



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

NEWSLETTER—SEPTEMBER 2016

My dear friends,

Jesus told parables about growing things. He healed people and made them new. St. Paul reminds us that we are new creations—that everything old has passed away, and everything has become new. I really love some old things. I don't want to get rid of something (or someone) just because it is old. But that's not Paul's point. He is telling us that each one of us is made new in Christ, we all have opportunities to grow, change, develop and thrive because of the love we are given.

As Fall approaches, we see leaves turn color and fall to the ground. We pull old summer plants out of our gardens. But so much is new! We also start back to school; rev up many other activities that take a summer break. St. James is no exception. It is with joy and a renewed sense of energy and commitment to our beloved parish family we start our program year. We are once again "made new in Christ." We'll continue old, beloved programs. We'll start new things. This is a great time to think about how you support St. James. How exciting it would be to begin a new ministry, join a new group, or help out in new ways?

How can you add your gifts and talents? How can you learn new things or meet new people? Here are just a few ways: choir, acolytes, ushers, greeters, ECW board, fish fries, altar guild, Sunday school, nursery, telephone chain, property committee and maintenance team....the opportunities abound! Our wardens are also putting together an "Adopt-a-Project" list. There are many small-to-medium repair and improvement projects in our buildings and grounds. You might want to adopt a project because you are good with a paint brush, with a hammer or at weeding. Or maybe you can't do the work, but will be glad to help pay for the supplies.

Explore how Christ is making you new each and every day!

Your sister in Christ,
Mother Bonnie+

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

Senior Warden's Report:

August has been another busy month around St. James. We will now be able to use the northwest entrance to the nave, thanks to Russ and the Maintenance Team. This marks another repair to the building that has been long overdue. Also completed was the ramp entrance to the Thrift Shop. Hopefully this will prevent any accidents in the future. The Team will continue to tackle these issues as they arise until the weather turns.

In the same vein, Russ, Mother Bonnie and I have been compiling a list of projects up for "adoption." These projects, which will need some more substantial funding, will be on a list with approximate costs. Individuals, families or groups can then donate to fund a project, get recognition for their generosity (if so desired) and help St. James to fulfill its mission.

September also means the beginning of the Stewardship Campaign for 2017. Once again this effort will be under the leadership of Jim Ellison. However, this year will be somewhat different than in the past. This years' campaign will include the Vestry as a whole. They will shoulder much of the work so it does not fall to one or two individuals. Of course if anyone else wants to pitch in, I'm sure Jim would welcome the help.

A year ago we made the commitment as a congregation to bring a full time rector to St. James. We had faith- and look at what God sent us. So much has been accomplished, but so much more needs to be done. It is time for all of us to look inside our hearts and see if there is something more that can be done by us individually to put that faith into action. More later.

Thanks,
Jim Neider, Senior Warden

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

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



David Swartz, Sr. 9/3 Janice Swartz 9/5 Kathy Belluscio 9/6
Mike Barone 9/6 Alan Abrams 9/7 Richard Folger 9/8
Donald Thurau 9/10 Jim Neider 9/15 Donna Kauffman 9/16
Marcia Gann 9/16 Karen Odell 9/16 Stephen Rumery 9/23
John Swartz, Jr. 9/25 Judi O'Neill 9/28

NEWS FROM ST. JAMES

Good News to Share --Abigail Bestine is pleased to announce the engagement of her father, Nicholas, to Miss Kelcey O'Sullivan. She looks forward to Kelcey being her official step-mother. The wedding will take place on July 8, 2017. Abby will be serving as a junior bridesmaid. The whole Bestine family welcomes Kelcey into our clan.

Thank you – to everyone who made a donation to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund last Sunday. A check is being sent from St. James Church, in the amount of \$260.00, to the Diocesan House for the good work of the Relief and Develop Committee.

Sunday School - September 11th is the first Sunday for the return of church school. Dubbed as "Kickball Kick-Off" to our church school season, I am looking forward to welcoming back all our very energetic kids and hoping we grow in numbers this year.



Choir will be back in the pews on Sunday, September 11th. There will be rehearsals at 8:30 Sunday mornings before church. New members are always encouraged and welcome! Elvis Presley once said, 'I don't know anything about music – in my business, you don't have to;' and the same goes here! Please come!

Blessing of the Animals – Again this year, we are making plans for the blessing of the animals. It will be held on Saturday, October 8th, at 11:00 am. Mark your calendar and plan to bring your leashed or caged pets of all kinds. Everyone in the community is welcome!

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.

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!

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

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN NEW YORK

Invite, Welcome, Connect—a daylong workshop on Church Growth, Sept. 10th

“The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness” discussion led by The Hon. Rose H. Sconiers, Sept 10, 17, Oct 1, & 8.

Seeing the Face of God in Each Other: Anti-Racism Training of the Episcopal Church, Sept 17 & 24 OR Oct. 15 & 22.

Discover Sundays: Roosevelt Inaugural Site & Trinity Church, Sept. 25th

Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code, A documentary of familiar history viewed from a different perspective, Oct. 2

NEWS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Chicken BBQ – sponsored by the Board of Directors of the Grandview Cemetary is being held on September 18th. Take-out only will begin at 11:00 am and be available until sold out. For presale tickerts, call 585-993-1317.

RECIPE CORNER

Zucchini Soufflé

From the Kitchen of Ann Chilano

3 eggs
½ cup oil
½ tsp. oregano
Salt and pepper
1 medium zucchini – cut up
1 medium onion – chopped fine
1 ½ cups cheddar cheese – grated
1 ¼ cups Bisquick

Beat together eggs, oil, oregano, salt and pepper. Add remaining ingredients.

Pour into greased 2 quart casserole dish.

Bake at 350 for 1 hour.

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.

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVICE PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULE

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25	October 2
Chalice 1	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Judy Essig	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Cathy Judkins	Judy Essig
Chalice 2	Jim Ellison	Theresa DeMars	Barb King	Jim Ellison	Bonnie Dvoroznak
Chalice Chantry	Barb King	Bonnie Dvoroznak	Cathy Judkins	Judy Essig	Theresa DeMars
1st Lesson	Joan Ellison	Jim Ellison	Liz Findlay	Barb Gray	Joan Ellison
2nd Lesson	Jack Kershner	Wayne Judkins	Keith Price	Jeff Gray	Jack Kershner
Prayers of People	Steve Hawley	Rose Rumery	Jim Neider	Steve Hawley	Liz Findlay
Acolytes	Jaycob Belluscio	Diane Cox Scott Essig	Jeff Tress Jaycob Belluscio	Scott Essig Jaycob Belluscio	Jaycob Belluscio Diane Cox
Ushers	Russ Dvoroznak Larry Belluscio	Peg & Alan Abrams	Kathy & Larry Belluscio	Nancy Harrington Don Fox	Russ Dvoroznak Dean Perry
Greeters	Barb & Jeff Gray	Wayne Judkins Dean Perry	Russ Dvoroznak Wayne Judkins	Wayne Judkins Larry Belluscio	Peg & Alan Abrams
Element Bearers	Barb & Jeff Gray	Donna Kauffman Don Fox	Kathy & Larry Belluscio	Russ & Bonnie Dvoroznak	Peg & Alan Abrams
Nursery	Joanne Fleming		Ann Chilano	Joanne Fleming	
Altar Guild	Jolene Folger Pat Roblee Nancy Harrington	Bette Rung Carole Queal Bill Coughlin	Jo-Ann Bestine Joanne Fleming Donna Kauffman	Kathy Belluscio Karen & Harold Odell	Jolene Folger Pat Roblee Nancy Harrington
Counters	Larry Belluscio Dean Perry	John Swartz Dean Perry	Larry Belluscio Bonnie Dvoroznak	Lilo Townsend Bonnie Dvoroznak	Lilo Townsend Barb King
Coffee Hour	Dorian Ely	Karen & Harold Odell	Rose Rumery	Judy Essig	Kathy Belluscio
Flower Delivery	Dorian Ely	Dean Perry	Debbie Barone	Cathy Judkins	Liz Findlay

September Calendar

Abbreviations: HE = Holy Eucharist Gen. Chorale: Genesee Chorale Gen. Y. Chorale: Genesee Youth Chorale Choir Reh = Choir Rehearsal				1 9-2 Thrift Store 2:00 Wardens' mtg	2	3
4 10:00 HE 11:15 Coffee Hour	5 LABOR DAY – office closed	6 2:00 Bldgs. & Grounds	7 11 HE	8 9-2 Thrift Store 2:00 Wardens' mtg	9	10
11 8:30-Choir Reh 10:00 HE Sunday School 11:15 Coffee Hour	12 6:00 Gen Y Chorale 7:00 Gen Chorale	13 2:30 HE @ Gen County Nursing Home 5:30 ECW	14 11 HE	15 9-2 Thrift Store 2:00 Wardens' mtg	16	17
18 8:30-Choir Reh 10:00 HE Sunday School 11:15 Coffee Hour	19 6:00 Gen Y Chorale 7:00 Gen Chorale	20 7:00 Vestry	21 11 HE	22 9-2 Thrift Store 2:00 Wardens' & Treasurer's mtg	23	24 Fall Clean up Day
25 8:30-Choir Reh 10:00 HE Sunday School 11:15 Coffee Hour	26 6:00 Gen Y. Chorale 7:00 Gen Chorale	27 10:45 HE @ The Manor House 6:30 Deanery Council @ St. Paul's, Stafford	28 11 HE	29 9-2 Thrift Store 2:00 Wardens' mtg	30	



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