



From St. James' With Love

May 2024

Newsletter



**St. James Vision Statement:**

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## Rowan's Cup

It is my experience that an artist is rarely completely satisfied with their work. Like many of us, they seem to see every flaw in their art and are unable to step back and see the beauty that is right before them. They are too close to what they have made to be objective.

It is the same reason some of us are overly critical of ourselves. The remedy for this spiritual *dis-ease* lies within our Christian faith. Christianity offers us the opportunity to live our lives on a deeper level. It offers us the chance to live beyond our thirst for recognition, prestige, power, and success.

When faith frees our mind, we will begin to thirst for God. As Joyce Rupp in her book The Cup of Our life points out, this is the moment in which we begin to search for peace of mind, healing of our wounds, and greater acceptance of ourselves.

In our search for something greater than ourselves, God may take the form of discovery of who we truly are, harmony with our families or freedom from the false messages of our minds. All these activities are means for us to look more deeply into our lives and see the nature, the quality, and the intensity of our thirsts.

In the end, we will discover that when we see ourselves through the eyes of Christ, the eyes of compassion and love, we will see ourselves as the beautiful artistry of God.

This experience of seeing ourselves through Christ's eyes reveals to us the beauty within us that has always been there from our beginning. A beauty that can never be taken away from us.

Love

Craig+

## **A Meditation from Father Craig's Spiritual Diary:**

Prayer is viewed by some as an escape from the world. This critical view of prayer is a distortion of the contemplative life, and is based on false understandings. Contemplative prayer is not an escape from the world but an intentional turning towards God.

A healthy contemplative prayer coupled with a modern ascetic life style, consisting of temperance and moderation, is an expression a self-acceptance. Not self-loathing. The objective of an ascetic life style is to orient oneself towards true intimacy with God and towards Christian service in the world.

## **Prayer List**

Joyce, Ann F, Dustin K, Mike D, Connie C, Lindsey, Donna W, Richard Frey, Jillian, the Hall family, the Hunn family, Linda G, Jim G, Laverne & Patsy, Patty F, Evleyn A, Rebecca H, Betty K, Ashlyn, Kimberly J, Rev. Gary, Audrey, Janetmarie S, Charlie S, Raymond S, Linda C, Chris C, Gail O, John R, Lilly W, Nancy F, John P, Ray K, healing for Katie N, those who mourn, students and teachers, 1st responders, the Food Pantry, those suffering from addiction, those in the military and St. James Vestry.

## First Friday Fellowship



Our **First Friday Fellowship** will meet Friday evening, **May 3, 2024**, at 7pm in **Twin Tiers Christian Church** in **Painted Post, NY (Gang Mills)** - The church is on Beartown Road not far from the ice cream stand. Pastor David Stalbird has invited us to come to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Bring your favorite musical instruments and favorite songs plus a couple friends who enjoy singing and praising. Bring a light snack to share if you feel inclined. It's a bit further to travel than most of our meetings but it will be worth the effort to get there if you can. We will be singing all your favorite songs the first hour so bring your 2nd and 3rd choices for the post-snack singalong. Hope you can join us for an hour (or two).

[www.FFFship.com](http://www.FFFship.com)

[All FFF Songs A-Z](#) (Weblink)

[All FFF Songs A-Z](#) (PDF)

# May 11<sup>th</sup> Church Cleanup!!

Begins at 8:00 AM.

Bring your rakes and gloves

Contact Jim Grillo for more information

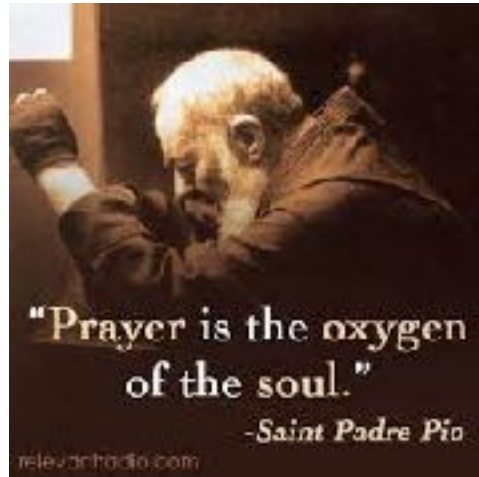


May 31-June 1

Spring is here and that means it is time for Spring Cleaning.

Check your garages. Check your attics. Check your basements. We can turn your unwanted items into money for mission. You may drop them off at church the last week in May. We do not want clothes or shoes, but other items greatly appreciated. **Contact Joan Rogerson for more information.**

## 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 Mission Committee



We have a mission meeting scheduled for **May 2 at 9 AM in the Undercroft.**



## May Lay Schedule

Date	Chalice	Acolyte	Reader	Ushers
5/5	Nick Forenz	Jim Grillo	Kris Packard	Cindy Zielinski Marilyn Dowdle
5/12	Jim Grillo	Leah Nichiporuk	Stella Pulver	Donella Barney Nancy Folts
5/19	Nick Forenz	Karen Derr	Audrey Edmister	Linda Hacker Jim Derr
5/26	Karen Derr	Jim Grillo	Luanne Graulich	Marietta & Jim Piersons

# May Readings



Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading
<b>05/05</b> <b>Rogation</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>Acts 10: 44-48</b>	<b>Psalm 98</b>	<b>I John 5: 1-6</b>
<b>05/12</b> <b>Mother's</b> <b>Day!</b>	<b>Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26</b>	<b>Psalm 1</b>	<b>1 John 5: 9-13</b>
<b>05/19</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	<b>Acts 2: 1-21</b>	<b>Psalm 104:</b> <b>25-35,37</b>	<b>Romans 8: 22-27</b>



<b>05/26</b> <b>Trinity</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>Isaiah 6: 1-8</b>	<b>Psalm 29</b>	<b>Romans 8:12-17</b>
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Come join us on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Hammondsport ballfields to support our Pee Wee and Little Leaguers. The little children need a crowd of people to cheer them on to greatness.

If you have a Saint James' T shirt please wear it. It is a fun way to advertize our community of worship, service and fun!

We still need a few people to work the consession stand between the hours of 2PM and 4PM. If you did not sign up on the signup roster in the undercroft. Do not worry, Just come and see!

Do not be afraid. Everyone is welcomed to help us work the concession stand at any time. The more the merryier!

Just for fun how many biblical phrases did you find in this notice.

1. Little Children
2. Come and see
3. Do not be afraid

## St James' Sponsors QKA Aging in Place!



On Saturday morning, April 13<sup>th</sup>, community members from QKA Aging in Place and St. James church gathered for fun and fellowship in the undercroft. Everyone made creative wall hangings and enjoyed the snacks. A good time was had by all!





# Vestry Goals

## St. James Hammondsport 2024 Parish Goals

### Our Vision:

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deed and in truth. (John 3:18)

### **Potential Buildings and Grounds Projects**

- Organist/Choir Relocation
- Outside Stone Repairs
- Carpet Replacement
- Sacristy Sink Drain
- Lighting Upgrade

### **Local Community Outreach**

- Pharmacy Program
- Meal Program
- Grocery Program
- Athletes Dinner
- Youth Baseball/Softball
- Vacation Bible School
- Older Adult Outreach
- Christmas Gifts for Families
- Support for Food Pantry
- Ecumenical Lenten Luncheons
- Livestream and Zoom Services
- Compline

## Global Community Outreach

- Socks for VA Residents
- Shoebox Project
- Samaritan's Purse
- Mission Committee Outreach
- Community Dinners/Fundraisers

If you have any questions on any of these items or have something you would like added to the list, please let a Vestry member or Father Craig Know. [Jim Grillo](#), [Joan Rogerson](#), [Leah Nichiporuk](#), [Virginia Kasser](#), [Wayne Grimes](#), [Debbie Bartlet](#), [Rich Little](#), [Donna Noteware](#), [Nick Forenz](#), [Gregg Learned](#)

## Vestry Highlights April 10<sup>th</sup> 2024

Investment Committee presented fiscal recommendations: Vestry decided to invest \$184,000 in two CDs @ 5% with 5 Star Bank.

Baseball/softball Outreach update:

- A. Cost of purchasing 120 baseballs is between \$500 and \$600.
- B. Possible picnic later in the season to hand them out.

Fine Arts Dinner: The school is interested but we must work around the sports season- many games are delayed because of the weather. \$500-\$600 the cost of the dinner

Charitable donations: St James will donate \$50 in memory of Kathy Leonard to St Paul's Episcopal Church in Wellsboro. Donations for Phill Hunn and Nancy French were also approved.

Next Vestry Meeting May 8, 2024

From the Book Hazelden Daily Meditations for counselors



A gift lasts such a short time. But helping others find the goodness within themselves---that can sustain a soul for a lifetime.

We all have faults and weaknesses. But each of us has, too, a vast store of wealth locked inside, if only we can learn where to look. Kindness and gentleness, intelligence and common sense, energy, drive and ambition, seriousness and mirth, integrity and spirituality---these are there, too.

Help me teach others to find the good in themselves. Help me to find it in myself. *Anonymous*

## Hymn Stories



### Holy, Holy, Holy

***Author – Reginald Heber, 1783-1826***

***Composer – John B. Dykes, 1823 - 1876***

***Tune Name – ‘Nicaea’***

***Scripture Reference: Revelations 4:8-11***

Reginald Heber was born in England on April 21 1783 to scholarly and well-to-do parents. At the age of seventeen he entered Oxford University. The Hymn, Holy, Holy, Holy was written specifically for use on Trinity Sunday. The emphasis of this Sunday’s service is to reaffirm the doctrine of the triune Godhead. Though the word “trinity” is not found in the Scriptures, it is clearly taught through God’s Word.



The tune of this text has been named “Nicaea.” It was named after the Council of Nicaea held in Asia Minor in 325 A.D., when the doctrine of the Trinity was examined and held to be a true and essential doctrine of the Christian faith.

## From Lesser Feasts and Fasts

May 4

Mother of Augustine of Hippo



Monnica’s life story is enshrined in the spiritual autobiography of her eldest son, in *The Confession of Saint Augustine*. Born in North Africa about 331, Monnica was married to a Latinized provincial named Patricus, whom she won to the Christian faith before his death.

Her ambition for her gifted son was transformed into a passionate desire for his conversion to Christ. After his baptism in Milan in 387, by Bishop Ambrose, Augustine and his mother, together with his younger brother, planned to return home to Africa. While awaiting ship at Ostia, the port of Rome, Monnica fell ill.

Augustine writes, "One day during her illness she had a fainting spell and lost consciousness for a short time. We hurried to her bedside, but she soon regained consciousness and looked up at my brother and me as we stood beside her, with a puzzled look, she asked, "Where was I? Then, watching us closely as we stood there speechless with grief, she said, "You will bury your mother here."

Recent excavations at Ostia have uncovered her original tomb. Her mortal remains, however, were transferred in 1430 to the Church of St, Augustine in Rome.

Let Us Pray: O Lord, through spiritual discipline you strengthened your servant Monnica to preserve in offering her love and prayers and tears for the conversion of her husband and of Augustine their son: Deepen our devotion, we pray, and use us in accordance with your will to bring others, even our own kindred, to acknowledge Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings for May 4<sup>th</sup>

1 Samuel 1:10-11,20

Psalms 115: 12-18 or 116:10-17

Luke 7:11-17 or John 16:20-24

