

From St. James' with Love

Corner of Lake and Main
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Hammondsport, New York
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November 2010

The Rev. Sandra K. Curtis, Rector

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Dear People of God,

Do you understand what you have done? St. James' is a little rural parish on the Corner of Lake and Main Streets in Hammondsport, NY. The village population is in the 700's. Yet, despite the fact that we live in an area that is demographically decreasing, we continue with a slow, but steady growth, and we have completed numerous improvement projects for St. James'. When so many small parishes are closing their doors, why do we continue to grow? I have some thoughts.

First and foremost, I think it is because we try our best to live lives that would be pleasing to our Lord. Are we perfect? No! But we daily struggle with the journey set before us, and we don't give up. What is most important to us as a Christian community, and as individuals, is our trust in Jesus Christ.

Now, I said we weren't perfect. Through our years as a Christian church, we have learned that it can even be difficult at times to live together in community. We remain a busy church with many projects and activities. People can upset us, frustrate us, and sometimes even hurt us. In the midst of it all, we keep being reminded by our Lord of the need to forgive and grow in love. That is how we seem to work here at St. James', and that, I think, is one of the reasons we continue to grow.

I pray that we will always remain faithful to our Lord in all we do. After all, Christ is the only reason for which we exist. All we have accomplished, even our beautiful church, means nothing without Jesus Christ as our guide.

Jesus' words should always give us counsel: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind." We express that love through our worship. Worship on a faithful basis is essential to all we do. It is in our worship that we are reminded of what Jesus Christ has done for us. His death on the cross and bodily resurrection give us the promise of eternal life. We are fed and sent back into the world to do Christ's work.

We have tried to be faithful to the remainder of Jesus' quote: "and love your neighbor as yourself." There are different ways of looking at his words. One thing we have done is try to be faithful in reaching out to others in need. We have done this locally, nationally and world wide. Uncounted hours have been donated to assist others whenever needed, and thousands and thousands of dollars have left St. James' to help others. That has been possible only because of the tremendous generosity of the people who worship here.

Another way of working with Jesus' quote is living in community and working together. The only reason we were able to complete our recent renovation was because of the incredible generosity of the people who worship here. They gave their time, their talent and their money. Some gave gifts of money for materials and resources. Others gave enormous amounts of time and talent as they took care of large and small projects, as they worked hours and hours. I'm sure some of them think they got away with giving quietly and moved about unnoticed, but not so. We know who you are and what you have done for us, and we are grateful. St. James' is blessed with the people God has sent here, and your generosity - time, talent and treasure - and your care of others in Christ's name, has made it possible for St. James' to continue to grow. May it always be so. Thank you and much love.

PRAYER CORNER

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

Cecil	The Howard Family	Carolyn	McKennah
Adrienne	Ted	Charlene	Michele
Pat	Teralin	Mary	Robert
Ruth	Doug	Jessica	Bud
Carl	Kali	Hunter	Greg
Gene	Curtis	Bill	Candy
Jean	Georgia	Mike	Karin
Richard	Peter	Marie	Dan
Nita	Nancy	Lillian	Tom
Roxie	Maria	Cora	Barbara
David	Charles	Lee	Garry
Dorie	Amy	Julie	Eva
Lori	George	Deena	Zack
Linda	Jim	John	Bruce
Marilyn	Family of Don Clark at the death of his mother-in-law		

The Church of Kisima in Kenya Trinity Church in Canaseraga Those who suffer with addictions
Those who serve our country in the military, especially Forrest, Zac, AJ, Lael and Grayson.
(Please let Mother C. know how people on the prayer list are doing).

Vestry Highlights

- Accepted the May and June minutes and filed for audit.
- Accepted the June, July and August treasurer's report and filed for audit.
- J. Grillo presented the audit that has been sent to the Diocese. Everything was in order and there were no recommendations for changes. Accepted.
- Transferred \$375.72, designated for the piano in the Memorial Fund, to the Piano Fund to complete the payment of the piano.
- The Rummage Sale profit of \$1026.45 was placed in Debt Repayment.
- Forwarded the plate offering of \$288 on the day of the Bishop's visit to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.
- Barbara Brayer informed the Vestry that she would like to relinquish her position as Pledge Clerk. We are in contact with a person to be the new Pledge Clerk, but the appointment has not yet been made.
- Sandy+ will write the Stewardship Letter this year.
- A Budget Meeting date was set for December 2.
- A new adding machine has been donated.
- A Chicken and Biscuit Dinner, chaired by Nancy French, will be held on October 9.
- William Kingham will chair this year's Harvest Festival on September 26.
- The Red Cross Progressive Dinner was held the last Friday in August with a profit of \$1300.
- The cross on the top of the church needs repair. J. Grillo will pursue that.
- The door for the Food Pantry has been installed, and we owe a sincere thank you to Bob Hunn.
- Establish a Capital Campaign for the Elevator.
- The Concert on August 26 was a success.
- 90 children attended DVBS this summer with several from St. Jame's attending.
- The Rev. Gary Edmister has been licensed to celebrate and preach in the Diocese of Rochester. We are thankful for his help at St. James".

Holiday Bazaar and Luncheon

St. James' Episcopal Church

**Corner of Lake and Main
Hammondsport, NY**

November 6, 2010

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Luncheon 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

SILENT AUCTION

WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

KNITTED & CROCHETED ITEMS

FLEECE THROWS, GIFT BASKETS

BAKED GOODS, JAMS, PICKLES

EMBROIDERY NAPKINS & TOWELS

TABLE RUNNERS, PLACEMATS

HANDMADE SOAPS AND BATH SALTS

LUNCHEON MENU:

Clam Chowder or Chili with Homemade Bread

Soup and Sandwich

Takeouts Available

LAY MINISTERS

	CHALICE	ACOLYTES	READERS	USHERS
November 7 24 Pentecost	L. Nichiporuk	J. Grillo	NT M. White OT D. Erway	B. Frey R. Frey
14 25 Pentecost	C. Skinner	L. Nichiporuk	NT E. Kosan OT J. Skinner	T. Dykas S. Dykas
21 Last Pentecost	C. Van Houten	C. Skinner	OT Co. VanHouten NT M. Samson	P. Manikas C. Manikas
28 Advent I	J. Grillo	Co. VanHouten	OT S. Wilson NT C. Bidwell	N. Forenz P. Forenz
December 5 Advent II	L. Nichiporuk	J. Grillo	OT N. Torp NT M. White	W. Barney D. Barney
12 Advent III	C. Skinner	L. Nichiporuk	OT S. Pulver NT E. Kosan	J. Grillo L. Grillo
19 Advent IV	Ce. VanHouten	Co. VanHouten	OT J. Skinner NT Ce. VanHouten	B. Frey R. Frey
24 Christmas Eve	L. Nichiporuk	C. Skinner	OT M. Samson NT S. Wilson	N. Forenz P. Forenz
26 Christmas I	J. Grillo	L. Nichiporuk	Ce. Van Houten M. Samson M. White S. Wilson C. Bidwell	T. Dykas S. Dykas

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

REMINDER

If you are going to pledge, do it soon.

Thank you.

Fill out the form below and send it to the pledge clerk, or place in the alms basin.

St. James' Church

P. O. Box 249

Hammondsport, New York 14840

In thanksgiving to God, and in commitment to the ministries of St. James', I/we will participate in these ministries in the year 2011 by offering \$_____ on a ___weekly, ___monthly, ___annual basis for a total annual pledge of \$_____, as well as through the offering of my/our time and talent.

Signed_____

Print name_____

(Pledge Clerk: Barbara Brayer, 14 Curtiss Avenue, Hammondsport, NY 14840)
(Pledge Card)

Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival was a great success. Following Holy Eucharist we gathered in the Flora Keeler Room where 98 people enjoyed a harvest dinner of roast beef, salad, potatoes, fresh vegetables, homemade bread and dessert. It was a time to spend with family and friends and feast in the presence of the Lord who provides abundantly. We all had a wonderful time. Thank you, William Kingham, for putting on the dinner, and thanks to all who assisted. It was truly a blessing.

Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

Sincere thanks to Chair Nancy French for organizing and preparing the Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. With co-chair Michael Samson, and the help of so many from St. James', we netted a profit of \$700. We sold out! Thank you all.

REMINDER: Angel Tree Sunday is December 5. We gather to enjoy brunch after church in the Flora Keeler Room. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy!

The Diocese of Rochester would like to be able to contact you and send the diocesan newsletter to as many people as possible by email. They have requested that St. James' send your email addresses to them so this can be done. It is our policy to NOT share your email information with anyone without your approval. Soooooo, if you are willing to have your email address given to the Diocese so they can forward information to you, please fill out the form below and give it to Mother Curtis to forward to the Diocese.

Name_____

Email Address_____

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

Deacon: The Rev. Thomas Williams, M. Th.

Associate: The Rev. Gary Edmister, M.Div.

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

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