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*Parish Breakfast*

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*May 10th and 11th*

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# St. James Church

## May 2008 – Newsletter

*Our mission is to welcome all, reach out to others  
and grow in faith.*

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Vestry: Diane Baldwin, Pat Evans, John Fehlner, Jennifer Potter Hayes  
Patricia Jue, Don Neil, Barbara Swetman, Jim White and Jeff Wooldridge

Randy Wilson – Vestry Clerk  
Mike Baldwin – Treasurer  
Blair Jones & Jan Wilson – Assistant Treasurers  
Patricia Jue – Newsletter editor

Ministry Group Leaders  
Kathy Collett & Terry Neil - Parish Life  
Karen Anderson - Outreach  
Don Potter - Resource Management  
Jenny Montgomery - Worship & Formation

### **Regular Services of Worship**

**Saturday, 5:15pm Holy Eucharist - Rite II**

**Sunday, 9:30am Holy Eucharist - Rite II**  
**Nursery care provided**  
**Church school (4 yrs to 6<sup>th</sup> grade) also at 9:30am**

I don't usually like those catchy little phrases you often see posted on church signs when you're driving by but I have to admit one caught my eye last week and it has stuck with me. In fact I've been thinking about it a lot. It said, "Does your spiritual house need spring cleaning?" Maybe it's because IT IS spring and I'm so ready to put away the winter blankets, heavy drapes, and extra rugs or maybe it's the beauty of creation all around me but I'm ready to do some spring cleaning.

I'll not bore you with all the details of spring cleaning the rectory, just to say Joe has issued an ultimatum... "No more throw pillows to brighten things up a bit!" But I will say something about spring cleaning our spiritual house. Sometimes I think we are reticent to really sweep out the clutter. For example, I like my trinkets of self indulgences, self importance, pride and ego. Who would I be without them? Interiorly I have the furniture all neatly arranged—saying a prayer here and there, reading the Bible now and then, being a pastor as needs arise, writing a sermon on Friday, taking a Sabbath day on Monday. I like the rhythm. It's comfortable. On the surface things look pretty good. No one but me knows about the cobwebs of resentment, the dust bunnies of jealousy, the finger prints of envy, the smudges of grudges. So why do any spring cleaning of my spiritual house? Because God knows and I know.

If we are honest with ourselves, I'll bet we could all do a little spring cleaning in our spiritual house. We get stuck in a rut. We become complacent. We don't want to exert the effort to change and grow. But changing and growing and blooming and becoming are what spring is all about. So just for fun do some spring cleaning. Open the windows of your soul. Sweep out the dust of despair. Take up the old rugs of resentment. Give God the clutter of envy and jealousy. Read an inspirational book. Take a walk in the woods. Spend some time in prayer. Begin a new spiritual discipline. Start volunteering in the community

And if all else fails...buy a throw pillow!



**The Episcopal Diocese of Central New York**

### **The Diocesan Ministry and Mission Fair, Saturday, May 17th**

The Fair will be held at the Bishop Grimes Jr./Sr. High School in East Syracuse. It is open to all and we encourage parishioners to attend this day of education and fellowship. The Ministry and Mission Fair will offer something for everyone – vestry members, youth leaders, treasurers, newsletter editors, not to mention those who are interested in learning more about developing a deeper prayer life, healing ministry, stewardship, dealing with diversity and lots more. There will be more than 30 workshops.

Please contact Jenny, any of the vestry members or any of the ministry group leaders listed on page 2, before May 2, if you are interested in going, so we can include you in the St. James group reservation. A booklet of all the workshops is in the back of the church and on-line at <http://cny.anglican.org/documents/127.pdf>.

### **Vestry Corner**

The April Vestry meeting started with Holy Eucharist and sharing personal responses to an article from the Christian Century (April 8, 2008, pg. 26-31) titled "A Way of Seeing". The article moved from the Pastor's perspective and ministry focus to the idea of "the ministry of the congregation." Jenny noted that the two closing paragraphs give an exciting recap of how our mutual ministry review helps us to empower each other.

We looked at the workshops planned for the May 17 Ministry and Mission Fair offered by the Diocese of Central New York. Our goal is to have 10 parishioners attend and participate in the workshops and resource meetings. Vestry Liaisons to the four Parish Ministry Groups will be asking for attendees from each respective group. The Office will send in registrations.

The final discussion item was "What are the Vestry thoughts on Youth Ministry?" Jenny noted that the Clinton Area Youth Group is struggling to find participants; only St. James and St. Mary's youth attended the last outing. Our own lack of a specific ministry for middle school and high school youth is a burden that weighs on our St. James family. Several questions were raised: "Where do we start?" "What would an ideal youth ministry look like?" "Are we waiting for a savior (like Cameron Feist) to restart our youth program?" The consensus was that we must start to actively look at ways to fill this youth ministry gap.

On behalf of your Vestry and Wardens,  
Randy Wilson, Vestry Clerk

## **Parish Life**

### **Parish Breakfast**

Our first annual Intergenerational Parish Breakfast will be held Sunday, May 4th, 7:45-8:45 am in the Parish Hall. Our speakers will be Brian Collett and Gordon Jones who have promised a most fun-filled experience! This will be a “potluck” style breakfast, with little clean up to do. Sign up sheets have been posted in the hall and church with food suggestions. The Parish Life committee will provide garnishes and beverages. A volunteer family is needed to set tables. Please call Terry N. for more information or to set the tables. Come celebrate our wonderful family in Christ!

### **Upcoming Parish Picnic**

Our first annual intergenerational Parish Worship and Picnic is on the calendar for Sunday, June 22nd, 10:30 am at the Kirkland Town Park. Sign up sheets will be posted in the church towards the end of May for food and head count. A volunteer family is needed to set tables for the food buffet, beverages and for the attendees. The Parish Life Committee will provide beverages and tableware. For more information or to volunteer, please call Terry N.. This is always a wonderful way to celebrate God’s creation and our life as His people!

### **Handiwork Prayer Ministry**

The Handiwork Prayer Ministry continues to meet at various homes on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. The purpose of the group is to encourage knitters, crocheters, and quilters to make shawls or lap robes for those we hold to God with love. A copy of a blessing prayer is include with the gift when it is delivered. For more information, call Terry N. Bring your needles, yarn, thread and love!

**The next Parish Life meeting is set for Sunday, May 18th, 11am, in the All Saints room.**

## **Children’s Ministry**

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, Alleluia give praise to his name.

I’ve heard it said that when you sing to the Lord it’s equivalent to praying twice. If this is true, then our youngest “choir” did just that on Sunday, April 27th when they sang the above praise to open our 9:30AM worship service. How sweet the sound when little angels sing to Jesus!

The children and young people in our Christian Formation Class continue to be with Jesus through this Easter season. We are following him as he reveals himself to his disciples in the garden, on the road to Emmaus, in the upper room, and on the shores of Galilee. The great 50 days of Easter are passing all too quickly, and now, from our vantage point of 2008, we begin to prepare for Jesus’ Ascension and his promise of the Holy Spirit.

As a group of faithful followers, we have spent a lot of time with Jesus. Beginning in early February and continuing to the present, I believe we have been as close to Jesus as any of his early disciples. And now we must say “good bye” to our Lord and Savior. As present day believers, we know the end is really just the beginning. My hope and my prayer for all those who journeyed with us is that they have experienced a bit of what I am now feeling in my heart. I don’t want to say “good bye”. I want to stay in the garden, on the road and on the shore and hear Jesus call my name.

The children have an art exhibit in the hall showing where they most wanted to be to hear Jesus call their name.

May God continue to bless our children, Sandra

## **Music**

Sometimes I wonder why the choir puts up with me. There it was, the earliest Easter since 1913, an Epiphany over before it began, and I'm throwing all sorts of hard music at them (having first mentioned that we should do easier music this season, considering how little time we had to prepare). Sorry about that.

But I can't help it. There's something about a certain type of music that works so well in Lent—beautiful, introspective and DIFFICULT! The Youth Choir sang on one of those Lenten Sundays, giving the Adult Choir a bit of a breather, but for 4 of the 5 other Sundays, quite challenging material was presented, all unaccompanied: *Nolo Mortem Peccatoris*, by Thomas Morley, *Almighty and Everlasting God*, by Orlando Gibbons, *The Holy Room*, by Sam Batt Owens and last (but certainly not least), the 8 part *Crucifixus*, by Antonio Lotti.

Well, my guess is that they put up with me because they do such a wonderful job; and did, not only for those Sundays mentioned, but also on Maundy Thursday, when the congregation was led into the sanctuary for the stripping of the altar with the *Pange lingua* ("Sing my tongue, the glorious battle"); at the Easter Vigil, with magic, fire, bells and water flinging around; and, of course, on Easter Sunday, when the Easter anthem was powerfully and joyfully sung!

So, what's next?

Richard Lloyd, Minister of Music

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Sunday, May 4th , 7:45-8:45am – Parish Breakfast

Saturday, May 10th, 5:15pm – U2Charist

Sunday, May 11th, 9:30am – Pentecost Celebration

Saturday, May 17th – The Diocesan Ministry and Mission Fair

Saturday, May 31st –No Saturday service

Sunday, June 15th – Graduation Sunday Celebration

Sunday, June 22nd – Parish Worship and Picnic, Kirkland Town Park

### **PARKING DURING SERVICES**

As the weather becomes more pleasant, those who are able are invited to park on the village green or on College Street so that visitors, those with young children and others who need to park closer to the church are able.

## **Day School**

Spring is here and we are busy getting ready for special events like Mother's Day, visiting the Utica Zoo, a trip to the CCS playground and Beach Party Day.

"Graduation" is the 29<sup>th</sup> of May and we have certainly enjoyed our class this year. They are a happy, creative, bright, thoughtful and kind group of boys and girls. We have seen these children grow taller and wiser while making new friends and getting ready for a life full of learning.

The St. James' Day School teachers truly appreciate the support of the Day School Board, the St. James' Church members and the families of our students for a very successful year.

Cindy Wirene, Head Teacher

## **Worship and Formation**

### **The First Day of Pentecost**

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven many of his disciples gathered together in Jerusalem for the Jewish harvest festival. While they were indoors praying, a sound like that of a rushing wind filled the house and tongues of fire descended and rested over each of their heads. This was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as promised by God through the prophet Joel. The disciples were suddenly empowered to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ. And that's just what they did. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began preaching. Not only did the disciples preach with boldness and passion, but by a miracle of the Holy Spirit they spoke in the languages of the people who were present for the festival. This created a great awakening and as a result about three thousand people were baptized that day.

### **Pentecost 2008**

For Christians today, Pentecost is celebrated fifty days after Easter and is a time to celebrate hope—a hope that comes from believing that God through the Holy Spirit is at work among us. It is a celebration of renewal and recommitment of purpose, mission and calling as God's people. And so for our celebration of Pentecost this year at St. James you are invited to do several things.

First of all wear red. The color for Pentecost is red, symbolizing the tongues of fire that rested on those first disciples, empowering them for ministry. Second, plan to come to worship both on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> for the U2Charist at 5:15pm (see below) and on Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am for baptisms and the dedication of our newly installed slate roof. Third, if you speak a language other than English, please translate a copy of the Acts reading (found at the back of the church) or use a Bible of your language (see <http://www.biblegateway.com/versions/> or <http://www.ethnicharvest.org/bibles/>) and participate in the reading on Sunday morning. Readers will stand and read simultaneously from where they are sitting. Most importantly come to church! Both worship services on Pentecost are intergenerational (no Sunday School) and we are all invited to come and celebrate!

### **What is a U2Charist?**

A U2Charist is an inter-generational service of Holy Eucharist that features the music of the rock band U2 with a message about God's call to work for justice for the poor and oppressed. For this contemporary service of worship a PowerPoint presentation is used along with taped music and a special offering is taken to support the Millennium Development Goals.

Granted this service will not be to everyone's liking but both the Worship & Formation and Outreach Ministry Groups hope that many from St. James and the community will attend especially the children, youth, college students and young adults. And it is hoped that you will invite others to come and take part in this lively, fun, U2Charist. What better way to invite the coming of the Holy Spirit than with spirit filled music and raising awareness of how we, as the church, can make a difference by caring for our neighbors in need around the world?

### **Healing Service: Wednesday, May 7th**

A service of healing will be held on Wednesday, May 7th at 7pm. The service includes prayers for healing and sharing in the Lord's Supper. All are welcome!

### **Nursing Home Ministry**

Did you know that Holy Eucharist is celebrated at the Presbyterian and Lutheran Homes on a regular basis? Lay worship participants are needed at both homes to be voices in these services so that the residents can more easily follow along. Episcopal priest, The Rev. Heather Benson, celebrates Eucharist on the first Thursday of the month at the Presbyterian Home at 2pm. And Lutheran pastor, The Rev. Brian McCaffrey, celebrates Eucharist each Sunday at 10am and 11am at the Lutheran Home. Interested persons need only to show up in the chapel and your presence will be much appreciated!

### **Women's Spirituality Group**

The Women's Spirituality Group will resume in September. The group meets the first Monday of each month.

### **Men's Study Group**

The Men's Group meets on Friday mornings at 7:30am and is open to all men. Randy Wilson and Phil McKnight are glad to answer any questions about the group. All men are welcome!

### **Lectionary Reflection Group: Wednesdays, Noon-1pm**

You are invited to join the Rector and others in the library to reflect on the upcoming Lectionary Readings. Together we reflect on what we hear in the readings. No preparation is needed and feel free to bring your lunch!

### **Saturday, May 31st**

Due to the KAC run in Clinton Saturday worshipers are invited to join the Sunday worship service.

# RAISE THE ROOF: April and May 2008

Our capital building campaign to replace the slate roof.



You are invited to the  
**dedication**  
of the newly installed roof  
Sunday, May 11th during  
the 9:30 am service



American Roofing and Sheet Metal Company started work on the main church roof on Monday, April 24th

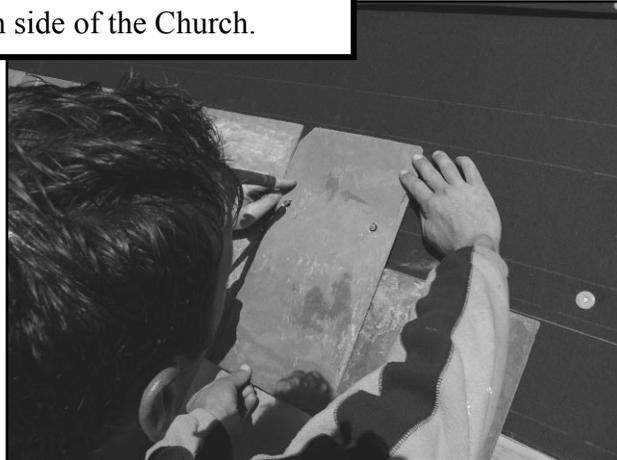
Slate from the Vermont Structural Slate Company, Fair Haven VT on the church parking lot



The completed north side of the Church.



A look at our old roof.



On the uppermost roof in the Bell Tower with view of West Park Row.



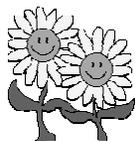
New York Landmarks Conservancy awarded St. James \$10,000 towards our roof project. The grant comes from the Sacred Sites Program.

The Parish raised \$111,097. We are truly blessed with a generous congregation

## Resource Management

Installation of slate on the north side of the church is progressing rapidly and should be completed by the end of the month, if not before. American Roofing will also repair the uppermost roof in the Bell Tower. This was accessed by inserting a ladder between the louvers from scaffolding on the west side, and then raising the ladder from the level of the bell through the open hatch at the top. The hatch door has been blown off for years. New rubberized roofing will be installed, a new hatch door made and the ladder made permanent

Don P



Many thanks to our “lay weeders”, Judy L, Sharon W and Heidi P, who have been “busy bees” beautifying our grounds!



## Outreach

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the “Clean Kits” collection for Church World Service. With your donations and some additional funds from Outreach, we were able to send 5 complete kits for use. This was a wonderful project, and one you can look for again in the future.

Some of you may remember The Reverend P. Tony Mendez. Tony was here at St. James several years ago for a short time to learn English. At the time, he was living in El Salvador. He gave his first sermon in English, right here at St. James. Tony, who is now living in Guatemala, recently contacted us. He requested our help for his Church secretary. Her husband had been kidnapped and killed and she was in danger of losing her family home. Outreach agreed to make a \$1000.00 donation to help pay off the mortgage on her home so that she and her children will have a place to live. It is so wonderful that a connection that was made so many years ago still exists and we are still able to assist Tony in his work for the Episcopal Church.

Keep an eye out for more news on this one – the Utica District of our Diocese is planning an ingathering of children’s shoes to be shipped to Haiti. We are working with the sisters from St. Margaret’s House to provide shoes so that Haitian children will be able to attend school. We don’t know all the details yet, but stay tuned.

Don’t forget to attend the U2charist on May 10<sup>th</sup>!!

**The next Outreach Meeting is Sunday, May 18th, 11am.**

## Community Events

### **The Ride for Missing Children – May 16**

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) is holding The Ride for Missing Children on May 16. The 104-mile ride raises funds for the printing and distribution of posters for missing children. Kathy and Jim W, and Karen A are participating in The Ride and are seeking donations. Also, come to the New Hartford recreation center at 6:00 PM to welcome the riders home.



### **Kirkland Community Blood Drive, Saturday, May 10th, 8am-1pm**

The Kirkland Community Bloodmobile will be at the Schillings Burns Young VFW Post 959, Franklin Avenue, Clinton. **New and past blood donors are needed; there is an ongoing need for type O blood.** Walk-ins are welcomed and needed.

### **Kirkland Community Prayer Breakfast. Wednesday, May 21st 7-8:30am**

Kirkland area residents are invited to join local religious leaders and Kiwanis Club members in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinton Kiwanis Club Prayer Breakfast at the Martin Luther Home, 110 Utica Street, Clinton. The key note speaker will be Darby O’Brien, Utica Public Library Director, who will share information concerning the “Changing Mission of Libraries”. She’ll explain how the core mission remains the same, but the delivery system is quite different and constantly changing.

This event will also be in memory of Kate Brown, a former librarian, and a member of the Clinton Kiwanis Club and St. James community. To help the Kiwanis Club plan, please make your reservation by calling Bill Rudge at \_\_\_\_\_.

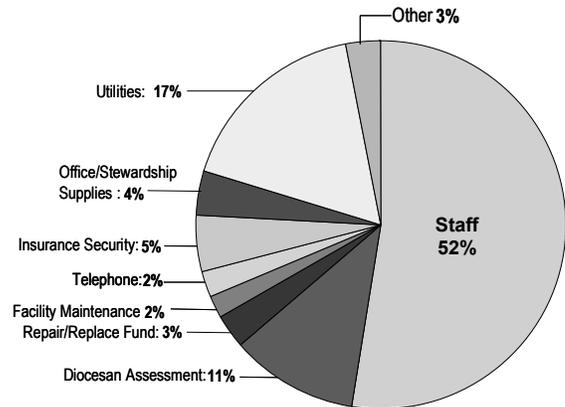
# TREASURER'S CORNER

## Collections Update

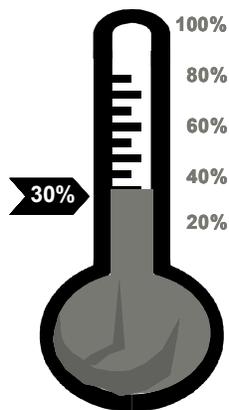
In March, we collected approximately \$25,000 from pledge payments and plate offerings, bringing our total collections for the year to approximately \$60,000. This result puts us at 30% of budget at the end of our first quarter. Last year this time, we had collected approximately \$53,000, so we are slightly ahead year over year.

As we noted in the March newsletter, we typically start the year with strong collections because some parishioners choose to pre-pay their commitments for the year. For those who don't pre-pay, you can help us through the remainder of the year by keeping your pledges current. We use your offerings to cover expenses throughout the year. Our expenses were \$15,600 for March. A breakdown is provided in the pie charts to the right. When collections and our monthly investment income allowance don't match expenses, we have to draw additional funds from our investment account, hindering our ability to build equity for future years.

## March 2008 Expenses



## Progress Towards Congregational Support Budget



## Wish List Items

If you are looking for additional ways to contribute, our wish list contains three new items:

- Donations toward organ tuning (\$500)
- Donations towards speakers for the new electric piano (\$500), and
- Donations towards the new copier (\$7,500).

## Faith Giving

Consider a faith giving contribution in honor of your mother for Mother's Day!

*Mike Baldwin*  
Treasurer

*Jan Wilson*  
Assistant Treasurer

*Blair Jones*  
Assistant Treasurer

### Factoid

We now have the ability to collect your pledges through direct deposit. If you are interested, please see Jan Wilson for details.

## **St. James Server Schedule**

**Please see the print version for the server schedule.**

### **Prayer List**

For those seeking wholeness & healing: **Gert, Bob, Dorothy and Joan** For our family & friends: **Chris, The Rev. Terry Sheldon (priest at St. Mark's) Kristina, The Bornick Family, Linda, Allison, Anders, Robin , Barbara, Elizabeth and Jeann, Maria, Hannah, Jan , Keith, Jenny, Joan , the Procanick family. Donna, Lisa, Jean, Brian Crowe and Nicole Herbst, The Rorick family, Mary, Norton Endries, and Peter**

*(Please notify the church office when names may be removed)*



# May



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>April 27</b> 9:30am Holy Eucharist and Sunday School (nursery provided) Coffee Hour follows 10:45am Children's Choir rehearsal 6:15-9pm Tapestry Rehearsal	<b>April 28</b> 7-10pm Mohawk Valley Scrabble Group	<b>April 29</b> 8pm AA	<b>April 30</b> Noon-1 pm Lectionary reflection group will not meet.	<b>May 1</b> 7:30pm Adult Choir	<b>May 2</b> 7:30am Men's Study Group	<b>May 3</b> 1-4pm Girl Scouts 5:15pm Holy Eucharist
<b>May 4</b> 7:45-8:45am Parish Breakfast 9:30am Holy Eucharist and Sunday School (nursery provided) Coffee Hour follows 6:15-9pm Tapestry Rehearsal	<b>May 5</b> 6:30-8pm Girl Scout Meeting 7-10pm Mohawk Valley Scrabble Group	<b>May 6</b> 9:30-Noon Garden Club Meeting 7:00-8:30pm Clinton Cemetary Association 8pm AA	<b>May 7</b> Noon-1 pm Lectionary reflection group 7pm Healing Service	<b>May 8</b> 9-12am St. James Day School – Mother's Day Brunch 7:30pm Adult Choir	<b>May 9</b> 7:30am Men's Study Group	<b>May 10</b> 5:15pm U2Charist
<b>May 11 - PENTECOST</b> 9:30am Holy Eucharist with Baptism and Roof dedication Festival Pentecost/Baptism Coffee Hour follows 10:45am Children's Choir rehearsal 6:15-9pm Tapestry Rehearsal	<b>May 12</b> 7-10pm Mohawk Valley Scrabble Group	<b>May 13</b> 9:30am – noon Garden Club 8pm AA	<b>May 14</b> Noon-1 pm Lectionary reflection group 7pm Vestry meeting	<b>May 15</b> 9am – 2pm FiberArts 7:30 pm Adult Choir	<b>May 16</b> 7:30am Men's Study Group	<b>May 17</b> 1-4pm Girl Scouts 5:15pm Holy Eucharist Diocesan Ministry and Mission Fair at Syracuse
<b>May 18</b> 9:30am Holy Eucharist and Sunday School (nursery provided) Coffee Hour follows 11am Outreach Meeting 11am Parish Life Meeting 6:15-9pm Tapestry Rehearsal	<b>May 19</b> 7pm Resource Management meeting 7-10pm Mohawk Valley Scrabble Group	<b>May 20</b> 8pm AA	<b>May 21</b> Noon-1 pm Lectionary reflection group 7pm Worship & Formation meeting	<b>May 22</b> 7pm Mohawk Valley Dog Training Club 7:30 pm Adult Choir	<b>May 23</b> 7:30am Men's Study Group	<b>May 24</b> 5:15pm Holy Eucharist
<b>May 25</b> 9:3 am Holy Eucharist and Sunday School (nursery provided) Coffee Hour follows 10:45am Children's Choir rehearsal 6:15-9pm Tapestry Rehearsal	<b>May 26</b> 7-10pm Mohawk Valley Scrabble Group	<b>May 27</b> 8 pm AA	<b>May 28</b> Noon-1 pm Lectionary reflection group	<b>May 29</b> St. James Day School Graduation 7:30pm Adult Choir	<b>May 30</b> 7:30am Men's Study Group	<b>May 31</b> KAC Run – <b>NO WORSHIP SERVICE</b>