

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

NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2018

**“Do this in Remembrance of Me”
Old Memories and New Beginnings**



Dear Friends,

September is often a time of old memories—first days of school, childhood friends, the joys and challenges we’ve faced in our lives. And in September we take up the challenges of the new. Even as the trees prepare to end the old season, a new church program year fills us with excitement for our path ahead as it brings to mind misty memories of old firsts—perhaps happy, perhaps poignant...old memories of the beginnings of new chapters in our lives.

As we begin an exciting season with Choir, Sunday School and other ministries back in full swing, we know that Jesus understood the mix of past memories and present hopes in our lives. When he said to his disciples “Do this in remembrance of me” he calls us into something much deeper than memory. He is saying “Don’t forget who you are and what you mean to me. Take this into your Present. Take Me into your Everyday.”

Jesus of Nazareth is in our cultural past. In Him, the New and the Old work together in our lives to make us what we are today. Some of our “old”—our past, our mistakes and missteps, we would like to leave in the past. Agreed! But what we bring forward into our present is the hope, the courage and the wisdom that our past has taught us.

Jesus of Nazareth is our present and our future. Every time we meet together in the Holy Eucharist we do something extremely commonplace and old—we share a meal together. And we do something entirely new. Each and every time we encounter the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist we ask him to be present and make us new—filled with hope, energy, and thankfulness. Newly ready to go out to do the work we have been given to do.

May God bless us all in our new beginnings this fall, and remind us daily that Jesus is our present and our future.

Your Sister in Christ,
Mother Bonnie+



**2018 Bricks and Mortar Project
A Commitment of the Family of God to Preserve
our House of Worship**

While you're in our beautiful church building look up, look around, look left and right. Listen and look. Inside and out we are surrounded by a wealth of blessings of history, tradition, beauty, spirit and meaning.

The blessings that we have received from our spiritual and earthly legacies are also our responsibility. Maintaining, updating and preserving our buildings is a task that we must all join into together.

St. James parish leadership, including vestry and finance, has begun The Bricks and Mortar Project. The purpose of this project is to ask St. James parishioners to commit financial support specifically to our church building. This program is just a part of the stewardship of St. James resources and ministries. Fundraising, pledge support and other activities all join together to create a sound financial footing for St. James.

After our service on Sunday, September 16th we will dedicate 15 minutes to the presentation of this program, with an opportunity for questions and answers. With gratitude I ask you to please consider being a part of this important effort.

**Thank you,
Mother Bonnie+**

**Deacon Diana's Report
DIAKONIA MUSINGS**

It has been a summer that has flown by and here we are looking at September again. I have enjoyed the wonderful weather and time spent with family and friends in a less structured atmosphere and hope that you have too.

I am very excited to announce that the St. James prayer chain has been activated for members and friends.

WHY A PRAYER CHAIN?

Asking for someone to pray causes us first to verbalize what is happening and what we need. Sometimes in an uncertain or tragic situation we are so caught up in feelings of anxiety and fear, that we are not sure what we need. A simple prayer request allows us to verbalize what is going on.

The Holy Spirit within us is stirred into action and we can feel a sense of peace. Letting others pray for us helps us recognize the connectedness we have with others and with God and the love we share.

Letting others join in prayer for us or the needs of others allows us to surrender the outcome to God. It is no longer one person asking that their needs be met in a specific way, but many people praying through the Holy Spirit so that God's outcome is what is best for us

Praying opens us to God's loving, healing spirit and WE are changed through the relationship, not God.

Praying allows the gifts of others to have a chance to be used in the church family for the church family.

WHAT CAN WE PRAY FOR?

What kinds of prayers can be requested? If you are in the middle of a crisis, someone has died, know of someone in the hospital who is undergoing a procedure, are aware of a family in need, or in need of your own physical or spiritual healing. We can pray for a new job, wisdom to solve a problem, strength to withstand circumstances, safe travel, a right heart in a situation, or to give thanks. Anything you think you would like to have prayers for is right.

IS THIS PART OF THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE LIST?

This is not part of the list of people we pray for during the prayers of the people. That list is created when people call the office and ask for names to be added. We hold those names up in prayer on Sundays and then during the week at home if we like. When we pray from the list there are no specifics and our prayers are general and can be long term. Calling the prayer chain is immediate and specific to the circumstance that is current.

HOW DOES A PRAYER CHAIN WORK?

If you have a request, call Harold at (585) 813- 2933 and he will pass the request on to our prayer partners. He will call the first person on the list, who in turn will call the next until all the members dedicated to this ministry have been notified of the needs. These people will then pray as often as they can to hold the situation in continuous prayer. All prayers are confidential.

Yours in Christ,
Deacon Diana

Senior Warden's Report

Summer is almost over and it is time to get back to a more set routine at St. James. This starts with regularly scheduled Vestry meetings- the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. As a non-member you may attend these meetings as a guest observer. It would be a good way to see how the parish is administered by your elected representatives. It may also pique your interest enough to actually want to become an elected member at our next annual meeting in January of next year. Guests at Vestry meetings are asked to observe only, and not to engage in the conversation. If, however, you would like to address the Vestry on a particular topic, just speak to me or Russ Dvoroznak to request being put on the agenda for an upcoming Vestry meeting. Also in September we will be starting the budget process for 2019. We always have room for members of this group also. This usually consists of about three meetings with the Finance Team and various groups and employees that have dedicated budget lines. Or you may just want to have your say in how our money is generated and spent. If you are interested see me or Pete Mark or Keith Price.

Before we entered summer I began putting together a committee to look at the long range use(s) of the Rectory. As many of you know our tenants left in June. This also left us without an outside Sexton. Plans for a committee had to put on hold as we needed to put together a more immediate solution for this problem. I did talk to some who expressed an interest to get their thoughts. However, whatever the solution it had to be income generating to both provide for the maintenance of the Rectory and funding a new Sexton. After these conversations as well as several meetings of the Finance Team it came down to renting the building to new tenants. However, this idea came with a new twist. We will be looking into renting rooms to GCC students, specifically foreign exchange students starting in January of next year. This would allow us about four months to get the building in shape and ready.

Which brings us to the last item of this article- the Bricks and Mortar Project. Repairs to the Rectory and getting it ready for tenants, regardless of who they are, will have to be done over the next few months. This work we hope will be funded by this year's Bricks and Mortar commitment. In order to get this new income stream we as a congregation are going to have to make this investment now. The Vestry, Wardens and Rector hope you will take time to consider what each of you can do to help and act accordingly.

Thank you, Jim Neider

Vestry Highlights – August 5, 2018

The Bricks and Mortar project was discussed. Reporting for the Property Committee, Mother Bonnie talked about the Rectory and the parish hall roof. The Rectory, which had been slated for repairs for 2021, has to be repaired this year. The low pitch and flat roof of the church building had been slated to be done this year. Barb King expressed concern about where the money for these projects was going to come from. The work on the Rectory is stucco repair at an estimated cost of \$3,800. This could increase if structural damage is found under the stucco. The roof project is \$2,667.

The Senior Warden's Report: The Rectory has to be income producing. It has been decided not to have the ad hoc committee decide the future use, but to proceed with the idea of housing for international students. The repairs must be made before the building can be rented. The sills of the upstairs windows are rotted. The original long range plan was to gradually replace the windows. We should have a source of funding before we approve any projects. Jim Neider looked into what the students pay in the dorms at GCC. St. James would have to pay for utilities. The building would go on the tax records. We would need to furnish it.

Sohn's Fund: The F.1 Visa of the students makes them ineligible to receive a cash stipend. Mother Bonnie needs help figuring out how this fund can be distributed.

Bricks and Mortar Report: There is work that has been done but has not been paid for plus the two new projects. In the future, this fund raiser will be a spring project. \$10,000 has already been donated. 2018 had the highest cost projects. Over the next 12 years, the totals will go down. The Stewardship Drive is used for operating expenses and does not cover them. Jim Neider will contact the Chamber of Commerce about St. James giving tours of our building. The Vestry will take a leadership role and be the first to pledge toward Bricks and Mortar. A motion was made to approve the two projects put forth by Dave Lange and the Property Committee (Rectory stucco and flat roof repair) with the money coming out of the Endowment Fund. This money will be replaced through fund raising. The already completed work will be funded by the same means.

Catherine Judkins, Clerk of the Vestry

Property Committee Report

The Vestry has allocated funds for the re-coating of the low-pitched/flat roof sections of the church currently requiring attention, and for spot repair of the stucco exterior on the south and east sides of the rectory.

Security Roofing has scheduled the roof work and Gerlach Home Improvement will be repairing the rectory stucco while painting the Parish Hall exterior masonry and stucco office portion of the church complex. This work will be starting soon.

These are the last 'planned' projects to be submitted for Vestry approval this year.

Progress continues toward our goal of achieving a 'State of Good Repair' at St. James!

Dave
Property Committee Chair

Choir News

Hello St. James family,

We are at 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.

-Bell Choir

The St. James Bell Choir will begin weekly rehearsals in October in preparation for Advent and Christmas, tentatively on Wednesday afternoons. Both hand bells and hand chimes are available. We will also continue working on pieces we began in the summer. Please let Dawn Mark know if you are interested in participating by September 14th and we will work towards developing a rehearsal time which best fits everyone's schedules. Let Dawn know via email at Musdmark@aol.com



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, Aiden, Gabriella, Diana, Carla, Ron,
Dorothy, Arlene, Venus, Debbie, Paul,
Beth, Dave, Cathy and Wendy.**



Happy Birthday!

We pray God's blessing be with you on your special day and every day.
Joan Ellison 10/3, Scott Essig 10/11, Mary Ann Neider 10/16,
Dave Raines 10/17, Cal Fleming 10/22, Larry Belluscio 10/24,
Anne Wolff 10/25, Sarah Rosenbeck 10/30, Kristina Feldman 10/30



Utility Costs for the Month of August

Here are our utilities costs for August. 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 - \$53.76

Electric - \$243.90

Coffee Hour



I have heard it said that "Coffee Hour" is the eighth sacrament. OK, maybe that's an overstatement, but we all do love our fellowship time! Coffee, tea, and something nice to eat, combined with friends and conversation—what could be nicer? We all enjoy Coffee Hour, but at this point it is a fairly small group of people that make it happen for us. It would be so much easier if more people helped. We are going to have a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. You can sign up for providing snacks and/or setup and clean up. Find a friend and work on it together! Another way to help is to bake or buy a batch of cookies or other baked good to be frozen for future coffee hours. Please sign up to help! Thank you, and see you at coffee hour! Mother Bonnie+

T-shirts, Hoodies and apron sale for Bricks & Mortar

St. James, Batavia, is selling navy blue short-sleeved T-shirts, zip-up hoodies, and bib aprons, all with the Episcopal shield. Sales will benefit the church's "Bricks and Mortar Project" to help fund the ongoing

The Pet Corner



Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 13, 2018, 10 a.m.

Come One, Come All!

All Pets are Welcome,

(Please have all pets leashed or caged.)

Join us on our front lawn.

RECIPE CORNER

Lemon Lush

Crust: 1 cup margarine
2 cups flour
1 1/3 cups chopped nuts
Blend into a crumb mixture, press into bottom of 9x13 pan
Bake at 375° for 15 minutes
Crust must be totally cool before adding the next layer

Layer 1: 16 oz cream cheese
1 cup confectionary sugar
1 cup Cool Whip
Whip cream cheese and sugar until fluffy
Fold in Cool Whip
Spread on cooled crust

Layer 2: 3 cups milk
3 packages instant lemon pudding
Whip milk and pudding
Spread on cream cheese layer

Spread Cool Whip on the pudding layer

Sprinkle the top with nuts, if desired

*Chocolate or pistachio instant pudding could be used instead

** Crushed chocolate Oreo Cookies pressed into the pan could be used instead of the crumb mixture and eliminate baking the crust.

News from the Diocese

News from the Deanery

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

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

	September 2	September 16	September 23	September 30	October 7
EM 1	Carol Queal	Jo-Ann Bestine	Diane Cox	Carol Queal	Jo-Ann Bestine
EM 2	Barb Gray	Judy Essig	Jack Kershner	Barb King	Barb Gray
1st Lesson	Barb Gray	Bette Rung	Joan Ellison	Amy Celentano	Barb King
2nd Lesson	Keith Price	Lilo Townsend	Wayne Judkins	Jack Kershner	Jim Neider
Prayers of the People	Diane Cox	Rose Rumery	Liz Findlay	Steve Hawley	Larry Belluscio
Acolytes	Diane Cox	Rich Geitner Alieda Blossom	Nichole Essig Scott Essig	Nichole Essig Abby Bestine	Alieda Blossom Carol Queal
Ushers	Peg & Alan Abrams	Nancy Harrington Harold Odell	Peg & Alan Abrams	Dean Perry Paula Alker	Jane McKeehan Harold Odell
Greeters	Dean Perry Bill Coughlin	Bonnie Smith Wayne Townsend	Nancy Harrington Dean Perry	Jane McKeehan Wayne Townsend	Bonnie Smith Wayne Townsend
Element Bearers	Paula Alker Nancy Harrington	Jolene and Dick Folger	Donna Kauffman Bill Coughlin	Rose Rumery Harold Odell	Kathy & Larry Belluscio
Coffee Hour	Stacy & Dave Raines		ECW		
Flower Delivery	Barb King	Dean Perry	Liz Findlay	Lilo Townsend	Harold Odell
Altar Guild	Jolene Folger Pat Roblee	Jo-Ann Bestine Joanne Fleming Donna Kauffman	Karen Odell Harold Odell Kathy Belluscio	Jolene Folger Pat Roblee	Bette Rung Carol Queal Bill Coughlin
Building Closer	Harold Odell	Jim Neider	Dave Lange	Harold Odell	Larry Belluscio

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

The St. James Calendar

Sun, Sep 2	10:00 am– 11:15 am 11:15 am – 12:00 pm 11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour Our Faith Discussion Group
Tue, Sep 4	9:00 am – 11:00 am 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Finance Team Meeting Property Committee
Wed, Sep 5	11:00 am – 11:30 am 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Holy Eucharist, Chapel Bible Discussion Group Choir Rehearsal
Thu, Sep 6	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Thrift Store Open Wardens Agenda Meeting
Sun, Sep 9	9:00 am – 9:30 pm 10:30 am – 1:00 pm	Holy Eucharist at St. James Deanery Service and Picnic at Emery Park, Stafford – Route 5
Mon, Sep 10	7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Genesee Chorale Rehearsal
Tue, Sep 11	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Vestry Reports Due Holy Eucharist @ Gen Premier Nursing Home ECW Meeting
Wed, Sep 12	11:00 am – 11:30 am 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Holy Eucharist, Chapel Bible Discussion Group Rupprecht Fund Advisory Committee Choir Rehearsal
Thu, Sep 13	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Thrift Store Open Wardens Meeting
Sun, Sep 16	9:00 am – 9:45 am 10:00 am – 11:15 am 10:00 am – 10:45 am 11:15 am – 12 00 pm 11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal Holy Eucharist Sunday School Coffee Hour Our Faith Discussion Group, Guild Room
Mon, Sep 17	7:00 am – 9:30 pm	Gen Chorale Rehearsal
Tue, Sep 18	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
Wed, Sep 19	11:00 am – 11:30 am 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Holy Eucharist, Chapel Bible Discussion Group Choir Rehearsal
Thu, Sep 20	9:00 am – 2:00 pm 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Thrift Store Open Wardens Meeting
Fri, Sep 21	6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Skelton/Oetinger Rehearsal
Sat. Sep 22	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Skelton/Oetinger Wedding
Sun, Sep 23	Bishop Franklin's Visitation 9:00 am – 9:45 am 10:00 am – 11:15 am 10:00 am – 10:45 am 11:15 am – 12 00 pm 11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal Holy Eucharist Sunday School Brunch Vestry Meeting with Bishop Franklin
Mon, Sep 24	7:00 am – 9:30 pm	Gen Chorale Rehearsal
Tue, Sep 25	10:45 am – 11:15 am	Holy Eucharist at The Manor House



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!

The Rev. Bonnie F. Morris, Rector

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