

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

NEWSLETTER – MAY 2018



**The Fire of Pentecost:  
Community, Focus, Energy**

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:1-3*

We can't see the Holy Spirit, but we know that it is there. The story from the Book of Acts about the Day of Pentecost describes the presence of the Holy Spirit as fire. Why fire?

**Fire gathers.** We gather around the warmth and brightness of the flame. Fire brings us together as a community.

**Fire focuses.** It burns away the unneeded, unwanted, the impure. In the fire of the Holy Spirit, all that hinders, all that holds us back is burned away. We become purified, so that we can be focused on who and what God created us to be.

**Fire is energy.** It is energy that is strong, fierce, and moves us forward.

We are a people on fire—gathered, focused and energized. Thanks be to God!

Your sister in Christ,

Mother Bonnie+



### **Happy Birthday to Our May Birthdays!**

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

Bonnie Smith 5/1, Dawn Mark 5/2, Jenna Essig 5/6,  
Ron Fancher 5/11, Diane Cox 5/12, Hannah Rosenbeck 5/17,  
Alieda Blossom 5/21, Jim Ellison 5/25, Chip McGuire 5/27

### **DIAKONIA MUSINGS** **Deacon Diana's Report**

The month of May brings flowers, even in chilly Buffalo! The tiny buds on the trees are opening and drinking in the sunshine and the spring bulbs are poking their heads through the wet earth and showing their multi colored faces to the world. It reminds me of the words of a song. "Bloom, bloom, bloom where you're planted. You will find your way." I love the fact that God can use us no matter what our circumstances. Not everyone is able to glorify God by going cooking for fish fries, serving at the altar, singing in the choir, or being on vestry. At different seasons in our lives, we may feel like we want to find a ministry that we can do, a meaningful purpose within the church, but are limited by health, age, or family commitments that don't allow us the freedom to get involved. If you fall into one of these categories, these ministry opportunities may tug at your heart.

There are two ministries that St. James would benefit from that we don't have yet; a **prayer chain** and **card ministry**. During times of crisis, emotional turmoil, and illness, it is a great relief to know that the people in the congregation are aware of the circumstances and are actively praying for the people involved. In a prayer chain, there is one contact person that is called, and that person calls the next on the list, etc. The message can be as specific as identifying a person that has died or is going in for emergency surgery. It can also be less specific and asking for support for a family or a person without giving details. What is important is that the people on the chain will be "prayer warriors" for the St. James family in a faithful and loving, committed way.

The second ministry involves sending cards to St. James members on behalf of the church, to let them know we are thinking of them and holding them in our hearts and prayers. In some congregations, the greeting cards are supplied by people donating them and in others, "artists" that love to create cards provide the cards. Short messages are written and the cards mailed. This ministry involves keeping an updated list of names and addresses of members and sending cards regularly to those who may be in nursing homes as well as those who are in the hospital or recovering from illness or surgery. It can be shared or done by one person. If you are a "blooming flower" that is looking for an important ministry that is needed to help make connections between the members of the St. James family, contact Deacon Diana and we can get started.

Please continue to donate for the **migrant workers ministry** that we are committed to in conjunction with the ecumenical group called CONNECTIONS. So far, 60 welcome bags of personal supplies have been filled and are being passed out to the farm workers as they arrive. Father Ivan informed us that 1,000 migrant workers come each year to work the fruit and vegetable farms in our little part of Western New York. The need is great and it is from our abundance that we can reach out to these men whose service benefits all of us. If you can't donate items, please hold them in your prayers.

Deacon Diana

## Senior Warden's Report

As I write this spring still has not arrived for any longer than one day at a time. As I drove to service this morning it was once again during a snow shower. This is almost getting like the Book of Job.

Seriously, we have made some progress on the stair lift. Gina Pestillo our architect has obtained the illusive waiver application for the State of New York. She will help us fill it out for filing. Interestingly, it seems that it must be filed or presented in some way to a state court. That means a representative of the parish- most likely Russ & I will be going to Buffalo sometime during the process. All of this has left me with some rather un-Christian thoughts concerning the City of Batavia. But at least we are making progress. (Insert another Book of Job analogy.)

On a related front, the interior ramp should be installed within about three weeks. We are in A to Z's que and payment is in their escrow account. The good Lord willing we should have a handicap ramp from the Nave to the office level by Memorial Day.

I have one volunteer (Dorian E.) for the ad-hoc committee on the future use of the Rectory. I would like to have five members total, so that means I need three additional people to serve. By definition this committee will dissolve once it has made its recommendations to the Vestry. I feel a few weeks to collect ideas and one or two meetings to whittle the list down to two or three recommended plans. I would like to have written ideas by the end of June so the committee can make recommendations by the September Vestry meeting.

Jim Neider, Senior Warden

## St. James Episcopal Church Vestry Highlights, April 16, 2018

1. Fundraising Team has met and is planning a "Trunk" Sale for Saturday, June 23rd. Individuals who wish to sell items from their trunk may reserve a space in one of the parking lots at St. James for \$20.00 per vehicle.
  2. Creation of Charles Sohn's Memorial Music Scholarship Program for the youth of this Church including college students.
  3. Watch for information on the St. James Church/ECW Annual Scholarships.
- Stay tuned for more information on the above!

Bette Rung, Asst. Clerk

## 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, Glenn, Aiden, Ron, Carol, Rilee, Bill, Susie, Carter, Carla, Erik, Mark, Sally, Diana, Tom, Cathy, Susan, Ethan, , Casey, Dorothy, Danielle, Ralphie, Lucas, Jim, Arlene, Esther, Jykill, Jim, Diane, Venus, Janet, Maya and John.**



### To our GCC Friends



Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> will be the last Sunday for most of our students from GCC. We wish you a safe and restful summer. We look forward to seeing you back in the fall! Your presence among us is a blessing to us all!

### Pentecost – Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>



Wear your flame colors! We will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit with joy!

### Adopt A Project

Painting interior of doors: (2) Parish Hall and (1) kitchen metal door, includes inside trim. \$225.00

Downstairs Bathroom: Both bathrooms basement level, Cut out bad drywall- Replace with moisture resistant drywall. Tape ready for painting. New vinyl base-repair walls and ceilings ready for paint \$2,850.00

Choir room: Patch and repair walls and ceiling- remove old wiring (alarm) Beam repair, tape, sand, patch, ready for paint. This quote also covers a second floor ceiling (hall) repair and tear out old , install new drywall, sand, ready for paint or texture. \$3,150.00

Downstairs Robe room: Patch pipe wrap, repair walls and ceiling as needed ready for paint. \$750.00

Nave sound system: Replace bad speakers, add more speakers, wiring, testing 6 speakers. All technical specifications are on a sheet in parish office. \$3,407.95

### Project Update

Handicap ramp is funded and is currently being booked in to install. (Inside choir to nave hallway) includes construction, custom metal handrails, carpet ramp covering.

If you have an idea for a project-let the Adopt-a-Project team, Mother Bonnie, or the office know.

### 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.

### Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>—United Way Day of Caring



We are blessed here at St. James to be a volunteer site for the United Way Day of Caring. We hope for good weather so we can work out of doors. If not, we have plenty to do inside. Can you join us? Please put it on your calendar. We will need helping hands as well as garden tools. Interested? Please talk to Jim Neider.



### **Congratulations**

We extend to Barb Gray congratulations on the Nursing Award she received during Nurses Appreciation Week in Cleveland, Ohio. Barb is an employee of Highland Hospital in Rochester and working in a family practice in Henrietta. Congratulations and continue to keep up the high standard of service you provide in health care.

### **Congratulations**



In front of 4,500 people Judy Essig was given selected as the Skills Outstanding Advisor for the New York State Area. She is now a nominee for Outstanding Advisor of the Northeast United States. Judy is the Criminal Justice teacher at BOCES in Mt. Morris and works and travels with students in the western New York area.

Skills USA is a student led organization that promotes leadership and personal excellence in their career field to assure a skilled professional work for the future.

### **The Fundraising Team**

**JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>**



As the first of the fundraisers for 2018 there is going to be a "Trunk Sale". What is a trunk sale you ask? We will rent parking spaces (\$20 each vehicle) in the East parking lot and in the North lot to individuals who wish to load up their vehicles with items for sale. Addition revenue will be generated by a small basket raffle. The event is open to the public and parish to purchase the spaces for their vehicles. More details will be published in bulletins and next month's newsletter.

### **Bottle Returns Help St. James**

The Batavia Redemption Center is under new management. They offer a program where the money from bottles returned can be credited to St. James and the credited money will be sent to St. James monthly. The account has been set up. All that needs to be done is to tell the clerk when you bring in your bottles that the credit is for St. James Church. We all have bottles to take back and it is so simple to help St. James in this way. Batavia Redemption Center is located on the west side of the Eastown Plaza

### **Welcome Bag Items for local Migrant Workers**



Please help the Outreach Team fill the Welcome Bags with your donations of the following items. All items should be full size, not travel size.

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|----------------------------|---|---------------|--------------|-----------|
| Toothpaste                 | Disposable razors                             | Shaving cream | Toilet paper | Deodorant |
| Toothbrush                 | Combs   | Work socks    | Bar soap     | Shampoo   |
| T-shirts (medium or large) | Individual sized treats of candy, chips, etc. |               |              |           |

All donations of these items will be gratefully received.

These are the people that plant, nurture, harvest and supply the food we enjoy every day.

Please remember them in your prayers

### Scrip Gift Cards

Do you still go to the grocery store? To the pharmacy? To Walmart? To Tim Horton's? Order on Amazon? Applebee's or Olive Garden? What about shopping at Kmart? Wendy's or Target? I am sure you get the idea. Sunday mornings get the cards for the places you will be shopping during the coming week. It is an easy way to support St. James fundraising.

### 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.

### **Financial Summary for St. James Episcopal Church as of April 30, 2018**

	<b>2018 Year to Date</b>	<b>2017 Year to Date</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>		
Parishioner Giving	55,254	50,997
Non-Pledge Giving	14,345	15,928
Income from Investments	50,000	1,371
Other Income	4,912	2,886
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>124,511</b>	<b>71,182</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Diocesan Pledge	7,374	7,134
Outreach Expense	-	-
Personnel	48,173	52,166
Worship and Program Expense	3,719	4,318
Administrative Expenses	5,838	6,770
Building Expenses	30,362	24,711
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>95,466</b>	<b>95,099</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>29,045</b>	<b>(23,917)</b>

### Utility Costs for the Month of April

Here are our utilities costs for April. 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 heat is turned down. If you have any questions at all on how to do this, please contact a warden.

Fuel - \$1,873.68

Electric - \$239.05

## RECIPE CORNER

### **Chocolate Éclair Dessert**

3 small packages of Vanilla Instant Pudding  
1 box of Graham Crackers  
12 oz of cool whip  
1 can chocolate frosting

Use a 9x13 pan. Place graham crackers on the bottom of the pan, covering the bottom.

Mix the pudding in a bowl using 1/2 of the milk for the three packages, add the cool whip and mix well.

Spread the pudding and cool whip mixture on the bottom layer of graham crackers.

Put a second layer of graham crackers on the pudding and cool whip layer.

Next melt the chocolate frosting in the microwave and pour over the graham crackers.

Refrigerate the dessert overnight.

***Contributed by Sue Best***

## NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

### **Intercessory Prayer for our Children!**

St. John's in Youngstown and St. Paul's in Lewiston invite us all to join them in prayer every day at noon to End the Violence in Schools and For the Safety of All Children. Just a simple "I pray for the end to violence in our schools and for the safety of all children" will do. If you would like something more formal, Bishop Bill suggests the Collect for Peace found on page 99 of the Book of Common Prayer (Morning Prayer II).

### **The Living Ocean... Exploring and Conserving our Primal Home**

Marine Biologist, Robotics Engineer and Conservationist Mark R. Patterson, Ph.D. to present program at Calvary Episcopal Church.

Calvary Episcopal Church, 20 Milton Street at the corner of South Cayuga Road, Williamsville, on Sunday, May 6 at 12:00 pm. Dr. Patterson is Associate Director and Chief Technology Officer of Northeastern University's Global Resilience Institute and Faculty Head of Northeastern's Three Seas Program.

This cost-free event will feature photography by Dr. Patterson and his dive teams. Refreshments will be served prior to the presentation, and a question and answer period will follow, concluding around 2:00 pm. Limited handicapped parking is available in the church parking lot, as well as access to the elevator through the double doors off the parking lot. Additional parking is available in the municipal lot near Beach-Tuyn Funeral Home. Call 716-633-7800 for more information.

All Are Welcome, No Exceptions...

### **Discover Sundays Takes a Field Trip - May 20**

On May 20th a Discover Sunday event will be held in East Aurora on the Roycroft Campus at 31 South Grove Street. For those able to arrive earlier, the PBS documentary about Elbert Hubbard will be shown in the Power House at 1:00 pm. At 2:00 we will break into small groups for a one-hour guided tour of the Roycroft Campus and see details attributed to Elbert Hubbard and the Arts & Crafts Movement. These two presentations are free and open to all Episcopalians, family and friends.

Pre-registration for this Discover Sunday program is required. [Register now!](#)

At 3:00, everyone is invited to gather for refreshments and friendship in All Saints' Hall at St. Matthias' Church located a short two blocks from the Roycroft Campus at 374 Main Street (the stone church on the corner of Main and Maple Streets).

In addition, a Sunday Buffet Brunch is served between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm at the Roycroft Inn located at 40 South Grove Street. The cost is \$30 per person and reservations are needed - Call (716)652-5552.



### **Sleep-a-Way Camp - 2018**

New and exciting things are happening this summer at Camp. Sleep Away is expanding to include all youth exiting 2nd through 8th grade this June. The camp will be running two different tracks to accommodate the needs of the different age groups. The first track will be those exiting 2nd through 5th grades and the second track will be for those exiting 6th through 8th grades. Each track will have their own schedule to follow but will have some overlapping activities.



Sleep Away Camp will take place Sunday August 12th to Wednesday August 15th at Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center in Bemus Point, NY. To register campers, please download the Camp Application and Health Form and send in with \$50 deposit to the Ministry Center by July 15th.

**Mother Bonnie is very excited to be on the staff of Sleep-a-Way Camp this year.**

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Can also be found on [www.stjamesbatavia.org](http://www.stjamesbatavia.org)  
And Facebook at St. James Episcopal Church Batavia

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	June 3
<b>EM 1</b>	Jo-Ann Bestine	Barb King	Russ Dvoroznak	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Barb Gray
<b>EM 2</b>	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Russ Dvoroznak	Barb King	Barb Gray	Diane Cox
<b>Chantry EM</b>	Russ Dvoroznak	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Diane Cox	Jo-Ann Bestine	Russ Dvoroznak
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Diane Cox	Diane Cox	Joan Ellison	Jim Neider	Barb King
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	Lexie Belluscio	Barb Gray	Jim Neider	Lilo Townsend	Liz Findlay
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Liz Findlay	Steve Hawley	Rose Rumery	Larry Belluscio	Steve Hawley
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jaykob Belluscio Diane Cox	Nichole Essig	Alieda Blossom Diane Cox	Abby Bestine Jenna Essig	Alieda Blossom Jo-Ann Bestine
<b>Ushers</b>	Peg & Alan Abrams	Dean Perry Betsy Dexheimer	Dean Perry Glenn Hammond	Nancy Harrington Bill Coughlin	Bonnie Dvoroznak Russ Dvoroznak
<b>Greeters</b>	Bonnie Smith Wayne Judkins	Jo-Ann Bestine Larry Belluscio	Kathy Belluscio Wayne Townsend	Bonnie Smith Dean Perry	Paula Alker Glenn Hammond
<b>Element Bearers</b>	Karen & Harold Odell	Donna Kauffman Bill Coughlin	Jane McKeehan Rich Geitner	Peg & Alan Abrams	Jolene and Dick Folger
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Paula Alker	Paula Alker	Karen & Harold Odell	Need a volunteer	Need a Volunteer
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Lilo Townsend	Barb King	Dean Perry	Diane Cox	Liz Findlay
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Odell Harold Odell Kathy Belluscio	Jolene Folger Pat Roblee	Bette Rung Carol Queal Bill Coughlin	Jo-Ann Bestine Joanne Fleming Donna Kauffman	Karen Odell Harold Odell Kathy Belluscio
<b>Building Closer</b>	Larry Belluscio	Dave Lange	Russ Dvoroznak	Jim Neider	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, May 6	9:00 am– 9:45 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am– 11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
	10:00 am– 10:45 am	Sunday School
	11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Coffee Hour
	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Our Faith Discussion Group, Guild Room
Tue, May 8	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Vestry Reports due
	3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Holy Eucharist at Premier Genesee Nursing Home
	4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Outreach Meeting
	5:30 pm – 7:00 pm	ECW Meeting
Wed, May 9	11:00 am – 11:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Bible Discussion Group, Rector's Office
	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Rupprecht Advisory Committee
	4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Bell Choir
	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	EFM Class
	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
Thu, May 10	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	St. James Thrift Shop Open
	9:00 am – 11:00	Finance Committee Meeting
	11:00 pm – 12:00 pm	Wardens Agenda Meeting
	7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Fundraising Team Meeting
Sun, May 13	9:00 am– 9:45 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am– 11:15 am	Holy Eucharist and Baptism
	10:00 am– 10:45 am	Sunday School
	11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Coffee Hour, Celebration for GCC Students
	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Our Faith Discussion Group, Guild Room
Tue, May 15	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
Wed, May 16	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	United Way Day of Caring
	11:00 am – 11:30 am	Holy Eucharist, Chapel
	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Bible Discussion Group, Rector's Office
	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Rupprecht Advisory Committee
	4:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Bell Choir
	6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	EFM Class
	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
Thu, May 17	9:00 am – 2:00 pm	St. James Thrift Shop Open
	11:00 pm – 12:00 pm	Wardens Agenda Meeting
Sun, May 20	9:00 am– 9:45 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am– 11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
	10:00 am– 10:45 am	Sunday School
	11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Coffee Hour
	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Our Faith Discussion Group, Guild Room





**St. James Episcopal Church**

405 East Main Street

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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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