

From St. James' with Love

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Dear People of God,

The first Christians observed with great devotion of the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

Therefore, you are invited in the name of the church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. (BCP p. 264-265)

Lent begins at St. James with Ash Wednesday on February 17. Our Ash Wednesday liturgy will begin with a 7:00 a.m. service of Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes (no sermon). At 12:00 noon the Ecumenical Service (with the Imposition of Ashes) and Luncheon will be held at St. James. The luncheon will be soup and bread. The Ash Wednesday liturgy of Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes will also be held at 7:00 p.m. Please make every effort to attend one of these services.

During the first four Monday's of March, you are invited to gather at 7:00 p.m. in the Undercroft (Keeler Hall) for "Living the Faith" with Fr. Phil Kuhn. The program will end by 8:30 p.m. Fr. Kuhn is an excellent teacher, and we look forward to joining him for this program. If you cannot come to all four Monday nights, please try to set aside those that you can to be there. A snack and coffee/tea will be provided.

For you information: Ecumenical Services and Luncheons throughout Lent.

DATE	LOCATION	PREACHING
February 17	St. James'	Maureen O'Neill
February 24	St. Gabriel's	The Rev. James Moore
March 3	Methodist Church	The Rev. Sandra Curtis
March 10	Presbyterian Church	Pastor Howard Armstrong
March 17	St. James'	The Rev. Paul Rowley
March 24	St. Gabriel's	Pastor Ed Spencer
March 28	No Service	
April 2	12:00 noon An Ecumenical Good Friday service at the Presbyterian Church	
April 4	The Methodist Church invites all of us to a Sunrise Service at the Head of the Lake. It will be followed by breakfast at the Methodist Church	

St. James' will, of course, observe the liturgies of the Church for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Great Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Services and times will be on the calendar and in your next newsletter.

PRAYER CORNER

We ask all at St. James Church to keep the following people in their prayers.

†Cecil	†Roxie	†Jim	†Amy	†Bud
†Adrienne	†Floyd	†John	†Charlene	†Walter
†Pat	†Lillian	†Heather	†Carolyn	†Ruth
†Hal	†Betty	†Curtis	†Mary	†Sue
†Carl	†The Howard family	†Lori	†Jessica	†Charles
†Jean	†Hunter	†Rick	†Bill	†Candy
†June	†Teralin	†Chris	†Mike	†Mary Beth
†David	†Adam	†Nancy	†Alice	†Betsy
†Gene	McKennah	†Georgia	†Kathy	†Marie
†Richard	†Kali	†Peter	†Cora	†Michele
†Gail	†Doug	†Maria	†Lee	†linda
The Church of Kisima in Kenya	Trinity Church in Canaseraga	†Patty		

Those who serve our country in the military, especially Vance, Forrest, Zac, AJ, Michael, Lael and Grayson.
Those who suffer with addictions

(Please let Mother C. know how people on the prayer list are doing)

Vestry Highlights

December 9, 2009

- Barbara Brayer reported on the pledges and said they were not all in.
- Proceeds from the Apple Pie sale of \$1421.00 were put into Missions.
- The January Italian Dinner has been put on hold and a date will be decided on later.
- Accepted the proposed budget for 2010 in the amount of \$85,064.66.
- Accepted the 2010 Housing Resolution for the Rev. Sandra Curtis and placed it on file.
- The Holiday Bazaar money of over \$3000.00 was put into the Debt Repayment Fund.
- Leah Nichiporuk was nominated for Warden. Ted Dykas, Nick Forenz and Pete Manikas have been nominated for a three-year term on the Vestry, and Jim Grillo has been nominated for a two year term to take over the rest of Leah Nichiporuk's term.
- Changed Vestry Meeting night from Wednesday to Thursday in 2010.
- Sent \$1400.00 to Missions. Listed below are the various organizations.

Christmas Families	\$ 400.00
Food Pantry	200.00
Project CARE	100.00
Joseph's Hammer	200.00
Habitat for Humanity/Steuben Co.	200.00
Heifer, International	100.00
Hammondsport Vacation Bible School	200.00
- Bob Hunn has volunteered to do the snow removal.
- Ladies of the church will be putting the kitchen in order as soon as the kitchen is ready.
- Cleaning of the organ will be put off until spring.
- A request item for the Taylor letter will be proposed.
- Dedication of our newly renovated Undercroft by Bishop Singh will take place in late June or early July.
- Nick Forenz gave an update on the Undercroft. Progress is being made, but we still have many little tasks to perform.

HAITI

The two weeks after the Haiti earthquake, the people of St. James' contributed \$1750 to help with the plight of people there. That money was sent to Episcopal Relief and Development where it could be put to immediate use. Some of you said you still wanted to contribute to help the people of Haiti. If you still wish to help, send or place in the offering your check made out to St. James, and mark the memo "Haiti." We will send it to help the people of Haiti. A sincere thank you to all who have contributed to this cause.

COFFEE HOUR

Hosts and hostesses are needed to provide refreshments for Coffee Hour in 2010. A new sheet for the year is posted near the Coffee Bar. If you are willing to provide for Coffee Hour for a particular Sunday, please sign up.

Women's Group

We are considering starting a women's group at St. James if there is enough interest. The group could have varied purposes from friendship and fellowship to working on various projects for the Church or the Holiday Bazaar. We are thinking of meeting on the third or fourth Thursday morning of the month at 9:30 a.m. We might enjoy breakfast together or just have coffee and tea. If you have a preference for the time we meet or have some ideas for our meetings, please let Sandy+ know, as we would like to start in March.

SOCKS FOR THE VA

Two hundred pair of socks were delivered to the V. A. Hospital in Bath three days before Christmas. The socks were given in memory of Paul and Jane Aeschbacher. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this wonderful cause.

From the VA: Thank you for your gift of socks for veteran patients, in memory of Jane and Paul Aeschbacher. We are grateful for the interest and support we receive from caring individuals and organizations, and we thank you for your generosity. Sincerely yours, Mary Harkis, Voluntary Service

FROM THE MAIL

From the family of Bruce Herrick: Your thoughtfulness meant much more than any words can say. Thank you for making all the food. You will never know how much it meant to us. thank you Very Much.

From Health Ministry of the Southern Tier, We would like to thank yu for your generosity in supporting our mission. You can be confident that your donation of \$100 will be used to meet the medical and dental needs of those in the Bath community who are uninsured and cannot afford to pay for these much needed services. Sincerely Michael J. Slovak, Executive drector and Donald McCabe Jr. Board President

From the American Red Cross: With your timely contribution of \$100.00, we are helping to provide critical assistance to people. We thank you for you compassionate support of the Red Cross. Sincerely, Joel Robinson, Jr. Executive Director

FROM CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL Thank you for sharing the holiday spirit with your sponsored child, Dennise. She is receiving a new pair of denim jeans and three pairs of socks. Wearing the right clothing helps a youth feel comfortable and well-dressed, which encourages them to be confident and give their best at their studies. I hope you know how much your caring is appreciated by your child. Sincerely Tina L. Palcher, Director of Sponsor Services.

From the Food Pantry: The volunteers of the Food Pantry are so appreciative of the thoughtful concerns and caring the St. St. James congregations has shown in the planning and remodeling of our new "home." and now they have given us a donation! Please extend to them our sincere thanks. A joyful New Year! Suzanne Steeves

From the Food Bank of the Southern Tier: Please accept my deepest gratitude for you kind donation of \$100.00. Your gift will be used to provide food to our Southern Tier neighbors who find themselves struggling to make ends meet. Without people like you, we would not be able to keep up with the increasing need for emergency food assistance. Sincerely, Natasha R. Thompson, President

From Wallace Wesleyan Church Thank you so very much for your generous gift of the large TV. It will be enjoyed and appreciated for many years. Already our Monday night ladies Bible Study group has thoroughly enjoyed using it. Its great when all can see the program. Your Friends in Christ.

From Covenant House: Thank you so much for your kind \$30.00 donation. Your love and support is a precious gift in our Kids' lives. Gratefully, Kevin Ryan, President

LAY MINISTERS

	CHALICE	ACOLYTES	READERS	USHERS
FEBRUARY 7 EPIPHANY V	M. Herrick	J. Grillo	NT Co. Van Houten OT S. Wilson	N. Forenz P. Forenz
14 LAST EPIPHANY	C. Van Houten	L. Nichiporuk	OT D. Erway NT N. Torp	J. Grillo L. Grillo
17 ASH WEDNESDAY	C. Skinner		C. Bidwell	
FEBRUARY 21 LENT I	J. Grillo	N. Forenz	OT E. Kosan NT M. White	T. Dykas S. Dykas
FEBRUARY 28 LENT II	L. Nichiporuk	C. Skinner	OT Ce. Van Houten NT M. Herrick	B. Frey R. Frey
MARCH 7 LENT III	N. Forenz	L. Nichiporuk	OT C. Bidwell NT J. Grillo	W. Barney D. Barney
14 LENT IV	C. Skinner	J. Grillo	NT S. Pulver OT Co. Van Houten	N. Forenz P. Forenz
21 LENT V	M. Herrick	N. Forenz	NT S. Wilson OT D. Erway	J. Grillo L. Grillo
28 PALM SUNDAY	C. Van Houten	C. Skinner	OT J. Skinner NT Ce. Van Houten	T. Dykas S. Dykas
APRIL 1 MAUNDY THURSDAY	L. Nichiporuk		OT M. White NT C. Bidwell	
2 GOOD FRIDAY	C. Van Houten		OT Co. Van Houten NT C. Skinner	
3 GREAT EASTER VIGIL	C. Skinner		Co. Van Houten M. White N. Torp Ce. Van Houten S. Wilson J. Skinner	B. Frey R. Frey
4 EASTER SUNDAY	J. Grillo	N. Forenz	NT M. Herrick OT J. Skinner	L. Grillo M. White
11 I EASTER	L. Nichiporuk	J. Grillo	OT S. Wilson NT D. Erway	W. Barney D. Barney
18 II EASTER	. Forenz	C. Skinner	OT N. Torp NT M. White	T. Dykas S. Dykas
25 III EASTER	M. Herrick	L. Nichiporuk	NT S. Pulver OT E. Kosan	N. Forenz P. Forenz

If you are unable to serve, please ask someone else to take your place

Link to
[St. James' 12-Month Calendar](http://my.calendars.net/sj14840calendar/)
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ST. JAMES CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!
Sunday School - 52 weeks a year!

HOLY EUCHARIST
SUNDAY AT 9:00 A.M.

Vestry and Delegates to Convention

Wardens: Leah Nichiporuk - first year, Barbara Brayer - second year

Vestry: Ted Dykas, Pete Manikas, Nick Forenz - 1st year

Tom Noteware, James Grillo, Karen Derr - 2nd year

Mary White, Floyd French, Jan Smith - 3rd year

Delegates to Convention: Leah Nichiporuk 1st; Charles Skinner - 2nd; Betty Frey - 3rd

Clerk of the Vestry: Betty Frey

Treasurer: Karen Derr

Pledge Clerk: Barbara Brayer

Choir Director and Organist: Elenor Boutwell

Christian Education: Lin Bretherton

Rector: The Rev. Sandra K. Curtis, MS Ed., M Div.

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