



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

NEWSLETTER—MAY 2016

My dear friends,

May is often a month of beginnings and endings. Winter is (finally!) ending and spring brings warmth, longer days and blossoms. The graduations and weddings that are often celebrated this month are portals to leave an old way of life and greet the future. May also brings us the Ascension of Jesus and the Day of Pentecost. These are certainly days when we are reminded that we are called into the future with the love of Christ and the strength of the Holy Spirit. I can imagine that the Disciples would have been very glad if Jesus had just simply stayed with them—not just for those fifty days after the resurrection, but for the whole length of their lives. But Jesus did ascend and he is with all people everywhere across space and time, and not just with those few who were blessed to walk with him two thousand years ago.

Change—even hoped-for, positive change—can be frightening and upsetting. We've all experienced the flutter of spirits that goes along with leaving, moving, graduating or progressing. We leave behind an old way—perhaps a comfortable, beloved old way—to embrace the future. So before Jesus leaves the disciples he says "Don't let your hearts be troubled." Because he knows they will be. They, like us, are human and often fear change and loss. He tells the disciples that the Holy Spirit will be with them, to guide and to strengthen them. Other names for the Holy Spirit are Paraclete, Advocate, Comforter, Indweller, Witness, Teacher and Helper. Pentecost reminds us that we are never left alone. God's Holy Spirit is among us and within us working wonders through us.

Your Sister in Christ,
Mother Bonnie+

"Paraclete" is the Greek word in the New Testament that we translate into "Holy Spirit". It comes from *Paraklētos*, which literally means advocate or intercessor, from *parakalein* to invoke, from *para-* (along side) and *kalein* (to call).

from merriam-webster.com

Senior Warden's Report:

As the weather gets better the work around the church seems to be ramping up. First, the United Way Day of Caring, which will be on Wed. May 18th. This year the group will be cleaning up on the grounds around the church during the morning. We will need tools i.e. rakes, shovels, clippers etc. We would ask parishioners to drop off these items before the actual day. Please put your name on them so we can return them after the 18th.

A committee of Mother Bonnie, Russ, Barb Pierce, Lilo and I are attempting to close a deal for the use of the rectory for the immediate future. We hope to have some news soon. This will not only bring in some revenue, but will put tenants in the building who will help maintain it. An unoccupied space quickly deteriorates, and we can't afford that to happen.

You may have noticed some changes, especially toward the back of the church. These have been done to make St. James more welcoming, especially to visitors. Some of these changes were done simply to "declutter" the area. Others were done to improve how we look to someone entering our church for the first time. In the future we will be adding signage outside to better direct people to parking, entrances etc. Also we hope to do some repairs to some of the entrances to improve their looks. We hope you will embrace these minor changes and pass on your comments to vestry members.

Thanks, Jim Neider, Senior Warden



Happy Birthday to our May Birthdays!

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

Jenna Essig 5/6

Kevin DeMars 5/7

Kaylee Cassidy 5/9

Diane Cox 5/12

Diane Skelton 5/13

Hannah Rosenbeck 5/17

Shirley Anthony 5/19

Alieda Blossom 5/21

James Ellison 5/25

Chip McGuire 5/27

Thank You from the Judkins

Cathy and Wayne Judkins would like to thank our family of St. James for the kind words and cards received following the recent death of Cathy's sister, Susan Migliore.

St. James Vestry

The Vestry is the legal representatives and agents of our parish, and they share leadership responsibilities with the Rector. St. James is like a business in that we have to pay attention to bills, taxes, legal requirements and so on. However, we are first and foremost the Body of Christ. Our Wardens and vestry members have been elected and entrusted by the people of St. James with a sacred responsibility to lead and guide with **both** an eye to our systems, buildings and finances **and** a heart toward prayer, spiritual growth and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Remember our parish leaders in your daily prayers. Ask God to give them the grace to lead as Christ would have us lead.

- **Vestry Meetings**

- Are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Guild Room.
- Are open to all parishioners. Visitors to vestry meetings are asked to keep silent during the meeting, unless they are invited into the discussion by the Rector or Wardens.
- Occasionally it is necessary for the Vestry to go into “Executive Session” to discuss highly confidential or sensitive subjects. In this rare circumstance all visitors will be asked to leave the room for the duration of the Executive Session period, and then will be invited back.

- **Rector-Warden’s Meetings**

- Are held every week (usually Thursdays at 2 pm) to discuss new and on-going issues that concern all aspects of St. James life.

- **Vestry Discussion Topics**

- May be submitted by any parishioner.
- If you would like a topic to be considered for the next meeting, get that item to the Rector or a Warden no later than 2 pm on the 1st Thursday of the month, for that month’s Vestry meeting.
- In cases of emergency or when timeliness is vital, this deadline will be relaxed, but please, only in cases of real emergency!

- **Vestry Agenda**

- Will be finalized by the end of the Rector-Warden’s Meeting on the 1st Thursday. See note above about emergency items.

- **Reports to the Vestry**

- All reports for that month’s meeting should be submitted to the Rector or to the Office by the 2nd Tuesday of the month. (ECW will have an additional day to submit their report so that it can reflect their meeting of the 2nd Tuesday.)

- **Vestry Agenda and Minutes**

- Are public documents.
- We are working on to make them easily accessible to interested parishioners.
- Vestry minutes will be made public after they have been accepted by the vestry.

St. James Thanks the Community

We have asked the Batavia Daily News to publish this "THANK YOU!"

The parishioners of St. James Episcopal Church would like to thank all of our patrons and the entire community of Genesee County for their support of our 22nd year of providing Friday Lenten Fish Fry dinners. We were pleased to welcome the parishioners from St. Mark's Episcopal Church of LeRoy and St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Stafford as our partners this year. With them we served over 2,000 meals either in our parish hall, as take outs or as deliveries to the various senior living facilities.

In our tip jars we collected in excess of \$1,500 over a six week period that helps us in our outreach efforts to the community. 100% of the tips we received were contributed to the following six local charities:

ARC of Genesee County, Eagle Star Housing,
Genesee County CASA for Children,
Crossroads House, Le Roy Christian Community Project and
Volunteers for Animals.

Thanks also to all who donated supplies or services, especially
Tim Horton's, Torrey Farms and The Hawley Insurance Center.

We look forward to seeing you in 2017!

Everyone is welcome to join us for Sunday services at St. James at 10:00 AM,
St. Paul's at 9:00 AM or St. Mark's at 10:30 AM where the food is free!

Fish Fry Report

I am pleased to report that we have had a very successful fish fry season. After all of the bills have been paid we have netted just over \$13,000. Here are some more facts you may find interesting:

1. We prepared over 1,950 pieces of fish and 70 Macaroni and Cheese meals for a total of over 2,000 meals.
2. We sold almost 1,000 pieces of dessert.
3. We delivered 346 meals to the community.
4. We served just over 800 people in the dining room and another 800 meals were carried out the door.
5. We served over 1,100 baked potatoes.

Not too many years in the past we were excited if we served 100 meals on a given night. Our average now is about 330 a night. Consequently, this project has outgrown our ability to serve the community by ourselves. We are very pleased to welcome St. Paul and St. Mark churches as our partners. The help we received from them filled in spots where we were short-handed. We look forward to working with them again in the future.

Thank you,
Wayne Judkins

Quarterly Giving Statements

Statements were emailed, placed in your St. James mail box, or sent by postal mail. Please let the office know if you did not receive a statement by one of these three methods.

Crossroads House Upcoming Events

Annual Spring Basket Raffle is May 14, 2016 from noon to 4:00 PM at the Genesee ARC Community Center, 38 Woodrow Rd. Drawing for baskets will begin at 3:15 PM.

Annual Jerry "Rat" Cone Memorial Run to benefit Crossroads House is 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. Donation includes pancake breakfast, tailgate grilling after the ride and one raffle ticket. Music has been added this year from 1:00-3:00 PM provided by Bill Pitcher and friends. More information call Jim at (585) 219-4826.

July 28, 29, and 30 will be the annual garage sale.

August 18th is the 16th Annual Van Hulburt Memorial golf Tournament at Batavia County Club sponsored by the Hesperus Lodge of Bergen. Contact Marty at (585) 494-2147.

Donations and Help Needed

Things we are collecting to help others -- Please keep in mind the things we are gathering and passing on to organizations to help them in their efforts:

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| Food Staples | --for Genesee Food Pantry |
| Box Top for Education icons | --for Liz Findlay's 6th Grade class |
| Aluminum Pull tabs | --for Juvenile Diabetes |

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.

May Sunday Worship Participants Schedule

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Chalice 1	Theresa DeMars	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Carol Queal	Jim Ellison	Cathy Judkins
Chalice 2	Carol Queal	Jim Ellison	Cathy Judkins	Theresa DeMars	Bonnie Dvoroznak
1st Lesson	Theresa DeMars	Jack Kershner	Keith Price	Jeff Gray	Jim Neider
2nd Lesson	Joan Ellison	Lilo Townsend	Barb Gray	Joan Ellison	Jack Kershner
Prayers of People	Jim Neider	Rose Rumery	Liz Findlay	Larry Belluscio	Steve Hawley
Acolytes	Jenna Essig Scott Essig	Jaycob Belluscio Diane Cox	Jeff Tress Jaycob Belluscio	Diane Cox Dean Perry	Jeff Tress Jaycob Belluscio
Ushers	Kathy & Larry Belluscio	Peg & Alan Abrams	Betsy Dexheimer Russ Dvoroznak	Peg & Alan Abrams	Don Fox Nancy Harrington
Greeters	Wayne & Cathy Judkins	Russ Dvoroznak Wayne Townsend	Wayne Judkins Russ Dvoroznak	Cathy & Wayne Judkins	Russ Dvoroznak Wayne Townsend
Element Bearers	Donna Kauffman Nancy Harrington	Carol Queal Dean Perry	Jolene & Dick Folger	Nancy Harrington Don Fox	Donna Kauffman Russ Dvoroznak
Nursery	Amy Cassidy	Ann Chilano	Amy Cassidy		Amy Cassidy
Altar Guild	Donna Kauffman Jo-Ann Bestine Joanne Fleming	Jolene Folger Pat Roblee	Kathy Belluscio Odell's	Bette Rung Carol Queal	Donna Kauffman Joanne Fleming Jo-Ann Bestine
Counters	John Swartz Barb Pierce	Larry Belluscio Dean Perry	John Swartz Dean Perry	Larry Belluscio Bonnie Dvoroznak	John Swartz Bonnie Dvoroznak
Coffee Hour	Essig's	Kathy Belluscio	Dorian Ely	Jolene Folger	Odell's
Flower Delivery	Kathy Belluscio	Debbie Barone	Liz Findlay	Lilo Townsend	Cathy Judkins

May Calendar

1 8:30-Choir Reh 10:00 HE Sunday School 11:15 Coffee Hour	2 6:00 Gen Y Chorale 7:00 Gen Chorale	3 7:00 Bldgs & Grounds	4 11:00 HE 12:00 Bible Study	5 Ascension Day 9-2 Thrift Store 2:00 Wardens mtg	6	7
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15 Pentecost 8:30-Choir Reh 10:00 HE Sunday School 11:15 Coffee Hour	16 6:00 Gen Y Chorale 7:00 Gen Chorale	17 7:00 Vestry	18 11:00 HE 12:00 Bible Study	19 9-2 Thrift Store 2:00 Wardens mtg	20	21
22 Trinity Sunday 8:30-Choir Reh 10:00 HE Sunday School 11:15 Coffee Hour	23 6:00 Gen Y Chorale 7:00 Gen Chorale	24 6:30 Deanery Council	25 10:45 HE at The Manor House 12:00 Bible Study 5:30 Bell Choir	26 9-2 Thrift Store 2:00 Wardens mtg	27	28
29 8:30-Choir Reh 10:00 HE Sunday School 11:15 Coffee Hour	30 Memorial Day Office Closed	31	Abbreviations: HE = Holy Eucharist Gen Chorale = Genesee Chorale Gen Y Chorale = Genesee Youth Chorale Choir Reh = Choir Rehearsal			



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