Rejoicing**—June 12, 2016, 6 p.m. at Faith Community Chapel
- **6th Annual Jerry “Rat” Cone Memorial Run**—July 9, 2016. Registration is at 9:15 AM, the ride begins at 11:00 AM. It is a relaxing motorcycle ride from Stan’s Harley Davidson through the countryside and ends back at Stan’s. Cost is \$20 for drivers and \$5 for riders. Your donation includes pancake breakfast, tailgate grilling after the ride and one raffle ticket. Music has been added this year from 1:00-3:00 p.m., provided by Bill Pitcher and friends. For more information call Jim at (585) 219-4826.
- **Annual Garage Sale** July 28, 29, and 30 at School Street behind Ficarella’s. To arrange for donations call Val at 547-3347
- **16th Annual Van Hulburt Memorial Golf Tournament**—August 18th at Batavia County Club sponsored by the Hesperus Lodge of Bergen. Contact Marty at 494-2147.

Coupons for Military Families

Unfortunately at this time we will no longer be able to participate in this program. Due to new policies and guidelines published, it makes the collection, preparation, and cost excessive.

From the Diocese of Western New York

100% of the congregations in the Diocese submitted their diocesan pledge form for 2016. This is the first time that we have had 100% of the congregations submit their pledges in more than 10 years. In 2015, a combination of some congregations paying more of their Fair Share than expected and some Diocesan staff position being filled with consultants or volunteers on an interim basis led to the Diocese having unexpended funds (budget surplus) for fiscal year 2015. This is a one-time event.

The Diocesan Council is looking for great ideas

The Diocesan Council has decided to set aside \$75,000 of the surplus to fund 3 or more collaborative ministries not to exceed \$25,000 per project. The Council will be putting out an application for funding shortly, so now is the time to start putting together your plans. To qualify for these funds a project must include two or more congregations (one of which must be a member of the Diocese of WNY) and one or more non-profit organization(s). Start planning and watch for more information.

June Sunday Worship Participants Schedule

	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26	July 3
Chalice 1	Judy Essig	Jo-Ann Bestine	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Carol Queal	Jim Ellison
Chalice 2	Carol Queal	Theresa DeMars	Cathy Judkins	Theresa DeMars	Bonnie Dvoroznak
Chalice <small>Chantry</small>	Barb King				
1st Lesson	Lilo Townsend	Wayne Judkins	Keith Price	Jim Neider	Barb Gray
2nd Lesson	Jim Ellison	Joan Ellison	Barb Gray	Jack Kershner	Jeff Gray
Prayers of People	Larry Belluscio	Liz Findlay	Wayne Judkins	Larry Belluscio	Steve Hawley
Acolytes	Scott Essig Dean Perry	Jeff Tress Jaycob Belluscio	Jo-Ann Bestine Dean Perry	Jaycob Belluscio Jeff Tress	Jo-Anne Bestine Dean Perry
Ushers	Peg & Alan Abrams	Betsy Dexheimer Nancy Harrington	Kathy & Larry Belluscio	Don Fox Russ Dvoroznak	Peg & Alan Abrams
Greeters	Larry Belluscio Jo-Ann Bestine	Russ Dvoroznak Wayne Townsend	Peg & Alan Abrams	Kathy & Wayne Judkins	Wayne Townsend Russ Dvoroznak
Element Bearers	Jolene & Dick Folger	Donna Kauffman Carol Queal	Don Fox Nancy Harrington	Karen & Harold Odell	Carol Queal Donna Kauffman
Nursery	Jo-Ann Bestine	Joanne Fleming	Amy Cassidy	Jo-Ann Bestine	Amy Cassidy
Altar Guild	Jolene Folger Patricia Roblee Nancy Harrington	Kathy Belluscio Karen & Harold Odell	Bette Rung Carol Queal Bill Coughlin	Donna Kauffman Jo-Ann Bestine Joanne Fleming	Jolene Folger Patricia Roblee Nancy Harrington
Counters	Lilo Townsend Barb King	Lilo Townsend Barb King	Liz Findlay Jim Ellison	Liz Findlay Jim Ellison	Larry Belluscio John Swartz
Coffee Hour	Kathy Belluscio	Carol Queal	Jolene Folger	Kathy Belluscio	Dorian Ely
Flower Delivery	Dorian Ely	Liz Findlay	Lilo Townsend	Karen & Harold Odell	Debbie Barone

June Calendar

Abbreviations: HE = Holy Eucharist Gen Chorale = Genesee Chorale Gen Y Chorale = Genesee Youth Chorale Choir Reh = Choir Rehearsal		1 11 HE 12 Bible Study	2 9-2 Thrift Store 2 Wardens mtg	3	4	
5 8:30-Choir Reh 10:00 HE Sunday School 11:15 Coffee Hour	6	7 2 Bldgs & Grounds 6:30 Deanery Council	8 11 HE 12 Bible Study	9 9-2 Thrift Store 2 Wardens mtg	10 Diocese of WNY Clergy Conference	11 Diocese of WNY Clergy Conference
12 8:30-Choir Reh 10:00 HE Sunday School Recognition 11:15 Coffee Hour	13	14 5:30 ECW	15 11 HE 12 Bible Study	16 9-2 Thrift Store 2 Wardens mtg	17	18
19 Father's Day 8:30-Choir Reh 10:00 HE 11:15 Coffee Hour	20 6 Gen Chorale BOD Meeting	21 7 Vestry	22 10:45 HE at The Manor House 12:00 Bible Study	23 9-2 Thrift Store 2 Wardens mtg	24	25
26 10:00 HE 11:15 Coffee Hour	27	28 6:30 Deanery Council	29 11 HE 12 Bible Study	30 9-2 Thrift Store 2 Wardens mtg		
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