

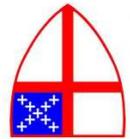
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## Holy Week Worship at St. James

### Palm Sunday

April 9 • 9:30am  
Blessing of the Palms and  
Holy Eucharist  
(Bring bells to ring)

### Maundy Thursday

April 13 • 6pm  
Communal meal,  
the Lord's Supper  
(Eucharist)  
and Stripping of the Altar

### Good Friday

April 14 • 7pm  
Tenebrae service

### The Great Vigil of Easter

April 15 • 7pm  
with Eucharist  
(Bring bells to ring)

### Easter Service

April 16 • 9:30am  
followed by  
Easter Egg Hunt



# St. James' Episcopal Church

N E W S L E T T E R

April 2017



Welcome Father Cyr

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## REGULAR SERVICES:

**Saturday, 4pm • Sunday, 9:30am, nursery provided**  
**Church office hours: Mon. - Fri. 9-12pm**

### *Staff:*

Rector: Rev. Gary Cyr  
Minister of Music: Richard Lloyd • Sexton: "Mujo" Salkic  
Administrative Assistant: Tacie Languen • Godly Play Director: Sharon Pick

### *Vestry:*

Senior Warden: John Pick • Junior Warden: Pat Davis  
Kathy Collett • John Crossley • Chris Fox • Randy Grant • Sue Hecklau  
Deb Lucas • Terry Neil • Sharon Pick • Randy Wilson  
Treasurer: Jan Wilson

Webmistress: Patricia Jue • Newsletter: Pat Evans

### *Leadership Group Chairs:*

Communications: Kathy Collett  
Fellowship: Terry Neil  
Finance: Mike Baldwin  
Investment: Craig Heuss  
Outreach: Pat Evans  
Property Management: Sharon Williams  
Search: Karen Anderson & Randy Wilson  
Worship: Kathy Collett  
Youth: Rahel Elmer Reger



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.

## Worship

**Palm Sunday** (and our new Rector's first official services at St. James!) The Sunday before Easter is known as Palm Sunday, but it is also known as the Sunday of the Passion. On this day we remember the Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey as the prophets foretold the Messiah would do. The palms are blessed, on Saturday at the back of the church, and on Sunday, in the Parish Hall. On Sunday, after the blessing, we process into the sanctuary. The Godly Play class will join the procession into the church, then march back out to class. Bring bells, kazoos, drums and such to make it a true parade! Quickly, however, comes a dramatic change in the tone of worship from the grand entrance of Jesus to the story of his betrayal, trial, crucifixion, and burial as we take part in the Passion Narrative. We leave the church in silence. (No coffee hour this day).



**Maundy Thursday** "Maundy" comes from the Latin word "mandate," meaning, "commandment." Historically, Maundy Thursday marks the occasion of the Last Supper and Jesus' entrance into the Garden of Gethsemane where he will be betrayed by Judas. We also remember Jesus' words "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

We will begin in the Parish Hall by sharing in a communal meal together; bring Mediterranean style food to share, as you are able. We celebrate Eucharist. At the close of the service we'll make our way into the sanctuary for the stripping of the altar. From the darkened church, the congregation departs in silence.

**Good Friday** What's good about a Friday when Christ dies? The goodness is found in the Passion according to John, always read on Good Friday, where the cross is not a defeat, but a victory—a victory over the powers of death, sin and darkness. At 7pm we hold a Tenebrae service. The word 'tenebrae' is Latin for shadows. This service recreates the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events of Good Friday. There is no Holy Communion on this day. Following the tradition of the Church, we do not celebrate the Lord's Supper between Good Friday and the observance of Easter. The service closes with the Solemn Collects and the congregation departs in silence.

**Why do we exit in silence on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday?** The silent exit is an important part of these services as it is an opportunity for each of us to meditate on Jesus' Passion and his great love and sacrifice for each of us. It is difficult for some of us to not greet others at the end of the service, but please do leave in silence.

**The Easter Vigil** The Great Vigil is the liturgical highpoint of the Church year. The Vigil begins in silence and darkness, the darkness that marks the end of Holy Week, and moves to the

light and joyous alleluias of the first Eucharist of the Great Fifty Days of Easter. The first portion of worship will be Scripture readings telling the story of God's power through history, followed by a renewal of our baptismal covenant. Then, "lights on" and "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" and the ringing of bells. BRING BELLS TO RING! The Vigil is the most dramatic worship service of the Church year, and we invite you to be present for this time of quiet and dark, followed by joyful noise and light.

**Easter Day** Originally, the early Church marked Easter through the Easter Vigil, which in its original form included observance of both the death and resurrection of Jesus. By the fourth century, the Church began observing the death of Jesus separately on Good Friday, turning Easter into the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This is the day when we mark that Christ is alive, and through his resurrection, we, too, are given the gift of life. Jesus breaks the bonds of death, breaking them on our behalf. Bring festive food to share for coffee hour; an Easter Egg hunt for children follows the service.



### Holy Week Renewal of Vows and Blessing of the Oils

Bishop DeDe invites the entire diocesan community, clergy and laypeople, to a special Holy Week observance. The Episcopal Church raises up our leaders in community, therefore we will gather as a diocesan community to share Holy Eucharist and to support our ordained clergy leaders as they renew their vows and receive the bishop's blessing on their year's supply of sacramental oil.

In order to allow as many community members as possible to attend, three identical services will take place in three different locations in the Diocese:

- Monday, April 10th, 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Church, 229 Sherman Street, Watertown
- Tuesday, April 11th, 12:00 p.m. at St. David's Church, 14 Jamar Drive, DeWitt
- Tuesday, April 11th, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Church, 728 River Road, Chenango Bridge

Each service will be led by Bishop DeDe and includes a celebration of Holy Eucharist, clergy renewal of vows, and a blessing of holy oils.



### Save the Date! Bishop's Ball

Join Bishop DeDe at the Bishop's Ball for youth in grades 6–12. Optional overnight at St. David's Church includes Sunday morning worship. When: Saturday, May 20th, 6:00–10:00 p.m.; overnight option through Sunday morning worship on May 21st. Where: St. David's Church, 14 Jamar Drive, DeWitt.

## Vestry News

Due to “Winter Storm Stella”, there was no Vestry Meeting in March. That is not to say, there hasn’t been a lot of happenings around St. James!

This past Saturday morning, I welcomed a moving van with all of Father Gary’s “worldly possessions” to the rectory at St. James. On March 29th, he will be arriving to begin his journey with us. This is an exciting time for us!

On this past Saturday evening, we gathered for a Parish Potluck in the parish hall, to give thanks for all of those who have gotten us to this point through some difficult times. It truly felt like a chapter of our history was coming to an end, with an exciting new chapter beginning. By the time this newsletter reaches everyone, many will have already met Gary and had the opportunity to welcome him to our community. Please take the time to wear a name tag. This will make Gary’s transition with us much easier.

For the past two years, the “Vestry News” portion of the newsletter has served the dual purposes as vestry news and a more spiritual message usually served by the Rector’s report. Hopefully next month we will return to the more traditional format. While Mark, Patty, and I have tried our best to fill the “spiritual messenger” role, I for one am looking forward to reading Gary’s words in this section.

So in stepping down from the role, I can only say thank you for the support that all of the wardens have received over the past two years and may we continue to follow God’s path into the future as we have to this point!

– John Pick



Sunday, April 16 following Easter Service

## Children’s Ministry

Welcome spring and the beautiful flowers blooming and birds returning to visit us and sing their songs.

We have been preparing for the Mystery of Easter these past few weeks and will be joining in waving palm branches on Palm Sunday. We will process thru the Sanctuary with our St. James’ family and friends. We then think of Jesus during Holy Week; on Holy Thursday at the Last Supper and on Good Friday when Jesus died for us. Let us prepare for Easter Sunday; the day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and his rising up to Heaven.

Godly Play children will also be presented with stories to show us some of the teachings of Jesus while he was with his disciples. These parables can each give us important lessons to live by.

Come join us while we participate in our Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday following our 9:30 am service.

All young children are welcomed and encouraged to join us in the Godly Play area off the kitchen at 9:15 am.

– Sharon Pick

## Property Committee

There’s been a lot of behind-the-scenes Property management work going on. The rectory is in great shape for Father Gary to move in to. Thank you to all of the folks who have helped in many ways over the past months to prepare our new rector’s new home.

The ancient, crud-clogged, cast-iron kitchen drain pipe has been replaced with a new, clean, lovely plastic pipe—the sink should drain wonderfully. However, it continues to be important that we not let solid food stuff go down the drain. Thanks to everyone for helping to keep our drains clean.

Due to our steep, intersecting roofs and our Central N.Y. snow loads, water damage to exterior walls/butresses has occurred in numerous spots. In the next few weeks, repair of exterior walls will be taking place.

And maybe sometime this month all of the snow will be gone and we can do a yard clean up! Stay tuned.

– Sharon Williams

## Memorial Flowers for Easter

Those wishing to provide an Easter plant for the altar may do so by using the special envelopes in the pews or completing the following form. If you would like to take your plant after the Sunday service, please note this on your envelope or check. A minimum donation of \$20 is requested. Checks should be made payable to St. James’ Church Altar Guild with the notation “Easter plant.”

Parishioner’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Will take plant after Sunday’s service?: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form and return it to the parish office with your minimum donation of \$20.00 before Monday, April 10. Thank you.

Easter plants will also be delivered to shut-in members of the parish so they may know that we think of them and include them in our celebrations. If you would like to receive a plant or know of someone who would like one, please call the church office. And if you could volunteer some time to deliver a plant to a shut-in member of the parish, we would greatly appreciate it. Simply select a name from the sign-up sheets in the back of the church and make arrangements to visit. Thank you.



## Music



Here's a great quote from a New York Times article, dated Aug. 8, 2010: "The pastoral vocation is to help people grow spiritually, resist their lowest impulses and adopt higher, more compassionate ways. But churchgoers increasingly want pastors to soothe and entertain them. It's apparent in the theater-style seating and giant projection screens in churches.... Congregations that make such demands seem not to realize that most clergy don't sign up to be soothsayers or entertainers."

Yes, entertainers—and that's where I come in! If pastors have this challenge, Ministers of Music do as well. The St. James' choirs know how I feel about this subject, as, once in a while, I find myself reminding us all that, no matter how much fun we are having and how well we happen to sing at a particular service, the bottom line is that we are worship leaders, not performers at a concert. Hopefully, the beauty of the music and lyrics will inspire us and lead us to a better understanding of why we have come together.

And speaking of beautiful lyrics, here are those that will be sung on Easter Sunday. These were written by the great 17th Century mystical poet George Herbert:

I got me flowers to strew thy way;  
I got me boughs off many a tree:  
But thou wast up by break of day,  
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.

The Sun arising in the East,  
Though he give light, the earth perfume;  
If they should offer to contest  
With thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this,  
Though many suns to shine endeavor?  
We count three hundred, but we miss:  
There is but one, and that one ever.

Alleluiah!

— Richard Lloyd

## St. James Day School News

April themes at the Day School revolve around Animals in Spring and author/illustrator Eric Carle. We will focus on baby animals along with counting and rhyming. Our students are becoming wonderful illustrators and authors by creating their own books. Our visits to the Kirkland Town Library and the CCS Kindergarten will be highlights in April!

We are still accepting registrations for the 2017-18 school year. If you know of anyone who is interested in information on St. James' Church Day School, please email [sjdayschool@gmail.com](mailto:sjdayschool@gmail.com) or drop a note in our mailbox or leave a message (853-5359 x14) and we will share an information packet.

Finally, Reminder: Save the Date - May 20th for a party at the MKJ Farm to benefit St. James' Day School!

— Cindy Wirene, Head Teacher

## Outreach

In March the outreach committee voted to donate a \$250 to the End Hunger project ([endhungerne.org](http://endhungerne.org)) that the Sauquoit Rotary Club is sponsoring in April. Meals packed will be distributed to several local organizations.

Karen Anderson has provided the following update on Haiti. For the past several years we have had a partnership relationship with Pere Fred and St. Paul's in Beaudin Jean Pierre, Haiti. St. Paul's is the village church and school for the children. Beaudin Jn Pierre is in the mountains of Haiti. Our past support has provided school lunches for the students, paid the teacher's salaries, and paid the down payment on a new



building for the school/church. We recently made a donation along with many other people and churches that helped Pere Fred purchase a used truck. Until this truck became available, Pere Fred's only form of transportation was a motorcycle.

Throughout lent we have been collecting funds to send to Pere Fred to feed the students and pay the staff at St. Paul's. The need in Haiti is great. Any contribution you can make is welcome. As we said at the March pot-luck, Pere Fred serves 15 different parishes in Haiti. Delivering rice and beans to those parishes will be infinitely easier with this new truck.

We recently received a grant from the Diocese for \$3500. That will pay off the remainder of the mortgage on the school/church building. You may be thinking, isn't that enough? But the reality is, there is never enough. Any contributions you can make are appreciated. Special thanks to Diane and Mike Baldwin for their very generous gift.

If you are interested in going to Haiti please see Karen Anderson. She is organizing a trip to visit Pere Fred and go to Beaudin Jn Pierre to make personal connections with the community. Our goal is to help them become self-sustaining.

We will update you in the next newsletter as to the amount we raised to send to our sisters and brothers in Haiti. Pere Fred and St. Paul's send their sincere thanks and want us to know that they keep us in their prayers. Please hold them in your prayers.

The **Women's Spirituality group** will be reading *The Conversation: A Revolutionary Plan for End-of-Life Care*, by Angelo Volandes, for a meeting on Monday, May 1 (there are conflicts on April 25, which would be the normal fourth Monday). We need suggestions for future readings -- maybe some fiction next? So if you've read a book that you think could spur lively discussion, please recommend it! We meet in the St. James library room starting at 7:00, usually on fourth Mondays. Please join us!

# April 2017

**The YMCA's before and after school program meets in the Parish Hall on school days from 6:30-9am and 3:30-6pm.**

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday                                 | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday                                    | Saturday  |
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|   |   |   | 29<br>11:30am Lectionary Study  | 30<br>7:45am Men's Coffee<br>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal   | 31<br>6pm Outcast(Parish Hall)            | 1<br>4pm Worship Service                        |
| 2<br>9:30am Worship Service<br>6pm Outcast(Parish Hall)   | 3<br>5:00pm Zumba<br>6:15pm R. Murray Painting Group  | 4<br>6:30 pm Tapestry<br>8pm AA Meeting | 5<br>10:30am Handiwork Group<br>11:30am Lectionary Study<br>6pm Lenten Series | 6<br>7:45am Men's Coffee<br>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal  | 7<br>6pm Outcast(Parish Hall)             | 8<br>4pm Worship Service                        |
| 9 Palm Sunday<br>9:30am Worship Service<br>3:30Youth Group<br>6pm Outcast(Parish Hall)  | 10<br>5:00pm Zumba<br>6:15pm R. Murray Painting Group | 11<br>6:30pm Tapestry<br>8pm AA Meeting | 12<br>11:30am Lectionary Study  | 13<br>7:45am Men's Coffee<br>9:00am Fiber Arts Guild<br>5:30 Maundy Thursday Dinner<br>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal | 14 Good Friday<br>7pm Good Friday Service | 15 Holy Saturday<br>8pm Easter Vigil            |
| 16 Easter Sunday<br>9:30am Worship Service<br>Easter Egg Hunt   | 17<br>5:00pm Zumba<br>6:15pm R. Murray Painting Group | 18<br>6:30pm Tapestry<br>8pm AA Meeting | 19<br>11:30am Lectionary Study<br>7pm Vestry Meeting                          | 20<br>7:45am Men's Coffee<br>6:30pm PM Meeting<br>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal                                      | 21  | 22<br>4pm Worship Service                       |
| 23<br>9:30am Worship Service<br>3:30pm Youth Group<br><br>30<br>9:30am Worship Service<br>11am "Extended" Thank You Coffee Hour | 24<br>5:00pm Zumba<br>6:15pm R. Murray Painting Group | 25<br>6:30pm Tapestry<br>8pm AA Meeting | 26<br>11:30am Lectionary Study<br>6pm Mohawk Valley Dog Training Club         | 27<br>7:45am Men's Coffee<br>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal   | 28  | 29<br>4pm Worship Service<br>5pm Spring Potluck |

April Altar Guild: Wendy Weber, Mary Javorski & Patricia Jue

## April Server Schedule

| Date           | Acolytes                             | Nursery                    | Lectors   | Eucharistic Ministers          | Ushers/Greeters                  |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Sat. Apr. 1    |                                      |                            | Matt Weber  | Patricia Jue                   | Matt & Wendy Weber               |
| Sun. Apr. 2    | Sydney Evans<br>Anna Reger           | Rahel Reger<br>Sofie Reger | Kate Marquardt  | Karen Anderson<br>Mike Baldwin | Randy Wilson<br>Pat Davis        |
| Sat. Apr. 8    |                                      |                            | Kathy Heuss   | Rahel Reger                    | Craig & Kathy Heuss              |
| Sun. Apr. 9    | Louis Pinto<br>Henry Fehlner         | Alison & Olivia Peto       | Lorna Grant   | Bill Kistner<br>Mary Lou Iles  | Don Neil<br>Pat Davis            |
| Thurs. Apr. 13 |                                      |                            | Brian Collett   |                                |                                  |
| Fri. Apr. 14   |                                      |                            | Matt Weber, Karen Anderson<br>Jan & Randy Wilson                    | Karen Anderson                 |                                  |
| Sat. Apr. 15   |                                      |                            | Jackie Medina, Chris Fox<br>Sharon Pick, Kathy Collett<br>Pat Evans | Karen Anderson<br>John Pick    | Matt Weber<br>Chris Fox          |
| Sun. Apr. 16   | Mia Davis, Olivia Peto<br>Gigi Pinto |                            |   | Gail Prentice<br>Randy Wilson  | John & Cynthia<br>Crossley       |
| Sat. Apr. 22   |                                      |                            | Patty Fox   | Chris Fox                      | Chris & Patty Fox                |
| Sun. Apr. 23   | Margaret Jones<br>Nick Pinto         |                            | Sharon Williams   | Barbara Swetman<br>Judy Logan  | Wendy Seifried<br>Karen Anderson |
| Sat. Apr. 29   |                                      |                            | Matt Weber  | Wendy Weber                    | Matt & Wendy Weber               |
| Sun. Apr. 30   | Mia Davis<br>Charlotte Jones         | Emma Davis<br>Sophia Pinto | J. Wakefield-Wright   | Kathy Collett<br>Patricia Jue  | Chris Evans<br>Ben Fehlner       |

## April Cycle of Prayer

*Please pray for the families of:*

- April 1 Ron & Mary House, Diana Howard, Sally Humphrey, Ken & Mary Lou Iles, Mary Javorski & Bob Redfield, Helen Jeffrey
- April 8 Cathy & Dana Jerrard, Ted & Janet Johnson, Blair & Gordon Jones, Joan Jones, Pam & Rick Joswick
- April 15 Patricia Jue & David Evans, Rev. Jeff Kane, Leata Kay Soppe, Beverly King, Bill Kistner, Elizabeth & Richard Klug
- April 22 Adam & Linda Lark, Mark Linderman, John & Janice Livingston, Judy Logan, Laura Love, Sandra Love
- April 29 Deborah Lucas, Cynthia Majka, Richard Manzelmann, Kate Marquardt, Cheryl McCann, Gerald & Susan McConnell