

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

NEWSLETTER—MARCH 2017

*The Journey of Lent*

Dear Friends,

We have begun our Lenten journey—a time of fasting, sacrifice, giving and penitence. Lent is a journey inward, to find our true selves. As we make that journey, we must inevitably pass through, recognize, and act on those parts of ourselves which give pain—both to ourselves and to others. It is a healing journey, one that brings reconciliation, positive action, forgiveness and love.

During Lent, we make some changes in our worship. **We use purple vestments**, the color of penitence and sorrow, as well as the color of royalty. As we are called into inward reflection, penitence and action over our wrong doings, we are at the same time reminded that true Kingship belongs to Christ, who calls us to him. **We suspend the use of Alleluias, of the Gloria and the Doxology.** These words and songs of praise reflect our great joy in being called as sons and daughters of God. We don't use these words and songs during Lent, not because we don't praise God or feel joy during Lent, but to show a more solemn or penitential facet of our lives of worship. At the Great Vigil of Easter we will return with gusto and great thanks to Alleluias, and Glorias with our most joyous voices of praise. Now, for the next few weeks, we are called to journey through Lent, to delve into our hearts, actions and priorities. All of these changes serve to encourage us in this special season of quiet, reflection and self-denial. They help to bring us into a prayerful reflection of our humanness and failures, but also to remind us of the loving grace of God that is always with us.

I pray that as you seek, you will find, in the stillness, in the quiet, and in inward reflection the love that God holds for you.

Welcome to this journey of Lent.

You sister in Christ,

Mother Bonnie+

## Senior Warden's Report

The beginning of March is more like the beginning of May. Spring, as I write this is in the air. By the time you read this winter will have returned and we may be back to spring- normal for life in Western New York. This weekend also marks the return of St. James' world famous fish fries and of course Lent. Our first dinner and Ash Wednesday are already behind us! I was talking to a friend today, not a parishioner, and she was so excited about the fish fries coming back. She said she was spreading the word and could hardly wait. It was good to hear someone who is not even a member of St. James so enthused about our signature fund raiser of the year. We as members should be as excited and involved as someone who does not belong to St. James. So, if you have not volunteered to help please see me, Wayne Judkins or Jim Ellison. Please consider stepping up even if you cannot work every dinner.

I hope everyone has noticed our new interior signage throughout the church, offices and hallways. Thank you to Dave Lange and his marvelous Property Committee for their hard work. All this was done over a two month period and way under budget. Next it is on to exterior signage.

Also the Property Committee will be looking at the possibility of upgrading the sound system in the sanctuary and getting a sound system for the church hall. Some of the equipment is old (25 years plus) and at least one speaker doesn't even work properly. We only have one personal microphone and it is ancient. Any new system would be solid state, much more compact and of a much better quality. The church hall does not have a sound system currently, so this would have to be installed from scratch. Both of these options will be investigated by the Property Committee and recommendations will be forwarded to the Vestry.

Jim Neider, Senior Warden

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

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



**Jo-Ann Bestine 3/2**

**Corky Best 3/9**

**Sharon Pinney 3/23**

**Patricia Roblee 3/27**

**Connie Findlay 3/8**

**Russ Dvoroznak 3/11**

**Barbara Pierce 3/24**

**Steve Lega 3/31**

**Cathy Judkins 3/9**

**Theresa Kershner 3/20**

**Judy Essig 3/27**

## **SEASON OF LENT BIBLE STUDY**

During Lent we will have a bible study after our Wednesday 11 a.m. service. Discussion will start at noon and end by 1 pm. Bring a favorite bible if you like, bring a friend, or just bring yourself.  
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

### **Lenten Fish Fries**

We are still staffing the many positions needed to make everything run smoothly. Carol Queal and Theresa DeMars are coordinating the wait staff and bussers; Jim Ellison and Wayne Judkins are finding staff for the rest of the positions. If you have not yet been approached to fill a position, please contact one of the above people to express your interest. We need your help even if you cannot commit to every week.

We are baking desserts to be frozen until needed. If you can help with the baking or cleanup on baking days, please see Sue Best

**PRE-SALE TICKETS – IF YOU WISH TO GIVE A FISH FRY AS A GIFT, WAYNE JUDKINS HAS SOME PRE-SALE TICKETS YOU CAN PURCHASE.**

**FISH FRY DONATIONS** - We need pie filling, lemon instant pudding, Jiff or Peter Pan peanut butter, confectionary sugar, sugar and flour. Every Thursday during Fish Fry season we will be baking. Please mark your calendar and let us know if you can help. Thanks, Sue Best.

### **NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Are you willing to help out in our nursery from time to time during our Sunday service? Please call the office if you can help.

### **Now is the time to buy Scarves, Hats, Mittens and Socks!**

**Even though there is still a lot of cold weather ahead of us**, the stores are already having sales on winter wear. If you run across any great deals on hats, scarves, mittens, or socks pick some up. Sizes and styles for men, women, and children are needed. Bring them to church and we will store the items until needed next Christmas.

**MISSING LADDER:** We are missing a 3 step aluminum ladder. It has been missing for about a month. If you have any information as to where it might be, please call the office.

Thank you!

## FROM THE DIOCESE

### Discover Sundays 2016-2017

Explore the splendor of God's natural creation  
Revel in some of the best of humankind's achievements  
Share the experience with Episcopalians, friends and family  
Free and open to all!

#### **March 19, 2017 Spring Ahead into Gardening**

Have you always wanted a beautiful landscape overflowing with wonderful annuals and perennials? Does that luxurious lawn always seem to be out of reach? Or maybe your vegetable garden just doesn't seem to perform. Gardening expert David Clark will offer tips and techniques to ready our home and parish gardens for the Spring season. A knowledgeable, entertaining, and nationally recognized instructor, gardening expert, florist, and event judge, David teaches horticulture certification classes at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens. See David teaching "How to Start a Rosebush from a Wedding Bouquet" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NqqTKd-V5I4>  
Bring your questions for David to answer! A reception will follow the presentation.  
Register at [bit.ly/clarkgardening](http://bit.ly/clarkgardening)

### RECIPE CORNER

#### *Zuppa Toscana*

1lb Italian sausage  
2large russet baking potatoes, sliced in half, and then in 1/4 inch slices  
1large onion, chopped  
1/4cup bacon bits (optional)  
2garlic cloves, minced  
2cups kale or 2 cups swiss chard, chopped  
2(8 ounce) cans chicken broth  
1quart water  
1cup heavy whipping cream

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#### **Directions**

Chop or slice uncooked sausage into small pieces. Brown sausage in your soup pot. Add chicken broth and water to pot and stir. Place onions, potatoes, and garlic in the pot. Cook on medium heat until potatoes are done. Add bacon. Salt and pepper to taste. Simmer for another 10 minutes. Turn to low heat. Add kale and cream. Heat through and serve.  
From food.com

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Service Participant Calendar for March 2017  
 Also found on the website: [www.stjamesbatavia.org](http://www.stjamesbatavia.org)

	<b>March 5</b>	<b>March 12</b>	<b>March 19</b>	<b>March 26</b>	<b>April 2</b>
<b>EM 1</b>	Cathy Judkins	Jo-Ann Bestine	T. DeMars	Terry McGuire	R.Dvoroznak
<b>EM 2</b>	Judy Essig	Terry McGuire	B. Dvoroznak	Jack Kershner	Barb Gray
<b>EM Chantry</b>	T. DeMars	Barb Gray	Judy Essig	Cathy Judkins	Jeff Gray
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Keith Price	Chip McGuire	Diane Cox	Wayne Judkins	L. Townsend
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	Jeff Gray	Jim Neider	Liz Findlay	Joan Ellison	Diane Cox
<b>Prayers of People</b>	Wayne Judkins	Larry Belluscio	Jack Kershner	Diane Cox	Terry McGuire
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jaycob Belluscio Jeff Tress	Diane Cox Scott Essig	Keith Price Alieda Blossom	Jo-Ann Bestine Alieda Blossom	Scott Essig Jeff Tress
<b>Ushers</b>	Diane & Kevin Skelton	Glenn Hammond Larry Belluscio	Kathy & Larry Belluscio	Dean Perry Don Fox	Peg & Alan Abrams
<b>Greeters</b>	W.Townsend Dean Perry	Peg & Alan Abrams	Cathy & Wayne Judkins	Larry Belluscio Glenn Hammond	Wayne Townsend Dean Perry
<b>Element Bearers</b>	Jolene & Dick Folger	<b>Peg &amp; Alan Abrams</b>	Betsy Dexheimer Donna Kauffman	Russ Dvoroznak Glenn Hammond	Jolene & Dick Folger
<b>Nursery</b>	Joanne Fleming	Barb King	Joanne Fleming	Barb King	Joanne Fleming
<b>Coffee Hour</b>			Jo-Ann Bestine		Judy Essig
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Odell Harold Odell K.Belluscio	Karen Odell Harold Odell Kathy Belluscio	Pat Roblee Jolene Folger Nancy Harrington	Bette Rung Carol Queal Bill Coughlin Rich Geitner	D.Kauffman J.Fleming J. Bestine

### St. James Calendar, March 2017

Sun Mar 5	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 Mar 6	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Genesee Youth Chorale - Music Room
	7:00pm – 10:00pm	Genesee Chorale - Parish Hall
Tue Mar 7	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Maintenance Team
	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Property Committee
Wed Mar 8	11:00am – 11:30am	Holy Eucharist - Chapel
	12:00pm – 1:00pm	Bible Study - Guild Room
Thu Mar 9	9:00am – 2:00pm	Thrift Store Open
	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Deadline for Vestry Agenda Items
	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Wardens Agenda Meeting
Fri Mar 10	5:00pm – 7:30pm	Fish Fry
Sun Mar 12	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 Mar 13	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Genesee Youth Chorale - Music Room
	7:00pm – 10:00pm	Genesee Chorale - Parish Hall
Tue Mar 14	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Vestry Reports Due
	2:30pm – 3:00pm	Holy Eucharist @ Genesee County Nursing Home
	5:30pm – 7:30pm	ECW Meeting
	7:00pm – 8:30pm	Outreach Meeting
Wed Mar 15	11:00am – 11:30am	Holy Eucharist - Chapel
	12:00pm – 1:00pm	Bible Study - Guild Room
Thu Mar 16	9:00am – 2:00pm	Thrift Store Open
	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Wardens Meeting
Fri Mar 17	5:00pm – 7:30pm	Fish Fry
Sun Mar 19	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 Mar 20	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Genesee Youth Chorale - Music Room
	7:00pm – 10:00pm	Genesee Chorale - Parish Hall
Tue Mar 21	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Rupprecht Fund Advisory Committee
	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Vestry Meeting

Wed Mar 22	11:00am – 11:30am	Holy Eucharist - Chapel
	12:00pm – 1:00pm	Bible Study - Guild Room
	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Wardens/Treasurers Meeting
Thu Mar 23	9:00am – 2:00pm	Thrift Store Open
Fri Mar 24	5:00pm – 7:30pm	Fish Fry
Sun Mar 26	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 Mar 27	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Genesee Youth Chorale - Music Room
	7:00pm – 10:00pm	Genesee Chorale - Parish Hall
Tue Mar 28	10:45am – 11:45am	Communion at The Manor House
	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Deanery Council - St Pauls Stafford
Wed Mar 29	11:00am – 11:30am	Holy Eucharist - Chapel
	12:00pm – 1:00pm	Bible Study - Guild Room
Thu Mar 30	9:00am – 2:00pm	Thrift Store Open
	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Wardens Meeting
Fri Mar 31	5:00pm – 7:30pm	Fish Fry

### **Understanding the Holy Eucharist From “Meditations for Lay Eucharistic Ministers”**

Whenever I hear someone argue for sending children away from the table empty-handed, until they can clear some intellectual hurdle, I remember a little girl of my acquaintance. She was certainly too young to “understand” the sacrament, in the sense most mean that term. She attended a Christian preschool sponsored by a denomination for whom the Eucharist was an occasional ceremony, not a weekly focus. Her teacher was rather alarmed by this child’s evident excitement about studying communion in Sunday school and asked her what such a complicated ritual could possibly mean to her at her young age. “Well, I don’t know how it works,” the little girl said seriously. “But when we give it to the priest, it’s bread. And when she gives it back, it’s Jesus.”

Shall we be honest? I doubt I understand it any better than that, really. I just use longer words.



**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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