

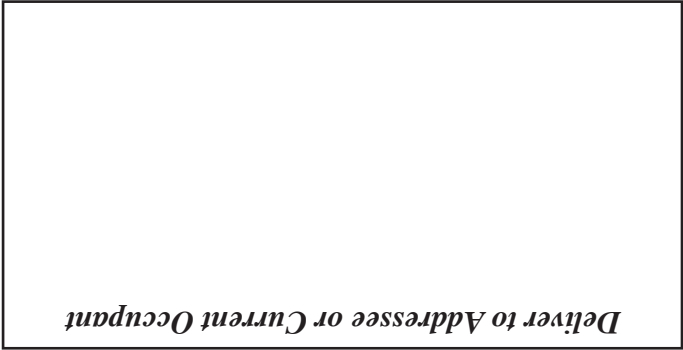
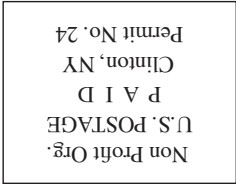
November 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> 9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School	<b>1</b> 9 & 10am & 5:30pm Aerobics  7pm Women's Spirituality Group (St. Marg's house)  <i>John &amp; Mary O'Neill</i>	<b>2</b>   8pm AA Mtg.  <i>V. Odamtten Family</i>	<b>3</b> 9 & 10am & 5:30pm Aerobics Noon-1pm Lectionary Reflection Group 6:15 Tapestry Rehearsal 7pm Property Managemnt  <i>A. Oswald &amp; T. Wilson</i>	<b>4</b>   7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 6pm AA Mtg.  <i>Jack Ovens Family</i>	<b>5</b> 8am Men's Study Group    <i>Tom Owens Family</i>	<b>6</b> 9am Lector Meeting    5:15pm Worship Service  <i>Candy &amp; David Paris</i>
<b>7</b> 9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School Outreach Meeting	<b>8</b> 9 & 10am & 5:30pm Aerobics  6pm Adult Formation (Baldwin's house) 7pm ABC board mtg. <i>Chris Peto Family</i>	<b>9</b> 9:30am Clinton Garden Club   8pm AA Mtg. <i>Heidi Philley Family</i>	<b>10</b> 9 & 10am & 5:30pm Aerobics Noon-1pm Lectionary Reflection Group 7pm Installation Service  <i>Peter Phillips Family</i>	<b>11</b>   7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 6pm AA Mtg.  <i>John &amp; Sharon Pick</i>	<b>12</b> 8am Men's Study Group    <i>Randy Pinto Family</i>	<b>13</b> Snack Pack Ministry 9am Safe Church Mtg. 4pm Altar Guild Mtg. 5:15pm Worship Service 6:30pm Wine & Cheese Altar Guild Salute <i>Donald Potter</i>
<b>14</b> 9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School  Snack Pack Ministry. 3-5pm Sacred Harp	<b>15</b> 9 & 10am & 5:30pm Aerobics  6pm Adult Formation (Terry Neil's house)  <i>Ernest Randall</i>	<b>16</b>   7pm Book Club 8pm AA Mtg.  <i>B. Redfield &amp; M. Javorski</i>	<b>17</b> 9 & 10am & 5:30pm Aerobics Noon-1pm Lectionary Reflection Group 6:15 Tapestry Rehearsal 7pm Vestry Mtg. <i>Sharon Rippey Family</i>	<b>18</b> 10am Foothills Weaving & Fiber Arts Guild 7pm MVDTC Mtg 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 6pm AA Mtg. <i>Alice Root &amp; John Dablin</i>	<b>19</b> 8am Men's Study Group   DIOCESAN CONVENTION  <i>Virginia &amp; David Ross</i>	<b>20</b>    5:15pm Worship Service  <i>Gale Salka</i>
<b>21</b> 9:30am Worship Service & Sunday School 11pm Parish Life Mtg.	<b>22</b> 9 & 10am & 5:30pm Aerobics   <i>Mary Salterella</i>	<b>23</b>    8pm AA Mtg.  <i>Dora Schwaiger</i>	<b>24</b> 9 & 10am & 5:30pm Aerobics  7pm Worship & Formation <i>Helen Seyse</i>	<b>25</b> THANKSGIVING DAY   OFFICE CLOSED  6pm AA Mtg. <i>Mary Seyse &amp; Tim Richer</i>	<b>26</b>     <i>Antonia Shields Family</i>	<b>27</b>    5:15pm Worship Service  <i>Jim Sinclair</i>
<b>28</b> 9:30am Worship Service	<b>29</b> 9 & 10am & 5:30pm Aerobics   <i>Judy Snow</i>	<b>30</b>   8pm AA Mtg. <i>Steve Sweet Family</i>	<b>1</b> 9 & 10am & 5:30pm Aerobics Noon-1pm Lectionary Reflection Group 6:15 Tapestry Rehearsal  <i>Barbara Sweetman</i>	<b>2</b>   6pm Advent Vespers 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 6pm AA Mtg. <i>George &amp; Nancy Taylor</i>	<b>3</b> 8am Men's Study Group    <i>Jim Taylor</i>	<b>4</b>   Goodies & Greens Sale  5:15pm Worship Service  <i>Dwight Vicks Family</i>

Names at the bottom of each day indicate those for whom we pray. • Service lectionary readings can be found on our website.

November Server Schedule					
Date	Acolytes	Nursery	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers/Greeters
Sat. Nov. 6	Rachel Evans		Rahel Reger	Heidi Philley	Marie Beck & Jim Sinclair
Sun. Nov. 7	Suzie Phillips & Dakota Williams	Claire Hilton & Helena Havlovic	Jeff Wooldridge	Brian & Kathy Collett	Jim & Kathy White
Wed. Nov. 10	Tim Collett, Charlotte Jones, Connor D'Angelo, Nick Williams	Claire Hilton	Randy Wilson	Alistair Campbell & Karen Anderson	John & Cynthia Crossley
Sat. Nov. 13	Dakota Williams		Lois Bonta	Kathy Heuss	Chuck & Holly Horner
Sun. Nov. 14	Helena & Marek Havlovic	Claire Hilton & Charlotte Jones	Tom Hebert	Barbara Sweetman & Rich Hobarth	Bruce Coe & Randy Wilson
Sat. Nov. 20	Darby D'Angelo		Chris Fox	Patty Fox	John & Sharon Pick
Sun. Nov. 21	Audra Williams & Amy Davis	Claire Hilton & Helena Havlovic	Mary Lou Iles	Judy Logan & Skip Beardsell	Susan Bennett & Tom Hebert
Sat. Nov. 27	Logan Williams		Joan Compson	Richard Compson	Wendy & Matt Weber
Sun. Nov. 28	Soren Lewis & Emma Davis		Susan Pinto	Kathy & Brian Collett	Conrad Dorn & Don Neil
Sat. Dec. 4	Suzie Phillips		Wendy Weber	Matt Weber	Jim & Kathy White
Sun. Dec. 5	Tim Collett & Margaret Jones	Rachel Evans & Charlotte Jones	Jo-Elyn Wakefield-Wright	Karen Anderson & Bill Kistner	Karen Anderson & Chris Evans

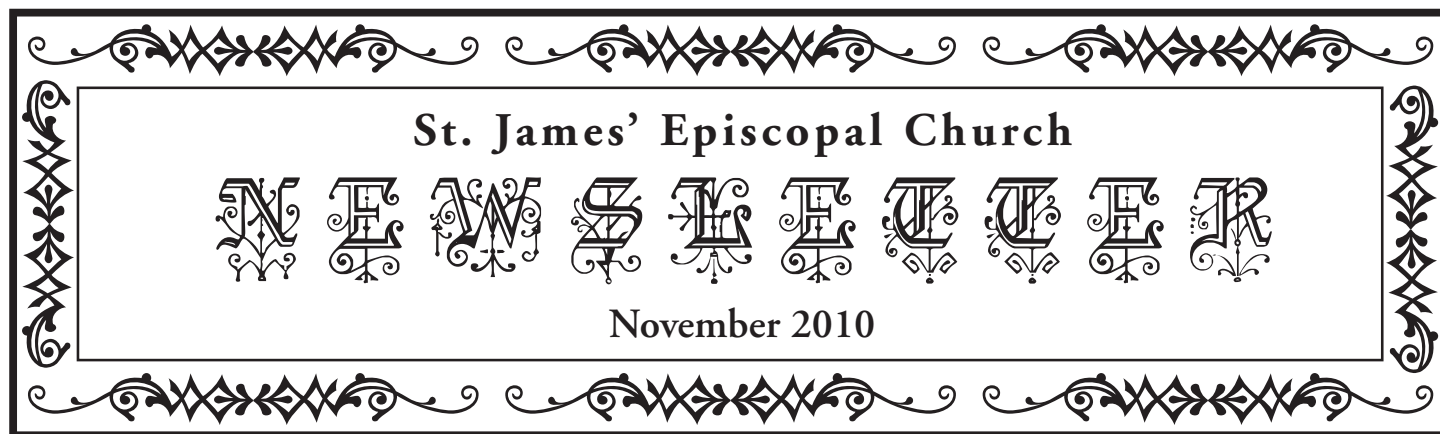
Altar Guild: Cynthia Crossley & Louise Charbonneau



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### REGULAR SERVICES:

**Saturday, 5:15pm • Sunday, 9:30am, nursery provided, Sunday School 9:30am**  
**Church office hours: Tue. - Fri. 9am - 1pm**

### Staff:

Rector: The Rev. Timothy S. Reger  
Minister of Music: Mr. Richard Lloyd • Sunday School Director: Jenny Fuller  
Office Administrator: Mrs. Sharon Pick • Sexton: Mr. Christopher Evans

### Vestry:

Senior Warden: Jim White • Junior Warden: Patricia Jue  
Mike Baldwin • Bruce Evans • Susan Havlovic • Gordon Jones  
Don Neil • John Pick • Kathy White • Sharon Williams  
Treasurer: Jan Wilson • Assistant Treasurer: Blair Jones

Webmistress: Patricia Jue  
Newsletter: Pat Evans

### Leadership Group Chairs:

Parish Life: Wendy Weber & Randy Wilson  
Outreach: Karen Anderson  
Worship & Formation: Ken Iles  
Property Management: Heidi Philley  
Finance Committee: Craig Heuss  
Investment Committee: Gordon Hayes



*St. James' is a community where we come together in Christ to develop spiritually; find opportunities for outreach; receive comfort when in need; and engage in sacred experiences through our liturgy, music, fellowship, and mutual ministry."*

## Music

Heavens to Betsy! It's not even Halloween, and I'm already writing this? Why am I talking about Advent already? Snow hasn't even come yet (expected, though, this Friday), the monster movies have yet to be watched, and I'm what? I feel like BJs, with their Christmas trees already in stock. But there's method in my madness: Advent Vesper services start SUPER early this December, and I want the word out *tout de suite*!

The services are all on Thursdays at 6:30 pm, and there are three of them: the 2nd, the 9th and the 16th of December. They are a great way to maneuver through the difficult pre-Christmas season by way of a middle of the week "calming down." They are quiet and meditative, with dimmed lights and candles, circular seating, beautiful music, lovely singing by a quartet made up of singers from our choir, wonderful, hopeful scripture readings and our special communion (cheese, grapes, olives passed on plates). It's a short service, around 30 minutes in length. Spiritual. You'll feel good afterwards. It's peace. Give it a try.

And leave your cares at the Meeting Hall door....

—Richard Lloyd

## Property Management

On Saturday, November 6th from 9 - 12 we are asking that able bodied adults meet in the St. James kitchen (for coffee/cider and a donut) to help with a clean-up of the basement of the Rectory. This will be dirty work with lifting, so wear old clothes and bring gloves. This is something we missed over the summer and something we want to do for the Reger family. Questions? contact Heidi or Skip. Thank you!

While most of the repairs and painting of the St. James' buildings is complete, our friend and fellow Anglican Dwight Dibble is back for some repairs noticed by the PM ministry group and the painters. This is a very visible sign of your pledge being put to work in a wonderful way. Thank you St. James parishioners!

November 25th, 2010 is Joanna Philley's 26th birthday! Yes, it is Thanksgiving and her baptism anniversary. There will be some cards at Coffee Hour in November if you could sign one for her that would be great.

If you would like to send a card then or at Christmas, I know she would be most appreciative. Her address is:  
Joanna Philley  
Av. San Geronimo 117  
Col. San Angel 01000, Mexico, D.F.



## From the Church Mouse

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

What an exciting time for St. James. Our new rector and his lovely family truly do light up our parish. From worship service to worship service, from ministry committee meetings to vestry meetings, from an All Hollow's Eve service in a cemetery to Living Room Eucharists, the atmosphere is charged with a feeling of comfort, peace, and joy. Since I attend all of these events I speak as one who has experienced these feelings.

I can also say, "Praise be to God" for all the wonderful, loving people who worship and minister here along with Fr. Tim and his family.

It is now November and what a busy month it is. So many activities to attend and so many people to meet; this month is all about the saints above and the saints on earth. All Saint's Day is my favorite holy day of the year. The reason is simple; I love remembering the lives of the saints who have gone before us and who have given us hope of the life to come. Next we head to the polls to elect those who will represent us in our government. Politics is a touchy subject and I think that there may be disagreement as to where some of the candidates fit on the "saint scale." Continuing on to November 10th we celebrate a service dedicated to our new ministry with Fr. Tim (look for me and my family in the front row). Last but not least, we celebrate our national day of giving thanks for all our blessings; followed by a three day Christmas shopping frenzy. Oh my, people, people everywhere!!

In closing, I leave you with these words, attributed to Brigham Young, (Forward Day By Day, October, 2010 issue). This little rhyme made me laugh as I thought of the month of ahead.

To live with the saints in heaven  
Is bliss and glory.  
To live with the saints on earth  
Is another story.

Blessings and love,  
Cedric

*Happy Thanksgiving*

## Outreach

### St. James' Holicay Giving Tree

One of the goals this year of the Outreach group has been to get more people involved in hands-on outreach – to personally be a part of a project. We have had folks cooking and serving meals at Hope House, participating in Thursday evening activities in the Village, baking goodies for our college youth or to help the Sunday School children raise money for Mexico, working at the tag sale to raise funds for Joanna's mission trip, planting and harvesting the community garden, volunteering at Special Olympics, riding in the Ride For Missing Children, walking in several community awareness walks. With the holidays fast approaching, we have another opportunity for many of you to involve yourselves in a St. James Outreach project – The Giving Tree.

The Outreach group invites you to participate in our first annual Holiday Giving Tree. St. James is partnering with Country Pantry again this year and we are adding The House of the Good Shepherd\* to our giving tree. You will find stars on the tree that have suggested gifts for a young boy or girl. There are several ways that parishioners can participate in this new tradition. You can: select a star, sign the sheet telling us which star you have, purchase the gift listed on the star and return the gift to St. James prior to the deadline; you can make a monetary donation toward a gift, without actually shopping by selecting an envelope from the tree and mail or hand deliver it to

Karen Anderson; or you can volunteer to be a shopper – let Karen know that you are willing to perform the actual shopping and she will match you up with a star and a donation and you get the gift described on the star and return it to St. James prior to the deadline. Be watching for the tree to go up soon.

We at St. James are so blessed in so many ways, this is a way for us to give young people who are less fortunate than we are a Christmas gift. We hope that you will be so enthused about this project that we can not only repeat it next year, but commit to helping more children. If you have any questions, please speak to any of the members of our Outreach group, or to Karen. May the love of Jesus Christ be overflowing this Advent and Christmas season.

(\* The House of the Good Shepherd is a non-sectarian, non-profit institution in Utica providing treatment of over 600 children and their families a year.)

### Cookie Outreach College Snack Pack Ministry November 13 and 14th

We at St. James recognize the importance of remembering our youth as they leave our community to attend colleges, participate in international student exchange programs or serve their country overseas. On November 13 and 14th please bring in wrapped cookies, snacks and other "healthy goodies" and place them in the labeled box in the kitchen. See [http://www.stjamesclinton.org/snack\\_list](http://www.stjamesclinton.org/snack_list) for suggested items. During coffee hour after the Sunday service, we will sign cards, and fill boxes to send to our youth who are away from home. If you know of someone who would like to receive a box, please let the church office know by November 11th.

### Winter Coats for Refugees

As we begin to see white things coming down, remember the refugees that are coming to Central New York from warmer parts of the world! Many have never experienced snow before. We are collecting winter gear in cooperation with Interfaith Works of CNY so when refugees arrive in Hancock Airport, they will be greeted with winter coats, hats and gloves. Please leave clean, machine-washable winter coats in all sizes from infant to adult large, warm gloves, mittens, hats and scarves in the box located in the Parish Hall.

### !!!Greetings from Mexico!!!

I now have been in Mexico for almost two months. The time is going by quickly. October just flew by. I am developing great relationships and learning new things everyday. My relationship with Bishop Carlos is really blossoming. Through our work together I am learning so much about the Anglican Communion, Mexican culture, and how we are all connected. Every conversation with him no matter how big or small something new is revealed to me. I am growing in so many ways. I of course have my growing-pains but that is to be expected; I take it all in stride.

I went to the downtown Cathedral on the 24th of October. It was amazing to be in this 400-year-old church. It was originally a Roman Catholic Church in the 1600's and then the Mexican Government gave it to the Anglicans in 1869. It is the oldest Anglican Church in the Americas. I could feel the history that had happened in between those walls the minute I stepped in. It was a wonderful experience. I look forward to November. Thank you all for your prayers and good thoughts; I am so grateful. Please know that with each step I take and smile I make you all are a part of my time here.

Many Blessings! Joanna Philley

## From the Rector

### Ooh, what's that!?

Have you ever shopped at the grocery store on an empty stomach? There you are, ticking things off the list when suddenly you realize that you really like canned harvard beets. Oh yes. And when you spy the guacamole, already prepared, it practically jumps in to your cart—which of course, needs an accompanying bag of chips. And it's not until you've returned home and are licking the grease that ran down your fingers while you, by yourself, devoured a rotisserie chicken, that you realize just how wise your Grandma really was.

When the Israelites were wandering around in the desert for forty years, they had a comparable craving. In fact, one of the best translations for "Manna" —the flaky substance given by God in the morning to sustain his people—is, "What's that!?" As in, ooh yum, what's that? That looks absolutely delicious.

Early on in our marriage, we were poor, poor, poor. We watched every penny and I remember having long discussions about whether I could buy a new pair of shoes. I recently threw them away after thirteen years, and it greatly pained me. I felt like I was betraying some sacred covenant we had so carefully established. That was a golden time in our lives. We were like the young married couple from the "Fiddler on the Roof," of whom the father says, "Look at them, they are so in love with each other, they don't even realize how miserable they are." We didn't have much and each year my parents would give us some money for our anniversary which we would use to go out to this fabulous restaurant and celebrate with a multi-course meal. We'd always go to the same place, and first, the waitress would come out and lay some tantalizing little plate or bowl or spoon of something delectable in front of us—which we did not order—and she'd say, "A gift from the chef." Our response was always, like, ooh, what's that!? It was pure Manna. And the courses kept coming, one surprise after another. We'd look at each other adoringly and talk about our relationship. I remember it as bliss.

Nowadays, going out to dinner doesn't require long discussions. In fact, sometimes we choose to go out not for the sheer joy of a special meal or because we want to celebrate, but rather because our schedule is too crammed or we are just too tired to cook. Even though our means are far greater than they were then, it seems that we've lost something along the way.

While the Israelites were hungering in the desert, Moses instructed them over and again to give out of the bounty that would be provided for them: to give a tenth of all they were

given, of their income; of their land and livestock, of their fruits and crops; to leave behind food for the widows and the poor; to forgive debts; to free slaves; to make offerings according to what was provided them—all this was to be given in thanksgiving to God and for a very specific reason: to remember that they were once slaves in Egypt and had been freed by the LORD. These commands were given while still in the desert so that when the Israelites were delivered in to the promised land flowing with milk and honey, that is, when they no longer were hungry, they would still remember who it was that delivered them.

The beauty of this, which we often forget, is that all is given by God. It is all an unmerited, undeserved, unearned gift. God, with such incredible generosity provides everything for us in this present moment. Can you imagine, if we had to be responsible to remember to make our heart beat or for our lungs to take in and give out air?

This morning, someone told me how he had just returned from the funeral of a 51-year-old friend. I said I was sorry for his loss and he responded, "You know, I am just grateful to be here."

Which is a wonderful attitude to have and which we can cultivate in ourselves by remembering what it was like before—maybe when we were poor or in need, or enslaved in some way, or just plain wet behind the ears—and to recognize all the bounty which has been given us, and to give back. Because when we don't remember, something is lost in our souls. We take what we have for granted. We operate under the illusion that we have earned what we have and we become self-centered, narcissistic and entitled people with hearts that slowly become joyless and cynical and are closed off to surprise.

As you may be aware, as happens each fall, we are in the midst of an examination of the Stewardship of our gifts. Many of you have such bounty, such wonderful blessings in your life, such abundant wealth. I encourage you to give as generously as you can in your pledge this year not because you are supposed to, or because I or anyone else is asking, but as a simple and joyful act of remembering who it is that provides each and every moment of your life. To give is to remember how much we have been given by a gracious, gracious God. It is a gift. Let us give thanks with generous hearts.



# Vestry News

Craig Heuss reported to the vestry at our October 20th meeting. He informed us that pledging income is catching up to the budget as parishioners return from vacation. Thank you all for honoring your commitment to St. James.

We approved the purchase of an Advent wreath to be hung over the altar. The wreath will be 4 feet in diameter and hang near the presence light. It will be decorated with greens and lit with four Advent candles.

Revised job descriptions for St. James staff were presented. Fr. Tim and Mike Baldwin will work to standardize them.

The vestry approved selling the Lewis house for \$100,000 by special vote on October 14th. A committee consisting of Skip Beardsell, Chris Fox and Jim White will try, for several weeks, to sell the property. If we are unsuccessful in the attempt, the property will be listed with a real estate firm. Several people have looked at the house but nobody has made an offer yet.

The vestry approved a preliminary budget for 2011. It shows an 11% increase over this year's budget. It is our hope that congregational pledging will be sufficient to avoid having to make cuts. Pledge cards were distributed to the vestry. We will demonstrate leadership and commitment to St. James' mission by being the first to pledge.

During our time without a priest we have all had a chance to evaluate our relationship with St. James and each other. At the Mutual Ministry Review Richard Lloyd observed that we had developed new working relationships among ourselves. Without a priest, to coordinate things, we had to work together to run the church and solve our own problems. We have emerged from our interim period a stronger, more energetic church. Father Tim is ready to lead us in new exciting directions. Please be generous with your pledge so that we can begin to live our new mission statement with the same energy we displayed in the interim.

### St. James on Alert

It is somewhat of a tradition in the military to play bridge. When I sat alert at Griffiss during the Cold War my wingman and I would routinely have the wives over to the squadron in the evening to play while we were on 5 minute alert. Skip has similar stories about his Marine Corps days.

So it looks like we're going to start a St. James Bridge Club, and we're going to use that time together to not only enjoy our fellowship, but to also remember our servicemen who are in harms way. You don't have to know how to play or even have a partner, for that matter. Just a desire to play.

If you are interested in being part of the group, you are invited to our organizational meeting after church on Sunday, Nov. 7th. If you can't make it, please contact Mike Baldwin or Wendy Weber and we'll make sure you are included.

# Parish Life

You are invited to take part in a “Caring Ministry” that will include volunteer time like sending a card, providing a casserole, or providing a car ride, to a parish member in need.” Look for this time ministry opportunity on your pledge card. Call Randy Wilson (737-8303) and add your name to the volunteer list. This will be an occasional hands-on activity that will help us care for each other!

On Wednesday evening, November 10, we welcome Bishop Skip Adams for our **Celebration of New Ministry** for Father Tim Reger at St. James. Contact Libby Beardsell (859-5917) to offer your donation of baked goods for the reception that follows the Celebration Service.

The “**Living Room Eucharists**” with Tim Reger, will continue in the third and fourth weeks of November, and into December. These gatherings are held in a parish member's home and include a celebration of the Eucharist. Specific dates and sign-up sheets are posted in the Parish Hall.

The **Goodies and Greens Bazaar** is set for Saturday, December 4. Holly Horner is asking for hand-made items, holiday decorations and baked goods to be donated. A very special **Holiday Revue** is being planned for our coffee hour on Sunday, December 5. Talents of St. James' folks will be featured! If you would like to sing, read a poem, play an instrument, etc., for a “Three Minute Act,” please call Holly Horner at 853-2650.

Sunday, December 19, will be **Greening of the Church**, following the morning service. Our annual Christmas caroling evening will be later that day as well.

By Request

## Judy Logan's Amazing Coconut Pie

2 cups milk (Judy uses 2%)  
¾ cup sugar  
½ cup Bisquick mix  
4 eggs  
¼ cup butter or margarine  
1 ½ tsp vanilla  
1 cup coconut

Combine all ingredients except coconut in blender. Blend on low speed for 3 minutes. Pour into greased 9” pie pan, and let stand 5 minutes. Sprinkle with coconut and bake at 350° for 40 minutes. Serve warm or cold.

Judy puts it in a 13x9 pan and then cuts it in squares. She also read a recipe where the coconut was put in with the other ingredients, rather than on top.

# Worship & Formation

We welcome Rahel Reger and Chuck Kershner to the lector ministry. Rahel was a lector in her previous church and Chuck is returning after a brief sabbatical.

**Spirituality Groups**

The Women's Spirituality Group meets the first Monday of each month, 7:15pm, at St. Margaret's House and Ecumenical Center, Jordan Rd., New Hartford. They are reading *Uncommon Gratitude: Alleluia for All That Is* by Joan Chittisler and Rowan Williams.

The Men's group meets every Friday, 8am, in the St. James' library. They are reading *The Great Emergence, How Christianity Is Changing and Why* by Phyllis Tickle.

Each Wednesday, the Lectionary group meets at noon in the St. James library to read and discuss the upcoming readings from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). The RCL is used by a number of churches including the American Baptist Churches, the Missouri Synod and Evangelical Lutherans, the Presbyterian Church, and the United Methodist Church. So join us, and invite your friends. Feel free to bring your lunch and your favorite translation of the Bible.

**All Saints Service: November 7**

At the beginning of the All Saints Service, the names of departed loved ones will be read. Please inform the church office by November 2nd of any names to be included in the November 7th prayers and bulletin.

**Installation and Celebration of Ministry November 10, 7pm**

The Right Rev. Bishop Adams will preside over the service of installation of the Rev. Timothy S. Reger as the eighteenth Rector of our Parish. We also celebrate the mutual ministry of Fr. Tim and St. James Church. All parish members and members of the larger community are invited; wear red if you are able. A reception follows; please sign up on the Parish Hall corkboard to bring items to celebrate Fr. Tim's ministry and to extend hospitality to all of our visitors. Thank you, Skip and Libby Beardsell for coordinating the reception.

**Safe Church Training: Saturday, November 13**

The Episcopal Church requires Safe Church training for all staff and those who work with children and youth. It is strongly recommended for vestry and ministry group members and everyone else. For every trained pair of eyes we have in our churches one more child could be protected. The risks and liabilities are the duty of every vestry member and parishioner to assume. How will you protect your brothers and sisters?

Safe Church training will held November 13 at the St. James parish hall, 9am to noon; light refreshments at 8:45 am. The Rev. John Stonesifer, interim rector at Grace Church, Utica, will facilitate. If you want take part in this

session, please contact the parish office no later than Tuesday, November 9, so that we may have an accurate count.

**Altar Guild Ministry: Nov 13**

**4pm Meeting & Celebration of Service at 6:15pm**

Regular Holy Communion is one of the characteristics of the St. James (and most Episcopal Churches). We come together at the Lord's table, welcoming all. The altar guild helps set the table – that is, the altar – for this gathering. The altar guild holds its Annual Meeting Saturday, November 13 at 4pm in the St. James' library. All those currently on altar guild, or anyone interested in learning more about this ministry should come. We will discuss our ministry and how this fits into the mission of the church. We also look at upcoming altar needs, and the monthly scheduling of altar guild servers.

After the 5:15pm, November 13th service, there will be a wine and cheese reception to acknowledge the service of the altar guild members, particularly Sandra Coe, Jean Ashforth and Lois Bonta for their many years of service. We encourage Saturday service folks to stay for the reception, and everyone else to come honor the work of this faith, quiet, and important ministry. Thank you, Holly Horner, for organizing the reception.

**Engaging in our Mission: St. James Stewardship**

Please bring in pictures to add to our “Engaging in our Mission” cube display. You can place them on the stewardship cube yourself. Alternatively you may send images to [pictures.for.stjames@gmail.com](mailto:pictures.for.stjames@gmail.com) and we will print and put them on for you; please indicate whether the picture is an image of developing spiritually, outreach to the community, finding comfort when in need, or engaging in sacred experiences.

## Scouting For Food • Nov. 6 & 13

Venture Crew, Troop and Pack 9 and Troop 44 will be distributing door hangers Saturday morning, November 6, reminding Kirkland residents that BSA members will be picking up can goods on Saturday, November 13 and that they should place their donations in bags clearly visible from the street for pick up by 8:30 AM since they will be picked up starting 9 AM. on 9/13.

All food items collected in Kirkland Area will be taken to our local food pantry, The Country Pantry in Clark Mills. Donations are really needed since the Country Pantry is serving over 80 families (250 adults and children) in our Kirkland area.

Adults who would like to help sort food when delivered should call Judy MoKry, Country Pantry cell phone # 371-5789 to sign up for shifts, 9:30-11:30 or 11:30-1:30.

Missed donations can be brought to the Clinton United Methodist Church any time between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM on Saturday 11/13 and left in designated vehicle. If not able to bring then, call 853-6300 for pick up. Be sure to leave name, address, and phone number.

Thanks for helping people in need.

Peace, Bill Rudge, SFF Coordinator, T-9 BSA  
[Rudge44@aol.com](mailto:Rudge44@aol.com) or 853-6300

Which James?  
by Kathy Collett

In “An Address Delivered by the Rev’d John F.H. Gorton on Sunday May 20, 1962” Gorton discusses the origin of the parish’s name:

“On May second, Bishop DeLancey made his visitation....At this time the Bishop gave his consent to the organization of a Church, and plans were made for a meeting to be held on May 19, 1862 to incorporate the parish. On that date 16 men (for women were not permitted to vote) met in Williams Hall and took the necessary legal action. The name St. James’ was chosen for the Church. That saint’s name was selected because his feast day had just occurred on May first, the Feast of St. Philip and St. James. (It would have been more accurate to name the parish, “The Church of St. James the Less” for the saint commemorated in this feast is James the son of Alphaeus, to be distinguished from James the son of Zebedee and James the brother of the Lord.”

So, according to Gorton, the James our church was named for was James the son of Alphaeus, not James the son of Zebedee nor James the brother of Jesus. But things are not quite that simple! James the son of Zebedee, who is also called James the Greater, is definitely not the James our parish is named for. The other Jameses are less clear and less certainly different people. May first is the Feast Day of Saints Philip and James, but which James? He is an apostle, and is called James, son of Alphaeus, in some places, but only appears a few times under that name in the Gospels. He is often identified with James the Less, and sometimes identified with James the Just.

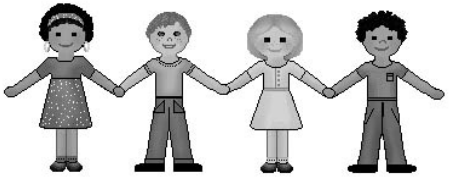
James the Less is usually identified as the son of Mary (but which Mary?)—and sometimes as the brother of Jesus.

James of Jerusalem, also called James Adelphotheos (which just means brother of God), is definitely identified as the brother of Jesus. He was an important person in the early Church, and is usually also called James the Just (though I’ve seen one or two sources that distinguish between them). He is also often identified as the same person as James the Less and James son of Alphaeus. The Wikipedia article on James the Just, which does equate him with James of Jerusalem, gives lots of details, including citations from the Gospels, Epistles, and Acts (see [HYPERLINK “http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James\\_the\\_Just”](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_the_Just)[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James\\_the\\_Just](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_the_Just)). Another good resource is [HYPERLINK “http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bio/37.html”](http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bio/37.html)<http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bio/37.html>, which attempts to sort out all the different Jameses referred to in the New Testament, including all the times any James is mentioned. Later tradition also provides some information about these men (this man?). At least as Episcopalians, we do not need to follow the contortions that some have gone through to “prove” that James was not the son of Mary, however early he was referred to as Jesus’s brother.

October 23 is the Feast Day of “Saint James of Jerusalem, Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and Martyr, c. 62” and May 1 (or May 3 in the Roman Catholic Church)

is the Feast Day of both James the Just and James, son of Alphaeus. So maybe we should just decide that they are all the same person, and celebrate the parish’s name saint in May and October.

Thanks to Patricia Jue for providing the passage from Gorton’s Address. See [HYPERLINK “http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bio/275.html”](http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bio/275.html)<http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bio/275.html> for more information on James of Jerusalem, and also [HYPERLINK “http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James,\\_son\\_of\\_Alphaeus”](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James,_son_of_Alphaeus)[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James,\\_son\\_of\\_Alphaeus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James,_son_of_Alphaeus) and [HYPERLINK “http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James\\_the\\_Less”](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_the_Less)[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James\\_the\\_Less](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_the_Less), as well as the articles referred to above.



Welcome Jenny Fuller  
Our new Sunday School Director

Children’s Ministry

Thank you so much for a wonderful welcome to your church family! I’m enjoying working with and getting to know your children. My name is Jenny Fuller and I am a Clinton native. I graduated from Binghamton University with a degree in German. One of my passions is speaking foreign languages and learning about world cultures. I hope I have the opportunity to share this interest with the children as well. (There have already been some requests by the children to learn a prayer in French and Spanish—we’ll see!) I also love teaching, especially children.

Here is a look at what is coming up in Sunday School:

November is a month of thanksgiving. The children are already able to talk about what they’re thankful for. They’re thankful for their wonderful, loving families, their homes, their school, their friends, and many other blessings. That is why, this Thanksgiving, the Sunday School will be focusing on how to give thanks. We will be saying prayers of Thanksgiving and discussing ways to give thanks by reaching out and helping others. The children will be working on an outreach project as well as identifying small things they can do at home and school that could make a big difference for some else.

Thanksgiving will be a two-week unit, where the children will have a choice of either participating in a drama workshop or making a fun craft project.

Treasurer’s Report

As always, thanks to all who have donated to St. James. As of October 24, we had collected \$137,400 in pledges out of \$179,000 anticipated pledge dollars. If you have fallen behind in you pledge payments, please catch up as you are able. Your donations help pay staff salaries, and keep our facilities running. If, at any time, you need information about your pledge, please contact the office or Jan Wilson.

The 2011 Stewardship Campaign is off and running. Thanks go out to Blair Jones. If you missed the kickoff presentation, you should have received a packet of information with all the stewardship information.

A few of the important financial points:

- Our total projected expenses for 2011 is \$236,159.
- Most of the expenses are for staffing and facility expenses and other expenses that are non-negotiable.
- The goal for pledges is \$190,000. We are also hoping to add at least 10 new donors.
- The average donation needed to cover our budget is about \$2,000 per pledging unit.
- An anonymous donor has offered an incentive of a St. James T-shirt or golf shirt with St. James logo for anyone who raises their pledge to \$2,000 or over or for anyone raising their pledge over \$2,000 if they were already pledging \$2,000 or more. The money raised for the T-shirts goes to our Outreach efforts.

Stewardship is not only donating your dollars. You will also find on the back of your pledge card a list of possible ways that you can donate your time and talents to St. James.

We ask that you return your pledge cards as soon as you can. Please return them either by putting them in the offertory plate at church at the service, by mailing or dropping off to the church office by November 21st.

Ecclesiasticus 35:12-13  
*12 Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford.*  
*13 For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold.*

Please prayerfully consider your donations of treasure, talent, and time.

St. James Church Day School

The Day School is having a great fall with a lot of books and activities related to apples and leaves and pumpkins. Harvest and Giving Thanks are the main themes for November.

We are having a BIG fundraiser at Barnes & Noble and would appreciate any support you can give us. The St. James’ Church Day School Barnes & Noble Bookfair is November 6th and you can also purchase online from November 6-11. You simply need to mention St. James when you check out at the register and the Day School will receive a percentage of your purchases (or Visit [bn.com/bookfairs](http://bn.com/bookfairs) to support us online from 11/6/10 to 11/11/10 by entering Bookfair ID 10317758 at checkout). Look for the flyer posted in the entrance to the Parish Hall for more details and please pass the word to your friends and families. Thank you for your continued support and have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

**Determining What to Pledge**

Determining what to pledge is not always an easy process. It can even be uncomfortable. This is intended to provide ideas to help you get started. First, remember our objective: to empower St. James’ to broaden its Christian mission by growing spiritually, increasing outreach, comforting each other when in need, and engaging in sacred experiences. To meet this goal, we need to annually increase pledge income by 5-10% to keep the operating budget balanced and still provide additional support for expanding ministries. In 2010, pledges ranged from \$100 to nearly \$15,000. With this objective in mind, there are several ways to think about giving:

Approach	Description
• Fair Share	Some people start thinking about their pledge by wanting to give their “fair share” to support the work of the church. If the 2010 parish budget were divided evenly among the 2010 pledgers, the average “fair share” would be approximately \$2,000.
• Proportionate Giving	Since not everyone is in the same financial position, proportionate giving focuses on considering your pledge as a percentage of your income and then making a personal commitment to maintain or increase that percentage from year to year. That would mean that in years in which your income rises, to maintain your proportion, your pledge would rise also. Some people set a target goal and over a number of years, work to achieve this target. What is the right goal? The biblical standard is the tithe (10 percent), which the Episcopal Church has endorsed.
• Faith Giving	Rather than giving to support a church program, some people think of their pledge as a way to give back to God some of the bounty that God has bestowed on us. In that light, determining a pledge is a reflective process that begins by examining the gifts we have received before we consider what we give.
• “First Fruits”	“First Fruits” is an approach by which someone gives the first part of any gifts received to the church. This approach lends itself to an ongoing giving orientation, reminding us that all of our gifts come from God.

Regardless of the manner by which you arrive at your pledge amount, we hope that you will take the time to consider what St. James Church means to you and this community.