

From St. James' with Love

Corner of Lake and Main
P.O. Box 249
Hammondsport, New York
607.569.2647
November-December 2013

A Thank You Letter From Mother C.

Dear People of St. James,

I cannot tell you how much I have enjoyed the glider that you gave me. Jim and Nick placed it in my yard near the patio and garden, and I have nestled it further back in an arch under my enormous wisteria vine. When I am sitting on the glider, I have a view of the entire yard and garden, and since no one can see me sitting there, it provides a quiet sanctuary for me-even in a light rain. Over the summer, many of my friends and I have enjoyed hours of pleasant conversation while "gliding". I have also read a few books out there, gently pushing the glider back and forth with my foot. I had never given thought to purchasing a glider, but it has given me so much pleasure. It has only one defect; it has been known to cause narcolepsy.

I placed the yellow and red begonias in a planter near the patio end of my garden where they have bloomed constantly all summer-another great view from the glider! I have decided to try to save them over this coming winter with hopes they will bloom in all their glory again next spring.

One of my projects this summer has been the creation of a woodland garden at the back of my yard. There are already a couple beautiful maple trees out there, but there are spots where the sun touches at various times of the day. Everything has been cleared, and the two rhododendrons, one from Gail Osborn, and another from Josie and Mike Kubrich, have already been placed back there. I am now at the point of purchasing several woodland plants. Your monetary gift is going to be used for this project. It is something I have wanted to do for a long time, and you have made it possible. I hope to have everything planted this fall so I will be able to completely enjoy it next spring, summer, and fall. I'm going to put an Adirondack chair out there, and I even have a hammock from Jeff and Kathy Kennedy that will be placed between the two maple trees. Sooooo, if you have need to escape from the world and want a quiet place, you will know where to come!

For the present time, St. James, sits on a small table in my den. It is an antique, and I do not want to leave it out in the weather where it can freeze and

spoil. When I figure out how to protect it from the weather, I want to place it in the garden.

In case any of you do not know the story of "our" St. James, I want to share it. You saw the stones and club at the feet of the statue. James was placed on the wall of the Temple and told to denounce Jesus to the people below, or they would shove him off the wall. He preached Christ crucified, and they pushed him off. After he landed in a broken heap on the ground below, they realized he was not dead, so they took the clubs they used to pound laundry and beat him to death-all because he refused to recant his faith in Christ and denounce Jesus. Can we who live such a privileged life even begin to understand the price that was paid by the saints who kept our faith alive for us? May we never trivialize it or fail to understand what has been done for us.

You are the people of God, and I thank God for all the time I was able to be part of your lives and have you as part of my life. I thank you for all your kindness and goodness to me, and my God bless+ you and keep you always.

Much love,
Sandy + (Mother C.)

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

Ted	Michele	Harry	Sue
Gary	Ruth	The Howard Family	Harriet
Arlene	Tim	Cecil	Fred
Eva	Zack	Doug	Cathy
Hillary	Marion	Tom	Jordan
Jim	Dick	Walter	Sharon
Karen	Bonnie	Lois	Jesse
Theresa	Elva	Shaleen	Nancy
Annette	Donald	Bill	Joan
Michaela	Joanne	Susan	Sam
Dave	Jerry	Dick	Ken
Linda	Peter	Georgia	Ethel
Daniel	Sara	Betty	Dick
Jim	Gary	Ruth	

Socks for the VA

We at St. James' have generously donated white sweat socks to the veterans for many years. We do this in the memory of Jane Aeschbacher, a long time member of St. James' who, along with her husband Paul, put in countless hours volunteering at the VA prior to her death. When you are out shopping, please buy plain white sweat socks to help us with this worthy cause. Many of the veterans have no family to give them gifts on holidays and a gift of socks is well appreciated. Please put the socks in the basket at the back of the church. Please have them there by the Sunday before Christmas.

ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 19. The meeting will take place after a pot-luck brunch following the morning service. At that time Vestry members, Warden and Delegates to Convention will be elected. There will also be reports from different programs in the church, and a report on the budget adopted by the Vestry. Please bring a dish to pass and join us at the Annual Meeting.

Building a Budget

As you know, it is nearly impossible to build a budget without knowing the amount of money you have to work with. Pledging to St. James helps the vestry in building our budget for the coming year. Pledge time is also when you can examine what God has done in your life and you can make an intentional decision about how much you can contribute to St. James. This will help you in planning your own budget for the coming year as well.

If you are going to pledge, please complete this form.

Thank you.

**Please either mail it to the pledge clerk or place it in the offering plate
November 23rd or December 1st.**

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In thanksgiving to God, and in commitment to the ministries of St. James', I/we will participate in these ministries in the year 2012 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: Donella Barney, 318 Burton Street, Bath, NY 14810)

Apple Pie Sale

WORKERS AND EATERS NEEDED!

St. James' Church

November 23, 2013

Ready to bake homemade pies!!

\$8.00 each

Order your apple pies today!! Call 607.368.3224

Please plan to pick them up on November 23 between
10:00 am and 2:00 pm

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Volunteers are needed to help with peeling, slicing, mixing and clean-up!
Come for an hour, or stay for the day. Enjoy lunch, all while contributing to the
mission of the church. Questions? Call Mary White 368.3224

ANGEL TREE*

Sunday

December 1

We will decorate

the Angel Tree in the

Undercroft by removing doves naming

items needed by the Food Pantry and putting

Angels on the tree in their place. All followed by

a dish-to-pass brunch after church. Bring a dish

to share and enjoy.

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Greening the Church

Greening of the church will take place Sunday, December 22, after the 9:00 a.m. service. Everyone's help is needed so we can be done quickly. The garland must be attached to the arch, the creche prepared, the wrought iron candlesticks placed, the windows boughs hung, and the flowers arranged. Nancy and Floyd French have volunteered to gather greens and make all the boughs for the windows and the swags for the wrought iron candlesticks on the aisle. With everyone's help we will be ready for the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ at our Christmas Eve service at 9:00 PM on December 24.

Christmas Eve Service will be held at St. James on December 24th. Special prelude music will start at 8:45 pm. The service will start at 9:00 pm.

Christmas Flowers

(Please print)

In Memory of --In Thanksgiving for (please circle)

Given by: _____ Amount enclosed _____

Please return to the church by December 22, either by mail or place in the offering plate.

ITALIAN DINNER

SPAGHETTI OR LASAGNA

January 11, 2014

4:00pm-6:00pm

Your choice of spaghetti or lasagna with salad bar, dessert, and a complimentary glass of wine to those 21 and over

Adults: \$8.50--Children 6-12: \$3.00

Children under 6: free

Take outs available

(does not include wine)

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Flora Taylor Keeler room for those willing to work at the dinner and for donations of ingredients

BITS AND PIECES

- A new green chasuble and a green stole have been purchased in memory of Betty Arnett.
- A new white board has been purchased for the Dean Frey Room in memory of Henry Frey.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE IF YOU CAN NOT SERVE AT YOUR SCHEDULED TIME.

DATE	CHALICE	ACOLYTE	READERS	USHERS
Dec. 1	C. VanHouten	C. Skinner	K. Packard J. Grillo	R. Frey T. Pietch
Dec. 8	C. Skinner	L. Nichiporuk	L. Graulich A. Edmister	J. Piersons M. Piersons
Dec. 15	J. Grillo	C. VanHouten	W. Torp C. VanHouten	N. Forenz P. Forenz
Dec. 22	M. White	J. Grillo	L. Graulich A. Edmister	W. Barney D. Barney
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	N. Forenz	M. White	K. Packard M. White	R. Frey T. Pietch
Dec. 29	L. Nichiporuk	N. Forenz	L. Graulich A. Edmister	J. Piersons M. Piersons
Jan. 5	C. VanHouten	C. Skinner	K. Packard J. Grillo	N. Forenz P. Forenz
Jan. 12	C. Skinner	L. Nichiporuk	W. Torp C. VanHouten	W. Barney D. Barney
Jan. 19	J. Grillo	C. VanHouten	A. Edmister J. Grillo	R. Frey T. Pietch
Jan. 26	M. White	J. Grillo	K. Packard L. Graulich	J. Piersons M. Piersons

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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 , James Grillo

Vestry: Tom Noteware, Betty Frey, Karen Derr, Charles Skinner,
Floyd French, Esther Kowulich-Covell, Donella Barney, Pete Manikas, Nick Forenz

Delegates to Convention: Betty Frey, Gladys Palmer ,Charles Skinner

Alternate Delegate to Convention: Leah Nichiporuk

Clerk of the Vestry: Betty Frey

Treasurer: Karen Derr

Pledge Clerk: Donella Barney

Choir Director and Organist: Elenor Boutwell

Christian Education: Lin Bretherton

Youth Group: Gladys Palmer

CHECK OUR WEBSITE: www.stjames14840.org