

From St. James' With Love

March 2024



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)

## Rowan's Cup

Rowan's cup reminds me, that like mugs, we are designed to hold something refreshing. We are containers that hold the presence of Christ. That like a cup God goes wherever we go. Rowan's cup reminds me we take Christ into every relationship we experience and each experience we have shapes our image of God.

The season of Lent is a time for us to examine past experiences so we may draw closer to Christ's loving presence. It is a time in which we fill ourselves with the Spirit of Holiness thru letting go of what is no longer useful to us. When we do this, with God's help, we may experience the indwelling of Christ's divine presence. This silent and tranquil presence of Christ's love resting in our soul is the first step to our own wholeness and the wholeness of others.

**Let us Pray:** Come Holy Spirit come, fill my innermost being with your presence. Pour your love into my soul. Soften my heart so I may become a home for God. May I become more patient, kind and accepting. God brush off the old dust and make me aware of how you travel with me wherever I go. Amen

## Prayer List

Leonard family, Lowin Family, Audrey, Charlie S. and Janetmarie, Gail O, Charlie D, Linda G, Jim G, Luke A, Evelyn A, Kimberly J, Nancy S, Midge, Ray K, Tony, Kathy, Jan L, Laverne and Patsy, Patty F, Betty K, Ashlyn, Rachael D, Rebecca H, Alicia, Lindsey, Ami C, Raymond S, 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, Charlie D, those who mourn, students and teachers, 1st responders, the Food Pantry, those suffering from addiction, those in the military, St. James Vestry.

# The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester

## A PRAYER FOR OUR BISHOP-ELECT AND THE TRANSITION COMMITTEE



Loving God, we thank you for the successful election of our new Bishop-Elect, the Very Rev. Kara Wagner Sherer. We ask you to bless her and her family as this process continues. We also ask that you guide the Transition Committee and our Diocesan Staff as they work together to ensure a smooth transition for our Diocese and our Bishop-Elect. This has been a long journey. We are grateful as we near its end. Help us to look forward to this new beginning with eager anticipation and open hearts. We know, that with You walking with us, all will be well. With grateful hearts we pray this in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.



**12:00 Ecumenical Services  
followed by fellowship and luncheon.**

| <b><u>Service Date</u></b> | <b><u>Location</u></b>                        | <b><u>Preacher</u></b> |
|----------------------------|---|------------------------|
| March 6 <sup>th</sup>      | Methodist Church<br>Mitchellville NY          | Fr. Craig              |
| March 13 <sup>th</sup>     | Methodist Church<br>Hammondsport NY           | Rev. Grace             |
| March 20 <sup>th</sup>     | St. James Episcopal Church<br>Hammondsport NY | Rev. Barre             |

**Thank You to everyone who setup, prepared the soup, served the meal, cleaned up afterward and participated in the Ecumenical Lenten service on February 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**God Bless**

**Father Craig 😊**

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

## 24 March

9:00 AM  
Palm Sunday

## 28 March

6PM Maundy  
Thursday

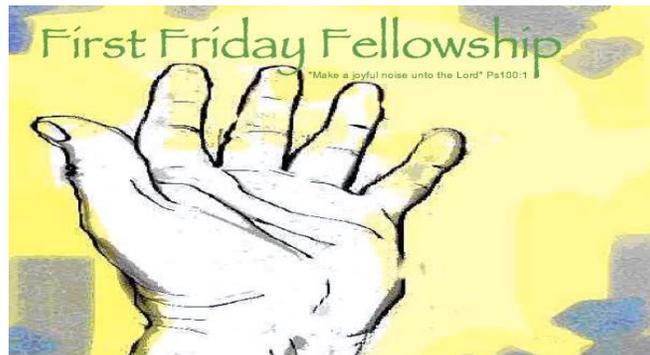
## 29 March

12:00 Stations  
of The Cross

## 31 March

9:00 AM Easter  
Sunday Service

6PM Good  
Friday



**First Friday Fellowship** - Our next monthly singalong will be on Friday evening, **March 1, 2024**, starting at **7pm at the Avoca Methodist Church**.

(Location and details for upcoming and future meetings can be found on our website at [FFFship.com](http://FFFship.com)). Currently there are several folks bringing guitars, keyboards, drums, flutes, stand-up bass, electric bass, piano and maracas. Also bring your hands to clap, feet to stomp and voices to make a 'joyful noise' that the Bible says God loves to hear from His people (Ps100:1).



## March Lay Schedule

| Date   | Chalice            | Acolyte            | Reader              | Ushers                                |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 03/3   | Leah<br>Nichiporuk | Jim Grillo         | Rich Little         | Linda Grillo<br>Marilyn Dowdle        |
| 03/10  | Karen Derr         | Jim Grillo         | Stella Pulver       | Linda Hacker<br>Jim Derr              |
| 03/17  | Nick Forenz        | Leah<br>Nichiporuk | Audrey<br>Edmster   | Linda Grillo<br>Jim Grillo            |
| 03/24  | Leah<br>Nichiporuk | Karen Derr         | Lauanne<br>Graulich | Charlie Skinner<br>Janetmarie Skinner |
| 03/28  | Karen Derr         | Leah<br>Nichiporuk | Stella<br>Pulver    | Linda Hacker<br>Jim Derr              |
| 03/29<br>12 Noon<br>Stations of the<br>Cross |                    | Crucifer<br>TBD    |                     |                                       |
| 03/29<br>6PM<br>Good Friday                  | Nick Forenz        | Karen Derr         | Rich Little         | Linda Hacker<br>Jim Derr              |
| 03/31<br>Easter                              | Leah<br>Nichiporuk | Nick Forenz        | Kris Packard        | Donnella Barney<br>Nancy Foltz        |

# March Readings

| Date   | First Reading       | Psalm                | Second Reading     |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>03/03</b>                                     | Exodus 20: 1-17     | Psalm 19             | 1 Cor: 1:18-25     |
| <b>03/10</b>                                     | Num: 21:4-9         | Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 | Ephesians 2: 1-10  |
| <b>03/17</b>                                     | Jeremiah 31: 31-34  | Psalm 51:1-13        | Hebrews 5:5-10     |
| <b>03/24</b><br><b>Palm</b><br><b>Sunday</b>     | Isaiah 50:4-9a      | Psalm 31:9-16        | Philippians 2:5-11 |
| <b>03/28</b><br><b>Maundy</b><br><b>Thursday</b> | Exodus 12: 1-14     | Psalm 116:1, 10-17   | 1 Cor: 11:23-26    |
| <b>03/29</b><br><b>Good</b><br><b>Friday</b>     | Isaiah 52: 13-53:12 | Psalm 22             | Hebrews 10: 16-25  |
| <b>03/31</b><br><b>Easter</b><br><b>Sunday</b>   | Acts 10:34-43       | 118: 1-2, 14-24      | 1 Cor: 15: 1-11    |

# MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!



The bell restoration is complete. After thirty years of silence the bell was rung on Sunday, February 25, 2024 to call us to worship. The new bell is glorious indeed, singing the same spectacular voice as it first did in 1895! The clock is set to strike with the new tolling hammer once, on the hour, Monday – Sunday, 6am – 10:00pm: The tone is warm and mellow and can be heard throughout the village well down to the lake. The ‘swinging’ voice (from the clapper inside the bell) is much louder and brighter, as it should be for the Call to Worship and celebratory events. **Three Cheers and many thanks to Marilyn Dowdle for leading this wonderful project!** Gregg Learned will be offering a quick “Bell Ringers ‘tutorial’ after service for the next several Sundays for anyone who wants to try their hand at swinging 2000lbs of harmonious bronze.

# VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

- The bell restoration was funded by two donations, \$10,000 from the Meade Foundation and \$14,000 from the Mercury Aircraft.
- Richard Little has been elected to the Diocese Standing Committee.
- Elmira Pioneers Opportunity. Nick Forenz talked to the Pioneer AAA baseball Public Relations. There is a possibility of the mascot visit with a representative of the team to sign baseballs. Cost for baseballs and softballs are estimated at \$600 to \$700 dollars.
- Vacation Bible School: July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024 held at the Methodist Church Linda, Father Craig and Mary White will participate this year.
- Vestry approved Aging in Place to meet at the church once or twice a month in the undercroft.
- Vestry approved the Park Pharmacy copay program as an outreach.
- Next meeting to be held on March 13<sup>th</sup> 2024

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

**Make each day count!** Give yourself to every dawn of renewed hope. Look for love, forgiveness, tolerance, optimism, temperance, industry, faith, and righteousness. Don't squander this day on cynicism, hate, envy, faultfinding, pessimism, gossip, doubt, or anger. Let the days of life not add up to years, but to moments of joy and love and happiness.

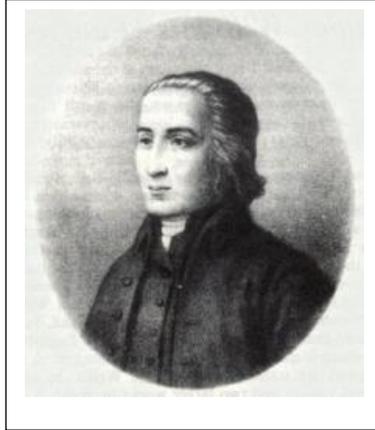
Today, I will take time out to cherish my life.

**Thank You St. James**  
for all Your Support!!

**You Make a difference**



# Hymn Stories



## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Author – William William, 1717 – 1791*

*Composer – John Hughes, 1873 – 1932*

*For Thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for Thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.*

*Psalm 31:3*

'Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah' first appeared in a hymnal in 1745. It originally was entitled 'Strength to Pass Through the Wilderness.' The imagery of the hymn is drawn wholly from the Bible. The hymn compares the forty-year journey of the Israelites to the promised land with the living of a Christian life as a 'pilgrimage through this barren land. Note the symbolic phrases used throughout: 'bread of heaven' (manna), 'crystal fountain' (Corinthians 10:3, 4), 'fire and cloudy pillar,' verge of Jordan, 'Canaan's side.'



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AGING IN PLACE



# Easter

BRUNCH & MIMOSAS

*Free for 60+ HCS District*

*Enjoy a meal with your friends,  
family and community!*

**Date:** Tuesday, March 26th

**Location:** Hammondsport Firehall

**Time:** 11 am-1:30 pm

Food will only be served from 11am-Noon

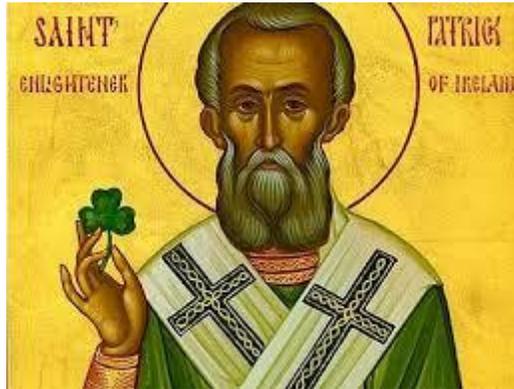
**Entertainment:** Show Me the Prizes Game

*Sponsored by: Father Craig and Linda Hacker  
St James Episcopal Church*



# From Lesser Feasts and Fasts

On March 17 we honor St. Patrick  
Bishop of Ireland, 461



Patrick was born into a Christian family somewhere on the northwest coast of Britain in about 390. His grandfather had been a Christian priest and his father a deacon. His father was an important official in the late Roman imperial government of Britain.

When Patrick was about sixteen, he was captured by a band of Irish slave-raiders. When he was about twenty-one he escaped and returned to Britain, where he was educated as a Christian.

Tradition holds that Patrick returned to Ireland in about year 431 near the place of his earlier captivity. He began a remarkable process of missionary conversion throughout the country that continued until his death. Patrick erected Christian churches over sites already regarded as sacred.

Many legends of Patrick's Irish missionary travel possess substrata of truth, especially those telling of his conversion of the three major Irish High Kings. At Armagh, he is said to have established his principal church. To this day, Armagh is regarded as the primatial see of all Ireland.

### Let Us Pray:

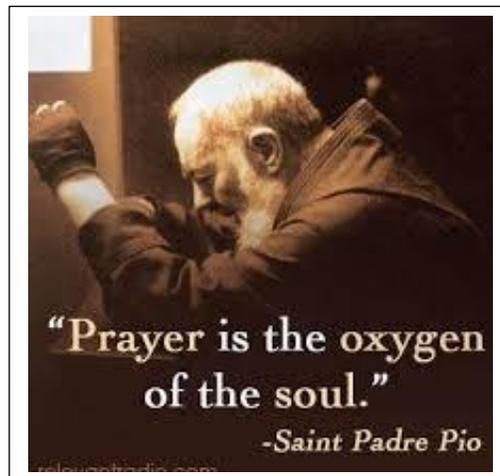
Almighty God, in your providence you chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle of the Irish people, to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of you: Grant us so to walk in the light that we may come at last to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever, Amen

### Lessons

I Thessalonians 2:2b-12

Psalms: 97: 1-2, 7-12 or 96: 1-7

Matthew 28: 16-20



### **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>

## From the spiritual diary of Father Craig

**Meditation:** It would be interesting to list the items that we consider essential. I am sure, food, water, shelter would be near the top of the list. I wonder if prayer, silence, and solitude would even make the list of essentials.

It is my belief faith, prayer, silence, and solitude keeps us centered on love and are essential to live a healthy life. These manifestations of the Holy Spirit keep us focused on the mercy and forgiveness of God.

Prayer is an act of conscious humility and love and is the ground for being in the world in the way of love. Prayer offers us the ability to transcend self and experience authentic love. I leave you with this question, how essential is it for you to experience God in your life?

At the center of my prayer is my love for you.  
A hidden love, sparking with spontaneous wonder.  
A love made incomplete by words and simple faith.  
A piercing love that goes beyond knowing, yet knows,  
A flowing love with bright beautiful and radiant colors,

At the center of my prayer is my love for you.  
A love beyond images, words and symbols.  
A love beyond poetry and art, yet fulfills them all.  
A love that fills my heart with the warmth of your Holiness.  
A love that awakens me to your assuring presence.

At the center of my prayer is my love for you  
A love that listens for your echo so I may echo you.  
A love that I will follow wherever we may go  
A love beyond all love, is my love for you. Amen.