



St James Episcopal Church

January 2025

Newsletter



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)





Prayer List

Roger P, Sharon Sutherland, Bill K, Joan Stevens, Katie Marchonda, Jackie, Rev. Sandy, Walt, Linda K, Andrew Miller, Jessica C, Neal B, Lindsey, RT, Linda S, Jaydon, Luanne, Bob C, Lonnie, Jennifer M, Jenna, Tehya Meyers, Patricia Osgood, Alicia, Jay C, Damon, Bruce, Bill T, William K, Nancy F, Lindsey, Richard Frey, Jillian, Linda G, Jim G, Laverne and Patsy, Evelyn A, Rebecca H, Betty K, Ashlyn, Kimberly J, Rev. Gary, Janetmarie S, Charlie S, Chris C, Gail O, John P, Robert Z, Kathy, Our brothers and sisters on Zoom, those who mourn, 1st responders, teachers and students, the Food Pantry, those suffering from addiction, those in the military, St. James Vestry.

December Athletes' Dinner

By Karen Derr

St. James welcomed over 60 Hammond sport students and coaches on December 17th to an Athletes' Dinner. Students excitedly entered the undercroft to enjoy a lasagna dinner and the hospitality offered by St. James. It is through the generosity of the congregation that we are able to open the church to teens in the community and share the love and joy of our faith community. The students were all very appreciative and well-mannered. We even had two former students volunteer to help with the dinner, Blake Wright and Danica Dresser.

We left a suggestion board up for ideas from students and kayaking was left on it. Perhaps someone wants to look into providing a kayaking activity for kids in the community?

Many thanks to all those who donated supplies, set-up the dining room, prepped food, served food, cleaned up, and did dishes. It's always fun to work together.



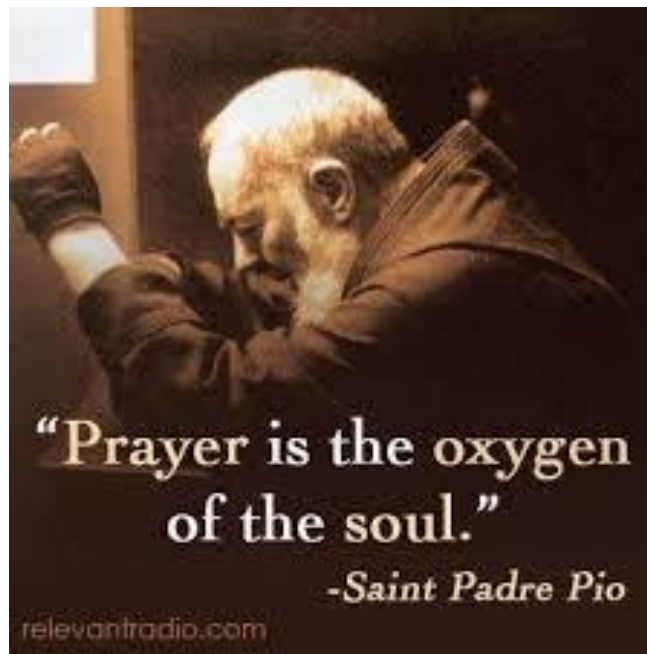
Notable Events

- December 19th Fr. Craig & Carole Bidwell met with Senior Housing Director Amanda and 8-10 residents. Suggestions from the residents in how we could do activities together included: lunches, picnics, afternoon games, Videos with discussion (as opposed to book club). There were musicians among the residents. Fr. Craig offered counseling, conversation, blessing of the animas. He also offered an invitation to the residence to attend Coffee Hours.
- Ladies Breakfast January 16th
- Annual Meeting January 26th, 2025

Christmas Eve Service



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>

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service



January Lay Schedule

Date	Chalice	Acolyte	Reader	Ushers
1/5	Karen Derr	Jim Grillo	Sandy Young	Cindy Zielinski
1/12	Jim Grillo	Karen Derr	Luanne Graulich	Donella Barney Gladys Palmer
1/19	Nick Forenz	Leah Nichiporuk	Rich Little	Marietta Piersons Jim Piersons
Annual Meeting 1/26	Jim Grillo	Nick Forenz	Audrey Edmister	Marilyn Dowdle Linda Grillos



**The Altar was
beautiful
On Christmas**

January Readings



Date	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading
1/5	Jeremiah 31: 7-14	Psalm 84	Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a
1/12	Isaiah 43: 1-7	Psalm 29	Acts 8:14-17
1/19	Isaiah 62: 1-5	Psalm 36:5-10	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
1/26	Nehemiah 8:1-3,8-10	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Summary of Vestry notes taken December 19, 2024

- Mission Committee request for a gift card for \$150.00 from Wal-Mart for a family of eight. The vestry approved the request.
- \$100 was approved to purchase Ukraine Life Packs.
- The 2025 Budget for \$156,216.20 was approved.
- Southeast District report. On-going projects: Ukraine Life Packs; Hurricane Relief fund; Annual Bishops appeal.
- Undercroft use request for Hugh Woodside and family was approved.
- Bishops' visitation for June 29th, 2025.
- Rectors' Housing resolution for 2024 was approved.
- Nominating committee recommendations were approved by the vestry. Jim Grillo- 1 year Warden; Nick Forenz 2 year term-Warden; Jim Derr- 2 year term to complete Nick's current term as Vestry member; Mary White, Sandy Young and Gladys Palmer 3 year terms as Vestry members. They will be voted on at the Annual meeting January 26, 2025.
- Parish Goals were updated.
- Jim Grillo thanked Joan, Leah, and Gregg for all the years of service on the vestry.
- Next meeting: January 26, 2025 at the Annual meeting.

What is Happening at the Hammondsport Food Pantry?

Thanks to your generosity many of those in need received gifts of food. Before handing them out, they were blessed by Father Craig.

The teenagers in the photograph volunteered their time to pack packages. We are thankful for the Hammondsport School system for their continued support!



St James Church Windows



In the Anglican Tradition we have two sacraments, Baptism and Eucharist.

Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ's Body, the Church, and inheritors of the Kingdom of God.

The Holy Eucharist is a sacrament commanded by Christ for the continual remembrance of his life, death and resurrection, until his coming again.

St. James Church Choir Recordings
Hymns: Processional, Sequence, Recessional
12/24/24-5/2/25

Date	Processional	Sequence	Recessional
12/24 Christmas Eve	# 83 O Come, All Ye Faithful	#96 Angels We Have Heard #111 Silent Night (after communion)	#100 Joy to the World
12/29 Christmas 1	#87 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	#89 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear	#100 Joy to the World
1/5/25 Christmas 2	#109 The First Nowell	#84 Love Came Down At Christmas	#93 Angels from the Realms of Glory
1/12 Epiphany 1	#119 As with Gladness	#76 On Jordan's Bank	#124 What Star is This?
1/19 Epiphany 2	#135 Songs of Thankfulness	#533 How Wondrous and Great	#7 Christ, Whose Glory
1/26 Epiphany 3	#537 Christ for the World	#628 Help Us, O Lord	#539 O Zion, Haste

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Right Click on hymn and then open with hyperlink



**The Epiphany of Our Lord
January 6th**

Let Us Pray

Oh God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with: you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen

First Lesson: Isaiah 60: 1-6,9

Psalm 72

Ephesians 3: 1-12

