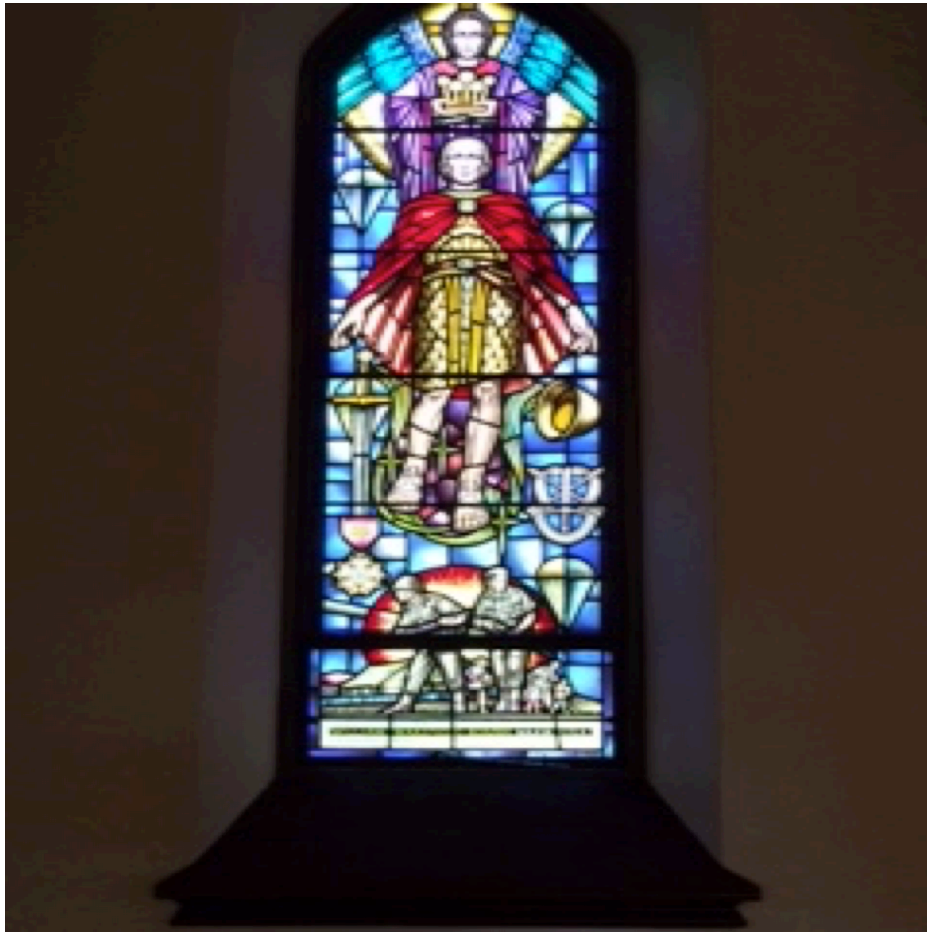


Lent and Easter, 2016

The Network



St. James' Episcopal Church

2584 Main Street, P.O. Box 206, Glastonbury, CT

To grow spiritually and spread the love of Christ

Service Schedule

Sundays 8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist

10:15 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist

*Our sound system is equipped with a supplemental system to aid those who need hearing assistance during the service. The personal units have been upgraded and are available from the ushers.

Wednesdays

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers

...and during Lent...

Weekdays 7:00 AM Morning Prayer (begins Feb. 11)

Thursday, February 25

Compline 7:15 - 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 5

Lenten Quiet Day 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 17

Compline 7:15 - 7:30 PM

March 20

Palm Sunday

March 27

Easter

Vision Statements:

All of our ministries are Christ-centered, joyfully sharing Christ's love.

Led by our commissions, we will reach out and encourage participation to nourish spiritual growth.

Using our time, talents, and treasure, we will support the ministries and activities of this faith community.

We will be an open, welcoming, and inclusive faith community with honest and respectful communication.

Our ministries will serve the community of St. James' and those beyond our walls.



RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

Wasn't it just Christmas? Or, at least just the Epiphany? Now we are planning Lent. Yes, Lent begins very early this year. Easter cannot be earlier than March 22nd and this year it makes it by 5 days, as Easter falls on March 27th. But before we get to Easter, we observe the Holy Season of Lent.

This year we have several things planned to help make our Lenten journeys intentional and a time set apart from our normal days, weeks, and busy lives. Lent is often marked as a time that people give something up, something that seems like a sacrifice. For instance, sweets, chocolate, wine and other such things are often forsaken during the 40 days of Lent. And while giving something up can be a very holy offering for Lent, I also think that taking something on can be a way to make Lent a holy season.

For example, doing a random act of kindness each day, clearing the clutter from your life and getting rid of something you own each day and giving it to someone who can use it, attending a daily worship service, adding daily prayer to your life. These are things we can take on instead of giving up that put us in mind of God in new and different ways.

At St. James' we will be doing a few things differently to mark Lent. Our artist will be transforming our church for the Lent Season to make the space reflect the season. Our worship services will be a bit different, as well.

For the first Sunday in Lent, we will process in to the Great Litany. Each Sunday after that, we will process in silence. We will sing our closing hymn in place and then process out during the Postlude (the piece Jim plays after the closing hymn). This will help us to keep a bit of holy silence in our worship each week. It also means we won't do announcements; they will ALL be in the bulletin. We will also not do birthday and anniversary blessings.

We won't be ignoring February and March birthdays, instead, all February birthdays and anniversaries will be blessed on February 7th and all March birthdays on March 27th.

We will also be offering a time for you to put daily worship into your life during Lent by offering Morning Prayer weekdays at 7:00AM. This could be a time for you to worship before going to work, or a nice way to start your day. I know it's early, but it is only for a season and could be the thing you are adding to your time with God during Lent.

Whether you choose to give something up or take something on, I hope you will find something during this Season of Lent that allows you to mark this time with prayer, quiet, self-sacrifice and an openness of mind and spirit that will ready you for the joy of the resurrection on Easter Day.

Peace,

Denise

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF

--a Lenten Program

Join with folks from St. Mark's and St. Luke's as we explore this Commandment.

Who are our neighbors?

Why is this so difficult?

What role does fear play in closing our hearts to others?

How does loving others lead us to become reconcilers in a broken world?

- We'll meet on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.
- A light dinner and childcare will be provided, although all are welcome to be a part of the conversations.

February 16 @ St. James

March 1 @ St. Mark's on Griswold Street

March 15 @ St. Luke's, South Glastonbury

LENTEN QUIET DAY

A Lenten Quiet Day will be held at St. James' on Saturday, March 5, from 9:00-1:30. The theme is *Exploring Forgiveness and Reconciliation through the Prodigal son.*

Please let Denise know if you plan to attend, so that we can plan for lunch.

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Outreach

#Hold the dates!

Sunday, February 7

Souper Bowl

Tuesday, February 9

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (*REAL* maple syrup – bring your friends)

Thank you for Warm Clothing

Warm Clothing for Homeless - The yearly collection came to an end on January 31st. A huge 'Thank You' to all who donated so generously. We were able to send many bags of clothing to the homeless through Christ Church Cathedral. Please note that the toiletries collection is ongoing, with those donations going to MANNA in Hartford.

Habitat for Humanity

Twelve intrepid workers from St. James' participated in a Habitat for Humanity build project in Hartford on Saturday, January 9. The participants were, Blakeley and Eric Crevoiserat, Gerri Landau, John and Debbie O'Donnell and their friend, Linda, Janet Ritchie, Nick Monsarrat, and Heath and Vanessa Pramberger. It was a mix of first-timers and experienced workers for St. James', but we all found a way to contribute.

Blakeley and Eric Crevoiserat at the January 9 Habitat for Humanity build project.



Our job was to put the front and back porches on a partially built house in the Frog Hollow section of Hartford. Our professional leaders were patient and helpful as we worked the day away. After much carrying, sawing, measuring, nail pounding and screw installation, we made good headway on both projects. The pizza lunch provided by Jake Kinney, of *Thrivent Financial*, was a much appreciated bonus!

One special thing about this house was that it was being funded by *Thrivent*, a financial institution that was originally connected with the Lutheran church and which requires faith-based groups to volunteer in the building of its homes. They are the largest donor to the *Hartford Habitat for Humanity* program.

Learn more about Habitat for Humanity at their website HartfordHabitat.org and consider volunteering for the February 6 build day with another crew from St. James'.



Carol's Closet serves and advances God's mission of restoration and reconciliation in Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for your faithful support to Carol's Closet—monetary donations and item donations are so appreciated! Since this is a continual ministry, there is a continuing need for donations. There is a basket in the foyer in which to put your donations. If you write a check, please note "Carol's Closet" on the memo line and place in an envelope with "Carol's Closet" on the outside. We are especially in need of paper products: toilet tissue, paper towels, and facial tissue.

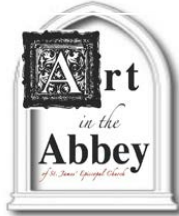
To date, we have had a total of 34 people coming through the doors, representing varying household sizes.

Thank you to our Shawl Ministry knitters who have generously provided warm hats, pocket prayer shawls, and prayer shawls that are shared with our guests! In addition, we were blessed to have Carol Hilton's daughter and granddaughter and volunteers from First Church, one of our faith community partners, come to help us bag items in preparation for our monthly distribution.

***Please look for information about an upcoming dinner benefiting Carol's Closet to be held this spring.**

Taxes The income tax deduction whereby persons over 70 1/2 can donate to a charity, such as the church, from their 401K and not claim it as income, has been on again and off again for several years. The latest budget legislation has made it permanent. Under the law, the transaction must be institution to institution, reducing both federal and state taxes. Any questions, contact Don Jefferson or your tax advisor.





ART IN THE ABBEY

This year our major fundraising extravaganza will take place over three days:

- **Thursday, March 10** -- Social with Artists 4-7 p.m.;
Paint Workshop with Wine 7-9 p.m.
- **Friday, March 11** – Fundraising Gala
- **Saturday, March 12** – Art & Family Day

Plan to come and enjoy at least one of these events, and be sure to invite as many friends and family as you can. It will be fun!

Please also consider lending a hand for this complex project. We need people to help for as little as an hour to much more. Contact Sandy Ouellette if you want to help but don't know what you can do. There are plenty of one-off tasks (from now until the event) not actually on the sign-up board in the foyer.

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Adult Formation Offerings

THEOLOGY ON TAP

- ✓ FEBRUARY 3
- ✓ FEBRUARY 17
- ✓ MARCH 2
- ✓ MARCH 16
- ✓ MARCH 30
- ✓ APRIL 13

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 P.M. @ ANGELO'S RESTAURANT

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COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

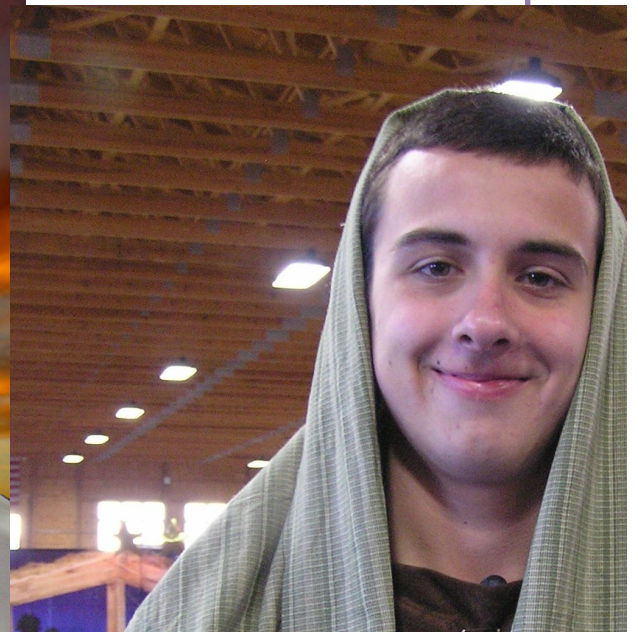
Join Denise on Thursday mornings when Coffee and Conversation with J. Philip Newell's book ***LISTENING FOR THE HEARTBEAT OF GOD***. We meet at 10:00 in the Loft.

JANUARY 14 & 28

FEBRUARY 11 & 25

MARCH 10 & 17

Please join us!



Prayer Hikes

St. Mark is hosting monthly prayer hikes on Sunday afternoons and we invite you to join us. People of all religions or no religion are welcome! A prayer hike is a meandering in the woods with time for guided reflection and prayer woven into the beginning, middle, and end, centered around a theme having to do with creation.

Generally, the hike is about a mile long and takes about an hour. We move at a slow pace on easy terrain to give room for meditation and to make the experience accessible to all kinds of hikers.

Each month we will travel to a different nearby park or forest. We meet on the first Sunday of the month with the exception of February in which we meet on the second Sunday due to the Super Bowl!

The following dates for our hikes through June include:

February 14, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5

We will meet in the St. Mark parking lot at 2 pm or at the hiking venue at 2:15. In February, we will meet at the trailhead behind Smith Middle School in Glastonbury. St. Mark is located at 75 Griswold St. in Glastonbury.

MUSIC AT ST. JAMES'

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| Sunday, February 7 | Joyful Noise Choir sings @ 10:15 am |
| Monday, February 15 | American Guild of Organists (AGO) "Organ Crawl" for young persons |
| Sunday, February 21 | Children's Choir rehearsal <u>and</u> "organ demonstration" 11:30 |
| Thursday, February 25 | A service of <i>Compline</i> is sung by the Adult Choir, 7:15-7:30 pm
<i>in the Foyer (in candlelight).</i> |
| Sunday, March 6 | Adult Choir sings @ 8 am service
Joyful Noise! Choir and Children's Choir sing @ 10:15 am |
| Thursday, March 17 | A service of <i>Compline</i> is sung by the Adult Choir, 7:15-7:30 pm
<i>in the Foyer (in candlelight).</i> |
| Thursday, April 14 | Invitation to attend the <i>Hartford Chorale's</i> presentation of Mendelssohn's
<i>Elijah</i> in Mortensen Hall @ the Bushnell, Hartford. |

*Baptisms,
Pageant, and
Newcomers*



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