



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

**NEWSLETTER—NOVEMBER 2016**

My dear friends,

The past two weeks I have been in Georgia with my family and have been blessed to be able to care for my father, along with my mother, two sisters and brother in the last days of his earthly life. After a long, loving and faith-filled life, my dear father passed into the hands of his loving creator on Nov. 3rd, just one week shy of his 83rd birthday. It has been a time of loss, grief, and sorrow for me and our whole family. It has also been a time of gathering, love and thanksgiving. I give thanks to God for giving me a father that loved, guided and taught me, and whom I will dearly miss. I give thanks for a mother, siblings, wider family and friends that have covered me and all of us with love and care. In our life and in our death, in our joy and in our sorrow we give thanks to God.

A few weeks ago we said Psalm 65 in our service—an ancient song of praise in which we are reminded that the very hills sing with joy and praise of God. That week I went out to Letchworth State Park for the first time. Its beauty astounded me—the leaves changing color, the interplay of light and dark shadow, and the mist and light which created a full arc rainbow over the falls. I could not but help to think of Psalm 65. All of creation was clothed in beauty, wonder and praise of its creator. Everywhere we go we can find evidence of the love with which God created our beautiful earth and how we were created as beloved children of God.

My father always loved the mountains—especially those of NE Georgia. He and our family find peace and consolation in these beautiful hills and Mom and Dad were able to accomplish a life-long dream to move here about 8 years ago. The time that I've spent here, surrounded by the glory of God's vast and beautiful creation, reminds me that everything we do should be set in terms of thanksgiving; everything we do should be a reflection of the love in which we were created. We are called to clothe ourselves—just as the hills are clothed in beauty—in joy, thanksgiving and praise.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mother Bonnie+

*Psalm 65: 12-14*

*You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.*

*May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.*

*May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.*

## Senior Warden's Report:

We have another nomination for the Vestry, which now means we have four for three slots. This is an indication to me that we are getting more interest from the congregation in participating in leading St. James. This is a very good thing in my mind. Others are stepping forward to serve on the Maintenance Team, Property Committee etc.

Unfortunately, the Sunday morning's meeting of Ushers, Greeters and Element Bearers was postponed because of Mother Bonnie not being here. It will be rescheduled to a future date.

The Property Committee has had two meetings since being split from the old Buildings and Grounds Committee. It is in the process of moving ahead on its first two projects- external signage and handicapped access from the nave to the parish hall. We can always use more members. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the Guild Room. Let me or Russ know if you are interested.

We have had several more anonymous donations to finish the hand railings on the northwest entrance to the church and the inside entrance way on the far west with the gray double doors, sometimes known as the Turner entrance. This is another positive sign of increased involvement in the life of St. James. Soon Russ will publish the Adopt- a-Projects that can be funded by individuals, families and organizations.

Lastly, Stewardship Sunday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, was the day we collected pledges for 2017 plus, commitments of time and talent. November 6<sup>th</sup> is not a deadline, but a beginning. Pledges will be accepted anytime through January and beyond. If you have not pledged in the past and you are wondering why you should when you may be giving every Sunday in the collection plate there is a simple answer. We, like most organizations develop a budget to guide us through the year with both projected income and expenses. Projected income is much easier to figure using pledges since we have a relatively firm amount to count on. Giving week to week, although very much appreciated, is very difficult to predict since the amounts vary so much. Pledging that same amount you may be giving every week will give us a firmer amount to form our budget around. Also it is important to understand that a pledge is not like a mortgage, if a situation comes up and you cannot meet your pledge for a period of time we are not going to come knocking on your door to collect. If you have any questions regarding pledging please contact Russ or myself.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!**

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



**David Gann 11/2    Dean Perry 11/9    Phyllis Draycott 11/13**  
**Terry McGuire 11/19    Joanne Fleming 11/22    Rose Rumery 11/27**

**NEWS FROM ST. JAMES**

**Thanksgiving Pies** – Once again we are making pies for senior members of our Saint James community. If you have someone in mind who would appreciate a pie at this time just give us the name. They could be added to the list if they are ill, alone, or would just benefit from being remembered at this time of year. Please let Jo-Ann Bestine know the name, or call the office.

**Turkeys Needed** – We are planning to have our annual springtime Thanksgiving. Traditionally the price of turkeys is at its lowest around the November Thanksgiving. Supermarkets often run incredible sales on turkeys at this time. If you are not hosting a Thanksgiving dinner this year and don't need a "cheap turkey" could you use your discount to purchase one for the Saint James Springtime Thanksgiving? Just give the receipt to Jo-Ann Bestine and you will be reimbursed for the purchase price. Thanks for your help. Who doesn't want Thanksgiving twice a year!

**Pie Baking** – Please join us in the kitchen for pie baking on Saturday, November 19th. Even if you don't excel at crust rolling, we still need help with fillings and clean up. Delivery people are needed on Sunday, November 20th. After service you could stop by the parish hall and pick up a pie and an address and drop it off on your way home. Ingredients are also needed. We could use Crisco, flour, canned pumpkin, sugar, eggs and evaporated milk.

**Pies for Sale!** – Extra pies will be available for sale. We have pumpkin and apple. The apple pies can be purchased fully baked or frozen to be baked when you want it. The price is \$8. Please preorder your pie so we can be sure to have one waiting for you. Let Jo-Ann Bestine know.

**Scrip Cards** – Let's not forget about purchasing Scrip cards. Are you still going to the pharmacy? The grocery store? Kmart? Walmart? Target? Etc? Thought so!! Don't forget to get your scrip cards on Sunday morning or at the office during the week.

**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:

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



**Paint Can Fund** -- Around the church you will see paint cans. Another way to help with our improvements is to put a few dollars into the collection can. These funds will be used to make small repairs and improvements before they become major jobs.

**Phone chain for announcements** -- We are working hard at St. James to make sure that we communicate all important information to our parish family in timely and accessible ways. Some of our parishioners don't use email – and – just as ALL ARE WELCOME, we believe that ALL ARE IMPORTANT and should get all of the news. To that end, we would like to create a phone chain for announcements for timely and important events such as deaths in our parish family, time changes, special events. Can you help? With little effort we can make sure that all of our parishioners are included in important information. If you would like to be on the phone chain, please contact Barb King in the office, 343-6802 or [saint.james2@outlook.com](mailto:saint.james2@outlook.com)

### **Weekday Services**

**Every Wednesday, 11 a.m.** – Holy Eucharist in the Chapel.

**The Second Tuesday of the Month at 2:30** – Holy Eucharist at the **Genesee County Nursing Home**, 278 Bank Street. The service is held 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. The service is held in the Grand Parlor.

**Everyone is Welcome!**

## NEWS FROM THE BATAVIA AREA

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Church** – 10675 Alleghany Road, Darien Center is having a luncheon and bazaar on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm. There will be crafts, baked goods, raffles, etc.

### **Community Thanksgiving Worship Service**

Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 pm

At the First Baptist Church

306 East Main Street, Batavia

The offering received at this service will benefit the Migrant Ministry led by Father Ivan Trujillo, Pastor of Resurrection Parish.

Mother Bonnie Morris will be the preacher for the service.

The community is also invited to bring non-perishable food items for the Migrant Ministry such as rice, flour, dried beans, canned fruit, cookies, juice, dried milk, instant coffee, sugar and salt.

### RECIPE CORNER

#### Slow Cooker Chicken Tortellini Soup

1 ½ pounds boneless chicken Breast  
3 medium carrots, peeled and diced  
3 stalks celery, diced  
1 medium onion, diced  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
6 cups low sodium chicken broth  
1 cup water  
2 bay leaves  
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning, or more to taste  
2 cups cheese tortellini  
Chopped fresh parsley for serving, if desired  
Salt and pepper to taste

1. Add all of the ingredients to a slow cooker except for the tortellini
2. Cook on low for 6 hours
3. Remove the cooked chicken from the slow cooker and shred or cube and add back to the slow cooker
4. Add in the tortellini and cook for 15 minutes or until they are cooked all the way through


5. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Discard bay leaves and serve immediately with chopped parsley, if desired

Please share your favorite recipe with us; whether it is for grilling, baking, cooking, or a quick-throw-together recipe. Every month we will share a recipe that is sent in. Please email them or drop them by the office.

## NOVEMBER SUNDAY SERVICE PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULE

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27	December 4
<b>EM 1</b>	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Terry McGuire	Theresa DeMars	Jo-Ann Bestine	Jim Ellison
<b>EM 2</b>	Russ Dvoroznak	Jack Kershner	Judy Essig	Barb Gray	Bonnie Dvoroznak
<b>EM Chantry</b>	Cathy Judkins	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Jim Ellison	Cathy Judkins	Russ Dvoroznak
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lesson</b>	Lilo Townsend	Diane Cox	Keith Price	Wayne Judkins	Joan Ellison
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson</b>	Joan Ellison	Jeff Gray	Jim Ellison	Jack Kershner	Chip McGuire
<b>Prayers of People</b>	Keith Price	Liz Findlay	Chip McGuire	Jim Neider	Steve Hawley
<b>Acolytes</b>	Aleida Blossom Jo-Ann Bestine	Diane Cox Jaycob Belluscio	Alieda Blossom Jeff Tress	Diane Cox Jaycob Belluscio	Scott Essig Jo-Ann Bestine
<b>Ushers</b>	Dean Perry Betsy Dexheimer	Peg & Alan Abrams	Don Fox Betsy Dexheimer	Russ Dvoroznak Glenn Hammond	Diane & Kevin Skelton
<b>Greeters</b>	Cathy & Wayne Judkins	Russ Dvoroznak Glenn Hammond	Wayne Townsend Russ Dvoroznak	Cathy & Wayne Judkins	Barb & Jeff Gray
<b>Element Bearers</b>	Cathy & Wayne Judkins	Larry & Kathy Belluscio	Diane & Kevin Skelton	Jolene & Richard Folger	Don Fox Nancy Harrington
<b>Nursery</b>	Joanne Fleming		Jo-Ann Bestine	Joanne Fleming	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Bette Rung Carole Queal Bill Coughlin	Jo-Ann Bestine Joanne Fleming Donna Kauffman	Pat Roblee Jolene Folger Nancy Harrington	Kathy Belluscio Karen & Harold Odell	Bette Rung Carole Queal Bill Coughlin
<b>Counters</b>	Larry Belluscio Liz Findlay	John Swartz Liz Findlay	Larry Belluscio Ron Fancher	John Swartz Ron Fancher	Larry Belluscio Barb Peirce
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Karen & Harold Odell	Jolene Folger	Terry McGuire	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Kathy Belluscio
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	Lilo Townsend	Dean Perry	Dorian Ely	Cathy Judkins	Lilo Townsend

## November Calendar

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6 8:30-Choir Reh 10:00 HE Sunday School 11:15 C. Hour	7 6:00 Gen Y Chorale 7:00 Gen Chorale	8 7:00 Bldgs. & Grounds	9 11 HE	10 9-2 Thrift Store 2:00 Wardens' mtg	11	12
13 8:30-Choir Reh 10:00 HE Sunday School 11:15 C. Hour	14 6:00 Gen Y Chorale 7:00 Gen Chorale	15 2:30 HE @ Gen County Nursing Home 5:30 ECW 7:00 Vestry	16 11 HE	17 9-2 Thrift Store 2:00 Wardens' and Treasurer mtg	18	19
20 8:30-Choir Reh 10:00 HE Sunday School 11:15 C. Hour 11:20 Our Faith 3:00 Symphony Concert	21 6:00 Gen Y Chorale 7:00 Gen Chorale	22 7:00 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service	23 11 HE	24  <b>Happy Thanksgiving</b> 	25	26
27 8:30-Choir Reh 10:00 HE Sunday School 11:15 C. Hour 11:20 Our Faith	28 6:00 Gen Y Chorale 7:00 Gen Chorale	29 10:45 HE @ The Manor House	30 11 HE			



			<b>Abbreviations:</b> HE = Holy Eucharist Gen. Chorale = Genesee Chorale Gen. Y. Chorale= Genesee Youth Chorale Choir Reh = Choir Rehearsal, C. Hour = Coffee Hour
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