



From St. James' With Love

November 2023



Newsletter



**St. James Vision Statement:**

God asks us to make His love visible in our lives and community. . .  
let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:18)

## Rowans' Cup

I gently hold her cup in my hands pondering the beautiful light golds, browns and red colors that decorate the vessel. Sitting silently, I suddenly realize how aware I am to the presence of God and begin to reflect upon my day. I ask myself how open was I to the presence of God in my day? What forms of love did I receive? What kinds of love did I give? Does anything in my heart need to be emptied out in order for me to be at peace? What things do I Thank God.

## Blessing the Cup

God of Abundant Love and Hope.

Make this cup a symbol of your loving presence.

A sign of your eternal indwelling.

I ask that you create in me a loving and generous heart.

May this cup draw me ever closer to your eternal love.

Craig+

## Prayer List

Kris P, Linda G, Evelyn A, Kimberly J, Nancy S, Midge, Ray K, Tony, Kathy, Jan L, Laverne & Patsy, Patty F, Betty K, Ashlyn, Rachael D, Rebecca H, Alicia, Lindsey, Jon L, Ami C, Raymond S, Winnie, Brian, Elizabeth, Randy, Rick, Cooper, Edda, Michelle R, John R, John P, David R, Jen, Heidi B, Doug, Brianna, Tim, Carol B, Karen, Dan, Carter W, Rev. Gary, those who mourn, students and teachers, First Responders, the Food Pantry, those suffering from addiction, those in the military, St. James Vestry

**FATHER CRAIG'S INSTALLATION  
18 NOVEMBER at 10:30 AM**

**This will be a true celebration and we look forward to the community gathering together. Be sure to see the sign-up sheet in the undercroft to help with the luncheon afterwards. For those participating, remember rehearsal will be after the November 12<sup>th</sup> service.**

**ITALIAN DINNER A HUGE SUCCESS!!**

By Karen Derr

**A huge thank you to everyone that helped make the Italian Dinner a success last month!**

We took in \$1,744!! The most I can remember making on a dinner! We served a lot of food in a short period of time and actually ran out of lasagna and spaghetti.

This kind of an event cannot be successful without the dedication and hard work of everyone who participated. We are blessed with a congregation that gives selflessly and cheerfully. The community members that attended witnessed many of us working hard but having a good time.

I always get comments that the food is great but also that we are one of the most welcoming, kind, and active faith communities. Our genuine respect and love for one another seems to be evident. The funds raised are only one part of this kind of project; serving together and representing our faith community is equally impressive. Thank you!

**Just a heads up that the Vestry is planning a Chicken and Biscuit dinner sometime in March and we will also host a few Athlete's Dinners in December and January.**

## **First Friday Fellowship - December 1, 2023 – Wallace, NY Wallace Wesleyan**

Hi Everybody,

Our **First Friday Fellowship** will next meet Friday evening, **December 1, 2023**, at **7pm** at the **Wallace Wesleyan Church, Wallace NY**. Hope you can join us for an hour (or two). Bring your musical instruments, favorite songs, scriptures and prophetic Words from God to share with the Body of Christ as we lift up the Name of Jesus (and also Israel) in worship and praise. If you feel inclined to bring a small light snack to share, please do.

*"For in the furnace of much affliction, I have chosen thee, behold"* ~ Isaiah 48:10

In Christ,

Tom

For more information, lists of songs, maps and directions to host churches please visit [www.FFFship.com](http://www.FFFship.com).

### **Halloween on the Corner**

Fr Craig and Linda were on corner of Main and Lake Street in front of the St. James Church and gave out 320 packets of candy to Halloween trick and treaters. The packets had three pieces of candy in them representing the Trinity. Fr Craig blessed three baby's, two dogs and heard the following comments: "This Church is the one that hands out candy on Halloween." "I know who you are." "I met you at Vacation Bible School." "Are you really a priest?" Yes, I replied, "I am the real deal." Fun was had by everyone.

## November Lessons

<b>Nov 5</b> Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost:	Joshua 3:7-17 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37 Matthew 23: 1-12
<b>Nov 12</b> Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost	Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18	Psalm 78: 1-7 Matthew 25: 1-13
<b>Nov 18</b> <b>Fr. Craig's Installation</b>	Philippians 4: 4-9	Psalm 100
<b>Nov 19</b> Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost	Judges 4: 1-7 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Psalm 123 Matthew 25: 14-30
<b>Nov 26</b> Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King	Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 Ephesians 1: 15-20	Psalm 100 Matthew 25: 31-46

## November Holy Days of Remembrance

Days of Remembrance	Lessons	Psalm	Gospel
<b>Nov 01</b> <b>All Saints Day</b>	Ecclesiasticus 44:1- 10,13-14 Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-17	<b>149</b>	Matthew 5: 1-12
<b>Nov 11</b> <b>Veterans Day</b>	Isaiah 45: 22-25	<b>20</b>	Matthew 13: 24-30
<b>Nov 23</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	Deut. 8:1-3, 6-10, (17-20) James 1: 17-18, 21-27	<b>65: 9-14</b>	Matthew 6:25-33

**Compline Service every Monday evening at 8:30 PM**

We have compline every Monday night at 8:30PM. A 10–12-minute service of prayer, Scripture, music, and much more. Zoom address is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83857418968>

Date	Chalice	Acolyte	Reader	Ushers
11/05	Leah Nichiporuk	Jim Grillo	Luanne Graulich	Marietta Piersons Jim Piersons
11/12	Nick Forenz	Leah Nichiporuk	Sandy Young	Linda Hacker
<b>11/18</b>	Karen Derr	Jim Grillo	Kris Packard Karen Durr	Nick Forenz Gregg Learned Luanne Graulich
11/19	Karen Derr	Nick Forenz	Linda Hacker	Donella Barney Nancy Folts
11/26	Jim Grillo	Karen Derr	Stella Pulver	Marilyn Dowdle Linda Grillo

**From the Book Hazelden Daily Meditations for counselors**

**To Love is to risk rejection**

**To Live is to risk dying**

**To Hope is to risk despair**

**To Try at all is to risk failure**

**But risk we must**

**Because the greatest hazard of all is risking nothing**

**Chained by his certitudes, one is a slave**

**Only a person who takes risks is free.**

**Mission Committee:** The Mission Committee is comprised of Leah Nichiporuk, Luanne Graulich, Kris Packard, Janetmarie Skinner, Donna Noteware, Mary White and Carol Bidwell. We have been quick to respond to local, national and international catastrophes and needs.

The Mission Committee will be filling nine physical shoeboxes this year and our “wow” gift will be Shoes that Grow. They can be seen on the black table in the Undercroft. We are again setting a goal of 50 total shoeboxes: 15 physical boxes and 35 online. The online method was quite popular with our congregation last year. It can be accessed via our website ([StJames14840.org](http://StJames14840.org), click upcoming events, click build a shoebox). Collection dates at the distribution center in Avoca are November 13-20. All St. James shoeboxes should be at the church or purchased online by November 19. We are continuing to supply hygiene products for the Safe House in Bath initiated by Gail Osborn. We are collecting shampoo, conditioner, hairbrushes, deodorant and they indicated, if possible, S-M-L sweatpants and tops would be welcome. Items will be delivered about November 20.

We anticipate continuing the “Angel Tree” project where slips of paper with needed items for the Food Pantry would be available, and when chosen, an angel would be put on the Christmas Tree. If any parishioner knows of a need or organization that may need some help, please notify one of the committee members, or put it on a slip of paper in the black fabric basket on the table in the Undercroft. Our ability to help depends on funds available.

Dear Parishioners,

It's that time again! Esther Covell has graciously taken charge of our annual "Socks for the Veteran's Administration" again. In the past, the VA has asked for white socks only, but now will accept colored socks as well. We will have baskets placed at the Usher's stand for your contribution. We have now until December 17<sup>th</sup> to donate to our veterans, and after that Esther will take all the socks to the VA in Bath.

Let's show our veterans that Saint James is thankful for their service and is grateful for the sacrifices that they made for us.

Blessings to All,

*Jim Grillo*



## **A Veterans Day Prayer**

Heavenly Father,

In every age, You call certain persons to defend the human family from oppression, tyranny, and evil.

Since our founding as a nation "conceived in liberty," countless American men and women have stepped forward to defend from aggressors, our country and many others, and to liberate those held captive.

Today we revere and thank all our veterans: those who rest in honored glory, those who still suffer from the wounds of war, and those who, with us, enjoy the blessing of living in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

God, thank You for the selfless sacrifice of these veterans and of their families. Help us to remember them, to pray for them, and to care for them. Please bring all our departed veterans into Your Kingdom, and console their families with Your unfailing love.

Please heal our wounded veterans through the power of Your Holy Spirit, and give to all our veterans the satisfaction of having served You even as they have served us. Thank You for Your gifts of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. May we continue to keep these rights available to all.

In God's most holy name we pray. Amen.

## Hymn Stories

### **“Abide with Me”**

***Author-Henry F. Lyte***

***Composer-William H. Monk***

***Scripture reference-Luke 24:29***

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Psalm 23:4**

It has been stated that only the person who can face the prospect of death realistically is able to live this life with purpose and confidence. Such was the conviction of a rather obscure English pastor, Henry F Lyte, when he wrote the text for this hymn in 1847. Shortly before his own home-going. It has since become one of the favorite hymns for Christians everywhere during times of sorrow and deep distress.

Henry F. Lyte was born in Scotland on June 1, 1793. Throughout his lifetime he was known as a man threatened by asthma and tuberculosis. Despite his physical frailties he was a tireless worker with an established reputation as a poet, musician and minister. It was he who coined the phrase, **“It is better to wear out than to rust out.”**

His text for this hymn was taken from the account of Christ’s appearance with the two disciples on the way to Emmaus and their statement, “Abide with us: for it is toward the evening and the day is far spent” (Luke 24:29). Lyte also wrote “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken.”

## Blessing of the Animals

Father Craig would like to thank everyone that invited him to their homes to bless their animals. He blessed 10 dogs, 5 Gini pigs, 14 cats, 2 rams, 2 sheep and 2 very cute bunny rabbits. Everyone had a wonderful time. Thank You!!

## **Home Coming Parade**

St. James was definitely present in the community at the Homecoming Parade. A group of twelve or more red shirted parishioners gathered on the corner of Lake and Main Street to cheer on our students. My heart filled with joy to see the Hammondsport Laker spirit flow through the village from one street to the next.

Father Craig and Stella Pulver had the honor to be two of three Judges that evaluated the floats. It was so much fun to see how creative and artistic all the floats were. Congratulations to all the students and teachers that put so much time and effort into their floats. I am especially grateful to everyone from St James who cheered on our students.

## September Vestry Highlights:

- There will be three openings on the vestry
- Mission committee requests approved
  - Donation to the Princess Bosnian House
  - Donation to the Office for the Aging
- Father Craig's installation Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30.
- Vestry approved obtaining an estimate for shrubbery and repair work.

## Halloween in Hammondspport



The food panty has approximately 70 clients coming through on Tuesdays and Saturdays. We are open eight days a month and also on an emergency basis.

The food pantry volunteers are gearing up to pack Thanksgiving bags on November 17<sup>th</sup> and Christmas give away bags on December 7<sup>th</sup>.

If anyone would like to visit the pantry when we are open, we would be glad to show you around.

This past summer we gave out 44 picnic bags.

We are grateful for the donations St James has provided.

The pantry will be putting 11 oz cans of coffee in the Christmas bags. I have asked our St. James parishioners to donate the 125 cans we will need. They can be dropped off at St. James or at my house, 75 Lake St. during the month of November.

In appreciation  
Leah Nichiporuk

# Episcopal Diocese of Rochester

## Convention 92 Agenda & Highlights Recap October 28, 2023

### 1. Business I.

- a. Convention opened and called to order by Bishop Lane
- b. Quorum Established: 52 Clergy, 93 Delegates, 41 Churches represented.
- c. Zoom meeting and Roberts Rules of Order instructions.
- d. Morning Prayer\*: Homily by Bishop Lane—Theme: Time of Diocese Healing, Unity and Transition.

### 2. Business II.

- a. Consent Agenda - Zoom Poll Vote—*waive reading of Convention 91 minutes and accept as written\**
- b. Nominees for Elective Office\*
- c. Elections to Diocesan Office - Ballot
- d. Bishop's Address—*Highlights*
  - Discernment and Transition—Bishop Search, Bishop Election 2/24/24-In person Hobart-Wm. Smith, Installation July 2024.
  - Three parishes closing, 41 remaining, small diocese.
  - Review districting: Too few people wearing too many hats.
  - 2024 Budget increase due to diocesan retirements, Bishop Discernment and Transition.
  - Downsize EDOR full and parttime staff.
  - Youth Ministries within EDOR are suffering and lacking.
    - New Bishop Orientation: Learning curve—don't rush to judgment; Support, don't criticize; Remember, "The world changes, the Gospels don't!"

### 3. Business III

- a. Finance Presentations and Zoom Poll Vote
  - 2022 Diocesan Audit & Financial Report\*
  - 2024 Apportionment and Budget\*--Total Budget \$2.239M
    - **Income:** Apportionments \$975K, Draw from Investments \$1.215M, Interest and Other Income \$40K.
    - **Expenses:** Program \$956K, Administration \$1.284M, non-operating expense (Post-retirement Health Benefits) \$48K.
- b. Reports\*—Standing Committee, Discernment Committee, Transition Committee
- c. Resolutions A-G Presentation\* and Zoom Poll Vote
  - A. Resolution Concerning the Electing Convention
  - B. Resolution Concerning Nominations from the Floor (Electing Convention)
  - C. Resolution to Adopt Rules of Order for the Special Convention
  - D. Dissolution of St. Stephen's, Rochester, as a Church
  - E. (E-1) Dissolution of St. John's, Sodus, as a Church  
(E-2) St. John's Sodus Admitted into Union as a Mission
  - F. Dissolution of Trinity, Canaseraga Church
  - G. On Responsible Travel to the Holy Land
- d. Partnership Presentations\*

*\*Documents available for review from St. James' Convention Team.*

## **From the spiritual diary of Father Craig**

In the setting of the Hymn “How Firm a Foundation” we sing these words.

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

It is striking that in this hymn God speaks directly to us, and reminds us not to be fearful for He is with us. In this hymn we are reminded Christ always is present. However, ironically Christ often is not seen by us. This is especially true when we experience disappointments, fears or depression. A regular prayer life has the ability to assist in mediating the effects of these conditions. I believe it is in our traditional prayer practices that we can experience the real presence of Christ at the core of our very Being. This experience of Christ within us has the potential to cause healthy and dramatic mental and emotional paradigm shifts. Many forms of prayer require us to practice relaxing, mindlessness, and rhythmic breathing. I am recommending that each of us spend time praying in Christ's spirit to support our healthy living.