

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

NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2018



Dear Friends,

Warm breezes, picnics and lemonade, and a break from some of our regular commitments. Summer is a Sabbath time. It is a time to rest, relax and recharge. That's what Sabbath is all about. God created our beautiful earth, the vast cosmos and all that it holds, and then God rested on the seventh day, the Sabbath Day. But only for a day, because Sabbath is not an ending or a finish, it's a breather. After rest we pick up, brush off and get back to work with renewed vigor, energy and excitement.

Why we enjoy a Sabbath, and why we are called week by week to the Lord's Table is described beautifully in Eucharistic Prayer C, the prayer of consecration that we have been using this summer:

***Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only,
and not for strength;
for pardon only, and not for renewal.
Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ,
that we may worthily serve the world in his name.***

We are fed, we rest, we are restored. With renewed strength and the knowledge of the love that God holds for us, we go out into the world to do God's work. In September we start back in full force with our work, our committees in our dedication to serving in the Name of God. Into the fall and winter we will bring the memories of summer, refreshed by rest and vacation, just as we carry the reality of the living God in our hearts, souls and bodies as we leave the altar each Sunday.

As we enjoy these precious summer days, I pray that you find a renewal, strength and grace in creation, community and rest.

Your Sister in Christ,
Mother Bonnie+

Happy Birthday!



We pray God's blessing be with you on your special day and every day.
Liz Findlay 8/2, Aaron Belluscio 8/6, Silas DeMars 8/8,
Jenna Carney 8/19 Bonnie Morris 8/20, Mary Shuknecht 8/22,
Dorian Ely 8/23, Rich Geitner 8/28

DIAKONIA MUSINGS **Deacon Diana's Report**

The 79th Episcopal General Convention was held in Austin Texas this month. Resolution C063 was adopted by the bishops and delegates who had looked to scripture to inform their decision. We as Episcopalians in America have been challenged to take action to protect earth, this fragile Island home, from further destruction without regard for the future. Our children and grandchildren should be able to have safe air to breath and water to drink when we are gone. If we don't make changes now and put profit before protection, they will witness and live in an environment that we only think of as being possible in third world countries. This part of the resolution was presented by the Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation Committee and two specific items form our challenge today.

- 1.(2) to protect, preserve, and restore all species that live in ocean habitats;*
- 2.(3) to prevent and remediate ocean pollution from all sources and of all kinds, including plastics, petroleum products and wastes, fertilizers, and hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, solid wastes, and toxic materials as defined in environmental laws*

It is predicted that by 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish! Only 25% of the recyclable water bottles are ever recycled. That means the rest are in water sources and landfills. The news has made us aware of the plastic straw problem and how millions of straws wind up in the ocean and injure sea life. A 17 year Senior in High School, has brought this news to the foreground because of research he did when he was in elementary school. His insights are now impacting how some food companies are going to start using reusable steel straws instead of one time use plastic straws. It is a small step but can make a big impact on saving our wild life. Straws are made of polypropylene plastic which is a #5 plastic along with furniture, car parts, luggage and toys. Only 3% of this type of plastic is recycled. The rest never decomposes and stays in landfills or water supplies. There are a few "lakes" of plastic in the ocean right now. One is the size of Texas. Can you even begin to imagine plastic garbage swirling around in an area the size of one of our largest states! I can't.

We probably will never live lives without plastic (as was the case 50 years ago), but we can be informed consumers.

Here are a few ideas that we can do at home.

1. Say no straws and ask for drinks without them.
2. Only buy clothes you need. Polyester now dominates the fashion industry. The polymer is a plastic #1. Overproduction and overconsumption of clothing has led to high volumes of clothing disposal resulting in pollution. Please continue to donate clothing instead of throwing it out.
3. Eat at home instead of fast food places to save on single serve trays and utensils.
4. Avoid single use bags and take your own to the store.
5. Purchase a reusable water bottle. Most single use bottles leach toxic by-products and grow bacteria if used again.

What we can do at church

1. At St. James, we already use china/glass cups and silverware. We can continue to be mindful of the paper products we use as well.
2. We already recycle paper and plastic. Great job!

If you have any other ideas for cutting down on plastic, let me know and I will post next month.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to say our church is joining with other Episcopal churches and dioceses by actively promoting programs that improve the environment because we understand that God has given us authority over creation?

Deacon Diana

Senior Warden's Report

Sunday the 22nd, I read the announcements before the service. On the subject of the Bricks & Mortar Project I referred to the Operating Budget as the "Payroll Budget". This was an error on my part that may have caused some confusion. What I attempted to say was that pledges fund the Operating Budget and that the Bricks & Mortar Project will help fund the items in the 12 Year Capital Plan as presented by the Property Committee. I apologize for any confusion I may have caused and please see me personally if you have any additional questions.

The Bricks & Mortar Project will be rolled out in its entirety over the coming weeks. The goal for this project for 2018 is \$45,000. So far we have contracted for \$30,000 worth of work- the arch in the rear of the Nave and exterior work on the Parish Hall. We have commitments to cover a portion of these costs, but not all. This is the reason for the B & M project, to fund each of the 12 years in the Capital Plan. This Capital Plan was developed last year by the Property Committee and approved by the Vestry as an outline of what has to be done as far as maintaining our buildings. Buildings that allow us to maintain our important work in spreading Christ's message.

Each spring the year's B & M Project's goals will be set and all of us will be asked to make a commitment to helping in this endeavor. Also, each spring the Capital Plan will be looked at and adjusted. Already several items listed for 2018 have been postponed to sometime in the future. If you are unfamiliar with the 12 Year Capital Plan the office can provide you with a copy.

It is also the desire of the Finance Team that the budget process for 2019 will include more input from the congregation in general. We want everyone to be educated on where our money comes from and how it is spent, and your opinions on both.

Thanks- Jim Neider

Choir News

Hello St. James family,

August marks just one month until the start of our 2018-19 choir season. I am more than excited to begin the new choir year and pick up where we left off in June. We are so blessed at St. James to have such a committed group singers to add to our worship. I encourage everyone who has been a member of the choir to return this year, as well as anyone who may be interested in singing with us. We rehearse Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 and 9:00 am before Sunday service. We will begin our rehearsals after Labor Day, on September 5th, so if you are interested in singing with us, feel free to send me an email at dillon.hirsch17@houghton.edu.

Property Committee Report

Painting of the Parish Hall exterior masonry and the stucco office portion of the church complex is expected to begin later in August. Gerlach Home Improvement, of Rochester, has been contracted to perform the work. Painting will protect the building's exterior while significantly improving the appearance of church property.

Quotes for the repair of damaged stucco on the south and east sides of the rectory, and for sealing of the low-pitched and flat roof sections of the church roof have been sent to the Vestry for consideration during their August meeting.

These are the last 'planned' projects to be submitted for Vestry approval in 2018.

You can rest assured that your Bricks and Mortar donations will be used to fund projects which are critical to the maintenance and preservation of St. James' church and church complex.

Please see me, or any of our Property Committee members, if you have questions regarding the St. James' 12-Year Capital Improvement Plan, or any of the projects. Property Committee members are Barb Pierce, Theresa DeMars, Keith Price, Jack Kershner, Chip McGuire and Wayne Townsend, Gary Hammond and Dave Lange.

Much progress has been made! There IS a light in the tunnel!!!

Dave

Property Committee Chair



Prayer Corner

When offering your prayers to the Lord at home please include the following people who are loved ones of our parish family:

Tim, Janice, Jim, Glenn, Aiden, Gabriella, Moe, Carol, Rilee, Susie, Carter, Carla, Erik, Mark, Sally, Diana, Tom, Susan, Ethan, Casey, Dorothy, Ralphie, Lucas, Arlene, Esther, Brandy, Diane, Janet, Ron, Debbie, Venus, Julie, Paul, George, Russ, Maya, and John.

Forward Day by Day

The August, September, October issue of the Forward Day by Day publication is on the counter at the rear of the church on the west side. Both the large edition and the pocket edition are available. A small donation would be appreciated.

Stephen's Table



We received a note from Ed and Bev Cochran recently letting us know that Stephen's Table was closing. Ed's health is failing to the extent that it has made it necessary to come to this decision.

We thank Ed and Bev for the many years that they have opened the kitchen, the dining room and most importantly their hearts to those in the community that needed a warm nourishing meal.

Our prayers are offered to Ed, that he may find his health improving and for strength that Bev can care for Ed.



From Mother Bonnie,

I am pleased to report that my mother is doing extremely well after her cancer treatments. She is in remission and is energetic and looking and feeling healthy. Thank you for your prayers! Keep them up!

I am also pleased to say that I have a brand new GREAT NEPHEW! James William Powalski-Chesbro was born to my niece and nephew, Caitlin and Will. Needless to say, the whole family is happy to welcome a new generation to our lives.

Won't you share with the Parish Family those special events, proud moments, things of interest happening in your family? Experiences of the children, grandchildren, relative or friends. Weddings, births, job advancement or new job. Just send your announcement or happening to the parish office. Email: saint.james2@outlook.com or let Barb know by calling 343-6802, x-1.

Prayer List Renewal

In order to keep our prayer list up to date, as of September 1st the prayer list names will be removed. If you wish a name of someone to be put back on the list or a new name of a loved one, please email or call the office before August 20th to have the name in the September newsletter and following bulletins. Please indicate the name of the person you are submitting, your name as submitting the name and the reason for prayers (optional). We need the name of the person and the contact person minimum. The full name of the person, the contact person and the reason for prayers will be kept confidential. Only the first name of the person will be published. Please provide information via email (saint.james2@outlook.com) or talk with Barb King in the office.

School Supplies



Once again the Saint James community will be collecting school supplies this month. We have been doing this for many years. Items collected will be given to families who are unable to afford to buy the supplies needed for their children. All the usual things are requested: backpacks, pens, pencils, loose leaf paper, notebooks, erasers, glue, scissors, crayons, etc. There will be a collection box at the back of the church. Just pick something up while out shopping and bring it in. There are many sales at area stores during the month of August. Let's continue this outreach project for our community.

Service Participants – Opportunities Abound!



Everyone one of us in church participates in the service. Our voices, our presence, our prayers are the essence of our worship. There are also many ways to have a special role in the service. Have you thought about being an Element Bearer—those people who bring our gifts of bread, wine and offerings to the altar? How about being a greeter? You would be the first friendly face to offer a warm smile to St. James regulars and visitors. The Altar Guild is a wonderful ministry “behind the scenes”. These are the dedicated people who keep our altar, linens, and brass ready to go for every service. Thinking about how you can find a place to help? Talk with Mother Bonnie. Up front, back stage, speaking or non-speaking roles—We'll find the one that is just right for you.

Mid-Week at St. James



Come join our service of Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. Prayers of healing are always included in this quiet, lovely service. It's amazing what a half an hour can do for your state of mind! Stay for Bible Study—at noon in the Rector's Office.

Utility Costs for the Month of July



Here are our utilities costs for July. Please help conserve our resources by turning out lights when you don't need them. If you are the last one out of the building, please make sure the windows are shut, the lights are out and the door is locked behind you. If you have any questions at all on how to do this, please contact a warden.

Fuel - \$46.58
Electric - \$267.93

A Bit of History



On July 4, 1976 a service was held at St. James Church for the blessing of the memorial flags that currently decorate the nave. In the next few newsletters you will find a description of one of the flags. This month you will find the description of the flag closest to the Altar on the left-hand side.

The emblem of the diocese of Western New York is an adaptation of that of the diocese of London England. The crossed swords being the arms of the diocese of London as well as the emblem of St. Paul, patron saint of our cathedral in Buffalo. Surmounted by a mitre the three roundels symbolize our three great bodies of water: Lake Erie, Lake Ontario and Niagara Falls.

RECIPE CORNER

Italian Vegetable Stew

4-6 zucchini
4-6 yellow squash
3-6 onions
2-3 cups of green beans
3-5 green peppers
4-6 patties of hot Italian sausage
4-5 jars of your favorite spaghetti sauce (we like Rinaldi's from Tops)

Cut everything up. Blanch the beans.
Sauté the sausage, onions and peppers – separately is easiest.
Put everything in your biggest soup pot and simmer for several hours.
Salt and pepper to taste.

Serve with shredded mozzarella cheese and bread and butter.

Freezes very well and is great mid-winter

(Comment by Jack – this is more of a guide than a recipe)

Contributed by Theresa Kershner

News from St. James

Mother Bonnie at Sleep Away Camp!



Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center will again be the site of our Diocese's youth summer camp. It is for youth who exited 2nd through 8th grades this June. It is a fun time, combining outdoor activities, worship, prayer, learning, sharing, games, crafts, singing and fun! This year's theme is "Life's a Puzzle...Let's Figure it out with God." While at camp (From after church on the 12th through the 15th) Mother Bonnie will be out of the office and out of cell or email zone. If you have a pastoral need, please call Barb King in the parish office.

News from the Diocese

Safe Church Sexual Abuse Prevention courses are available in two formats, in live classes or online. All Church employees and volunteers should take this course at least every five years. The next in-person trainings are scheduled for:

- Saturday, September 8, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral, 139 Pearl St, Buffalo.
- Saturday, November 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, 1182 Seneca St., Buffalo.

Some people prefer to convenience and flexibility of taking the training in shorter modules online. This training works best on a full computer, and will not work on mobile phones. For more information about online training, contact Liz Brauza-Hughes at embrauza@episcopalwny.org.

News from the Deanery

Mark your Calendar!



Deanery Service and Picnic **Sunday, September, 9, 2018**

10:30 to 1 pm

Emery Park, Stafford, NY (in the small pavilion)

Bring a lawn chair and a dish to pass. The Deanery will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, rolls and condiments. There will not be a service at St. James that day. Please plan to come and enjoy this opportunity to join in worship and fellowship with members of our Deanery Churches.

The Genesee Area Deanery consists of the Episcopal Churches in Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming counties: St. Paul's Stafford, St. Mark's LeRoy, Holy Apostles Perry, Trinity Warsaw, St. Luke's Attica, Christ Church Albion, St. Paul's Holley and St. John's Medina, and of course, St. James.

Summer Outreach Project at St. Mark's LeRoy

St. Mark's LeRoy is partnering with the LeRoy School District and Rec Department to provide lunches for children. Many children rely on school lunches and may go hungry when school is not in session. This program helps bridge the gap for many students. Contributions of money and/or lunch items are greatly appreciated! For more information, please contact The Very Rev. Colleen O'Connor, Dean and Rector of St. Mark's LeRoy, at 585-813-2066.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Can also be found on www.stjamesbatavia.org
And Facebook at St. James Episcopal Church Batavia

	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26	September 2
EM 1	Judy Essig	Carol Queal	Jack Kershner	Judy Essig	Carol Queal
EM 2	Barb King	Jack Kershner	Barb King	Barb Gray	Barb Gray
1st Lesson	Jim Neider	Wayne Judkins	Joan Ellison	Bette Rung	Barb Gray
2nd Lesson	Diane Cox	Bette Rung	Jack Kershner	Amy Celentano	Keith Price
Prayers of the People	Lilo Townsend	Steve Hawley	Liz Findlay	Rose Rumery	Diane Cox
Acolytes	Rich Geitner	Nichole Essig	Alieda Blossom	Scott Essig	Diane Cox
Ushers	Dean Perry Wayne Townsend	Nancy Harrington Bill Coughlin	Peg & Alan Abrams	Dean Perry Glenn Hammond	Bill Coughlin Dean Perry
Greeters	Kathy & Larry Belluscio	Barb Gray Glenn Hammond	Glenn Hammond Jane McKeehan	Bill Coughlin Bonnie Smith	Peg & Alan Abrams
Element Bearers	Jane McKeehan Paula Alker	Peg & Alan Abrams	Bette Rung Donna Kauffman	Karen & Harold Odell	Paula Alker Nancy Harrington
Coffee Hour	Phyllis Draycott Paula Alker	Kathy Belluscio	Stacy & Dave Raine	Barb King	Dave & Stacy Raines
Flower Delivery	Harold Odell	Kathy Belluscio	Liz Findlay	Dean Perry	Barb King
Altar Guild	Jolene Folger Pat Roblee	Bette Rung Carol Queal Bill Coughlin	Jo-Ann Bestine Joanne Fleming Donna Kauffman	Karen Odell Harold Odell Kathy Belluscio	Jolene Folger Pat Roblee
Building Closer	Harold Odell	Jim Neider	Larry Belluscio	Dave Lange	Harold Odell

**If you are unable to serve at a scheduled time,
please find a sub and notify the parish office**

The St. James Calendar

Sun, Aug 5	10:00 am– 11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
	11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Coffee Hour
	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Our Faith Discussion Group, Guild Room
	12:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Vestry Picnic, Genesee County Park
Wed, Aug 8	11:00 am – 11:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Bible Discussion Group, Rector's Office
Thu, Aug 9	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	St. James Thrift Shop Open
	11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Wardens Agenda Meeting
	2:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Sun, Aug 12	10:00 am– 11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
	11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Coffee Hour
	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Our Faith Discussion Group, Guild Room
Tue, Aug 14	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Vestry Reports Due
	3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Holy Eucharist @ Premier Genesee Nursing Home
Wed, Aug 15	11:00 am – 11:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Bible Discussion Group, Rector's Office
Thu, Aug 16	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	St. James Thrift Shop Open
	2:00 p – 3:00 pm	Wardens Agenda Meeting
Sun, Aug 19	10:00 am– 11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Our Faith Discussion Group, Guild Room
Wed, Aug 22	11:00 am – 11:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Bible Discussion Group, Rector's Office
Thu, Aug 23	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	St. James Thrift Shop Open
	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Wardens Meeting
Sun, Aug 26	10:00 am– 11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
	11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Coffee Hour
	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Our Faith Discussion Group, Guild Room
Tue, Aug 28	10:45 am – 11:45 am	Communion at the Manor House
Wed, Aug 29	11:00 am – 11:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Bible Discussion Group, Rector's Office
Thu, Aug 30	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	St. James Thrift Shop Open
	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Wardens Meeting
Sun, Sep 2	10:00 am– 11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
	11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Coffee Hour



St. James Episcopal Church

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**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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