

Lent and Easter, 2017

The Network



St. James' Episcopal Church

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

Service Schedule

Sundays	8:00 am	Rite I Holy Eucharist
	10:15 am	Rite II Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays		10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>		10:00 am and 7:00 pm
<i>Morning Prayer during Lent</i>		8:00 am <i>Mondays through Saturdays</i> (begins March 2)
<i>Compline, Thursdays</i>		March 16 and March 30 @7:15 pm
Palm Sunday		April 9
Holy Week: Monday, Tuesday		April 10 & 11, Eucharist @7:00 pm
Tenebrae, Wednesday		April 12 @7:00 pm
Agape Meal, Thursday		April 13 <i>Meal, Foot Washing, and Eucharist</i> 7:00 pm
Good Friday, Friday		April 14 <i>Stations of the Cross</i> , Noon Service 7:00pm
Easter		April 16 <i>Services at</i> 8:00 am and 10:15 am

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**.

Safe Church Policy requires that minor children should not leave the sanctuary during worship unaccompanied by a parent. Ushers will ask unaccompanied children to go back into the church and get a parent. We appreciate your compliance with this policy.

St. James' Vision (2016)

We are a Christian community committed to our individual faith journeys through learning, sharing and listening to God and one another. We live this faith through hospitality and acceptance, challenging ourselves and one another to join God in God's mission in our neighborhoods and the world.

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Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer. (Book of Common Prayer)

This is probably familiar to some of you - they are the words that the priest says each Ash Wednesday before we kneel for a few moments and then receive ashes on our foreheads, a symbol that we are mortal, that one day we shall pass from this earth and that we know that this passing is not the end, but a transition into a new life in Christ.

Not all Christian denominations observe Lent, although it is becoming more common as people look at ways of marking God's time and seasons. If you come from a tradition that did not observe Lent or if you didn't have any church experience prior to coming to St. James', you may not know what Lent is all about. The words from our Book of Common Prayer are a very good summary of what Lent is.

Christmas is somewhat of a big deal to Christians, the gift of God coming to live among mortals. That he took our flesh and lived a poor, simple life is pretty amazing. And yet for many of us, it is Good Friday and most importantly Easter that is THE big deal of the Christian faith. The fact that Jesus would put everything on the line for us, even die a horrendous death, is an amazing act of love. Jesus is love. He took the hate, the anger, and the fear that people heaped upon him and

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refused to give it back. He, instead, gave back love, peace, forgiveness, and sacrifice. And then, to show the world that even death does not stamp out love, Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus demonstrated that in the end, God always wins. We can throw all that we have at God, all our pain, all our anger, all our rage, all our fears and hate and but in the end, God wins. “Love is Love is Love is Love is Love” is God.

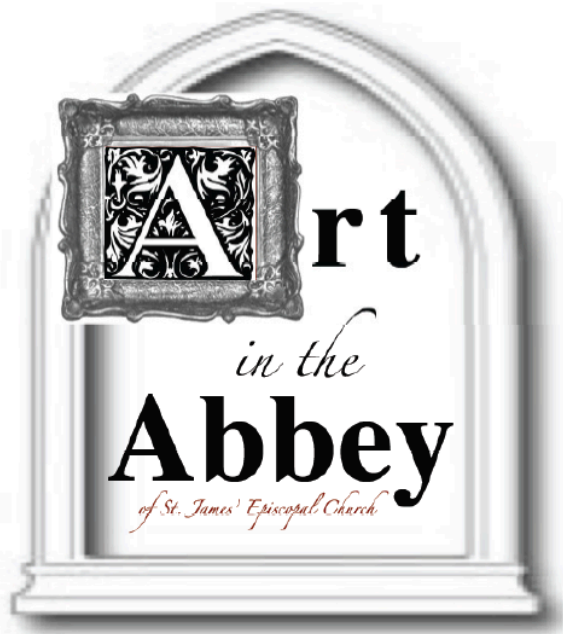
Remember, this kind of event takes preparation, self-examination, and questioning. Where do I stand in all this? How does my life reflect the love God sacrificed so much for? How do I show love and gratitude to God for all God is in Jesus Christ? This is what we do during Lent.

We have things going on all throughout Lent to help you with this. Some of this will take place on Sundays when church will look and feel and sound different. Some are at other times such as a Lenten Quiet Day at St. John's, and a program that will take place three Wednesdays during Lent. We will have special worship times such as Morning Prayer services Monday through Saturday at 8:00 a.m., and a service every night during Holy Week. I hope you will join us for some of these and find time in your own life to reflect, pray, and listen.

*We will be beginning each Sunday service with a Taize Chant instead of a prelude. **Taize** is an ecumenical sung and silent participatory **prayer** service designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song and silence. The chant is a way to help us to quiet our minds and prepare for worship. The choir will begin the chant and we invite you to join in as you are ready.*

No announcements will be made during Lent. Please check the leaflet and Wednesday emails.

March Birthdays and Anniversaries will be celebrated on February 26. April ones will be celebrated on April 23.



As The Network goes to press, **Art in the Abbey** is but two weeks away. It's important to check the weekly e-blasts to see how you can help. As the *Faith in Action* committee explains later in this edition, Art in the Abbey is the largest fundraiser of the year for St. James' outreach projects, including local, regional, national and international projects, Carol's Closet, Shawl Ministry, Lunch in the Park, and Pet Adoption.

- ❖ *Invite your friends, family, neighbors...*
- ❖ *Buy a ticket*
- ❖ *Put up a poster in locations around town you frequent*
- ❖ *See Lisa Gleason to sponsor a gift basket*
- ❖ *Volunteer time to help with set-up, logistics on Friday or Saturday*

- **Friday, March 10, 5:00-9:00 pm**
- **Saturday, (Free) 9:00 am-1:00 pm**

- 30+ Local Artists
- Oils, acrylics, pastel, pencil, ink, watercolors, wood working, needlepoint, pottery, photography, glass, crafts, and many more.



Help Feed the Hungry

Thank you for your continual, generous donations of food and toiletries, which are shared with the **Glastonbury Food Pantry** (1st & 3rd Sundays of each month) and the **MANNA pantry in Hartford** (2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays). In addition, each Sunday the Glastonbury **Panera** donates its surplus bread products, which are delivered to Hartford each Monday by our loyal volunteers.

Recent "Thank you" notes:

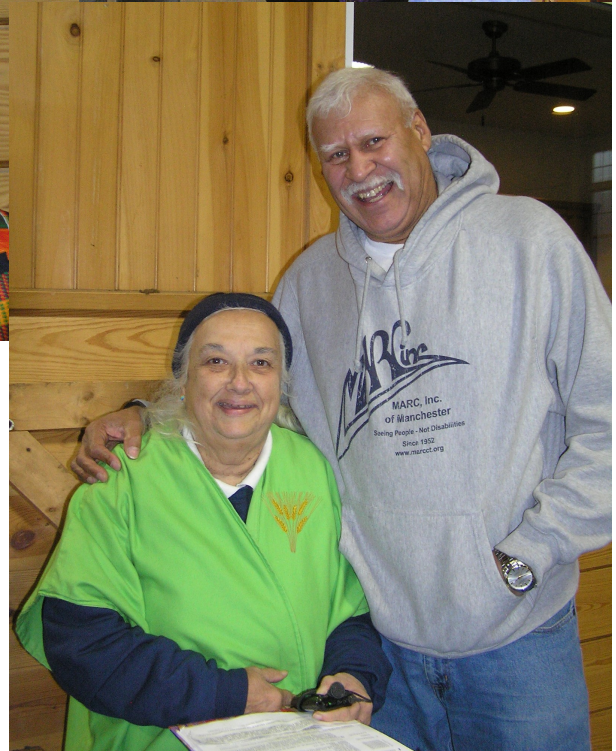
Glastonbury Food Bank *"Thank you so much for your generous donation of food to the Food Bank at Glastonbury Social Services! This year has been difficult for many town residents who are struggling because of the economy. Thanks to donations like yours, we can continue to provide assistance to the neediest members of our community!"*

MANNA (a handwritten note) *"Thank you for your partnership in strengthening community in Hartford. Special thanks for all of your deliveries of bread, bagels and pastries from Panera! And of course for your other donations to the MANNA pantry."*

Hands on Hartford, which operates the **MANNA food pantry**, has also opened **The Café at Fifty-Five** at its 55 Bartholomew Avenue location in Hartford (near the Parkville busway station and a few blocks from *Grace Episcopal Church*). It is open Tuesday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., serving coffee, crepes, sandwiches, soups and salads. The Café at Fifty-Five embodies Hands On Hartford's key goals of **serving neighbors** (we provide jobs for folks with barriers to employment), **engaging volunteers** (volunteers are a vital part of the operational team), and **connecting communities** (our prices are low and there's a pay-it-forward option allowing diverse groups to enjoy the Café). Volunteer opportunities include light food preparation, and/or welcoming or serving customers, either 7:30-11:30 or 11:30-3:00, and could be done once a week, once a month, or whatever fits your schedule. For more information about volunteering, contact Wanda Guzman at 860-706-1507 or wguzman@handsonhartford.org.

**If you'd like to know more about any of these activities,
call David Buddington at 860-633-1991.**

The Christmas
Pageant
with
St. Luke's



Pictured:

Top Left: Janice and Fred

Middle Right: Tom and Jesse

Middle Left: Gerri L. and Caroline

Bottom Right: Janet R. and Doug



Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, Feb 28

Seating at 5:30 and 6:00 pm

St. James' Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is a wonderful reminder of the "pitch-in-and-make-it-happen" mindset of our parishioners and of our sense of community. People come early and stay late and have great conversations while feasting on sausages and pancakes with real maple syrup. **Faith in Action** is committed to making this happen again, and will be partnering with others to present a "Fat Tuesday" or *Mardi Gras* feast worthy of the occasion- a final celebratory fling before the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday. Join us in your best *Mardi Gras* spirit for food, fun, and fellowship.

PLEASE SIGN UP on the sheet in the foyer to give us an estimated count so that we can have adequate food on hand. **This year we are encouraging people to sign up for one of two sittings, at 5:30 or 6:00, just so that we can improve the flow of food.** This does **NOT** mean that if you arrive at 5:30, you must leave by 6:00. We encourage you to stay as long as you'd like and enjoy the fellowship of old and new friends. On this form you can also indicate if you would be willing to contribute a finger dessert. The suggested donation is \$6.00 per person, or \$20 per family, but a contribution of any amount is most appreciated. *All proceeds will support Heads Up! Hartford*, which is a region-wide, Hartford-based program for youth that promotes diversity, develops leadership, and provides community service.

AND WE WILL NEED ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS, especially to help cook, to serve the tables, and to clean up. Can you help? Contact:

Barbara Buddington, 860-633-1991, or bbuddington@sbcglobal.net.

Blakeley Crevoiserat, 860 713-1824, or rcrevoiserat@aol.com.

Many thanks to those who so generously gave their gently used winter clothes to folks in need at the cathedral. Our **Winter Clothes Collection** has ended for this year but save them for next fall. New underwear and socks for men and women continue to be needed year-round. The toiletries are also an on-going collection, given to MANNA twice a month. Again, thank you! *Judy K.*



*We invite you to join us for
Sung Compline
during the season of Lent.
7:15 pm on March 16 and March 30*

*Silence ... Peace ... Candles...Darkness
...Contemplation...Reflection...Prayers...Bible reading*

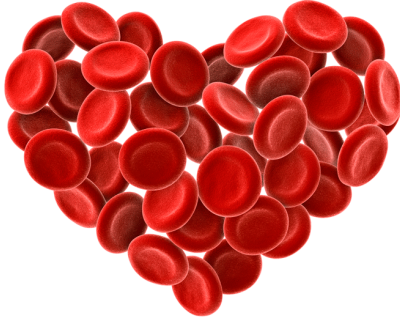
*An officiant and the St. James' Choir will lead Compline.
Your active participation includes listening, joining in a hymn and The Lord's Prayer.
After a busy day,
Compline is a time to offer praise to God in a quiet and restful setting in a service
lasting 15 minutes.*



The Revs. Denise and Keri at Convention

Crown of Thorns

As we journey through Lent 2017, you are invited to take time to quietly **reflect** and prayerfully **repent** as your relationship with God and others is **renewed**. A **Crown of Thorns** will be placed in the sanctuary throughout Lent and Holy Week, leading to Easter, the feast of the resurrection. Please place a "thorn(s)" in the crown as you make the journey this Holy Season and be sure to watch for the transformations of the crown.



Donating Blood is Both Good Stewardship and *Faith in Action*

Want to make your heart feel good? You can on **Friday April 21st from 1:00–6:00 pm**. Consider helping with the annual St. James' Red Cross Blood Drive. Did you know: The adult body has an abundance of red blood – about 10 pints? Only about 1 pint is given during

a donation. ***It's like tithing with your blood.*** Healthy bone marrow produces a constant supply of red cells, plasma and platelets. So, your body easily replenishes the elements given during a donation – some in a matter of hours, others within a few weeks. There is more than enough to share with someone in need. ***When was the last time your faith in action saved a life?*** The next time could be April 21st, when St. James' hosts our spring blood drive.

It's easy; it doesn't hurt or take long. The entire process, from arrival to departure takes less than an hour and a half. The number one reason people say they give blood is because they "want to help others." Donating blood is a perfect confluence of outreach to those in need and faithful stewardship of our personal resources.

There are a variety of ways you can help:

- ✓ Sign up to give blood (Sign up online www.readcrossblood.org)
(Helps the Bloodmobile bring enough staff and equipment.)
 - Over age 17
 - Healthy and over 110 lbs.
 - Worried about iron levels? Add iron rich vitamins to your diet the week before you donate.
- ✓ Unable to donate?
 - Greet donors at the registration desk set up in the foyer.
 - Help upstairs in the parish hall in the "canteen."
 - Help set-up and/or clean up.
- ✓ If your schedule doesn't allow your to donate or volunteer?
 - Bake goodies or make sandwiches for the "canteen."
- ✓ **Sign up in the foyer.**
- ✓ **Call Jeannette Brown (860-633-5801) for more information.**

Chris and Amelia



Elyse Simpson and Vayda



Annual Meeting in January



Carol's Closet

Great news! At our January distribution, Carol's Closet welcomed a record high of 50 guests through the door. Word of the paper pantry continues to spread throughout town! It is truly the work of the Holy Spirit as this small community comes together on the monthly distribution day. As people arrive they are warmly greeted and offered refreshments, healing prayers, conversation, and receive their bags.

We are so thankful to all who support Carol's Closet through gifts of time, donations, and prayer. The Christmas gifts generously provided were received with joy! Thank you to the Shawl Ministry knitters for the beautiful hats and prayer shawls! Through the St. James' annual coat drive we were able to provide warm coats to several of our guests.

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Carol's Closet is in need of additional helpers to join in this ministry and serve as faith is put into action. Please let Becky Lee (balee@cox.net) or Marie Dixon (cwdancer6@icloud.com) know if you are interested in learning more. We would love your input, help and ideas!! (Besides... it is a whole lot of fun.)

On Saturday, April 29, Carol's Closet will host a workshop at St. James' for other churches in ECCT who have expressed an interest in setting up a paper pantry in their town. We will be pleased to welcome them and share thoughts and ideas.

- ✓ **Please remember Carol's Closet with your donations of toothpaste and children's toothbrushes.**

Refuge



George Bristol



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Don Gardner

Don Donegan

Don Jefferson

Green Team Update

Our first St. James Green Team met in November. Although we aspired to meet again in January, other events conspired to push our next meeting off. In November, we discussed multiple courses of action and determined that one of the immediate actions we could take would be to ask Dr. Lettie Naigles, from St. John's, Vernon, to repeat her presentation from Midweek Musings, so that more of our congregation could view it. Lettie was scheduled for February 5th but snowy weather cancelled her. No worries, we will reschedule! The Buddingtons, O'Donnells, and Barbara Massy attended the potluck dinner and the movie, *Before the Flood*, at St. John's, Vernon, on February 19th. Please see any of us for our thoughts about this impactful movie!

Another action we agreed to take was to pursue a Town of Glastonbury "community garden plot" located behind the Police Station. We hope to plant, water, and tend the vegetable plants throughout the summer and donate the vegetables to the local Food Bank. This is a project that St. John's, Vernon has successfully undertaken over multiple years. All St. James' gardeners are welcome to help tend the garden! Please call the office (Jodi) if you can help. *We clearly have a solid team who is passionate about how St. James' can work further to take care of creation. More members are always welcome! Stay tuned for descriptions of our work and opportunities for all parishioners to participate!*

Adult Formation Offerings

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION is open to everyone and meets every other Thursday at 11:00 at the Church. We are reading Brian D. McLaren's *We Make the Road by Walking*.

Midweek Musings

March 15: Open and Affirming church
Becoming a Believe Out Loud Congregation

April 19: Ecological Conversation Guest speaker: TBD

May 17: Thistle Farms, The 24 Principles of Magdalene *Find Your Way Home*
WEDNESDAYS @6:30 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

SAVE THE DATES

February 28 5:30 and 6:00 pm *Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper*

All proceeds support [Heads Up Hartford](#).

March 1 *Ash Wednesday* Services at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Beginning **March 2** at 8:00 am (Mondays - Saturdays) **Morning Prayer Services**

March 4 *Lenten Quiet Day* on Saturday at *St. John's Church, Vernon*

March 10 *Art in the Abbey* Friday evening, 5:00 - 9:00 pm, Saturday, 10-1:00

This is the major fund-raiser for all of our [Faith in Action](#) (formerly "outreach") projects (supplemented by Soup Sundays and plant sales and other miscellaneous events). It provides the funds for our donations to local, regional, and national/international organizations, and, among other things, allows us to buy supplies for "[Lunch in the Park](#)" (which we will be doing four times in 2017), and to support the [Shawl Ministry](#), [Carol's Closet](#), and the (new in 2016) [Pet Adoption](#) project here at St. James'. Please support this event with your time, talent, and treasure.

March 12 *Joyful Noise* sings at the 10:15 service (and **April 2, May 7**).

All are welcome to participate. If you would like to play an instrument, contact Jim Barry in advance so he can provide music. Singers are welcome to join us – just come to the Chancel by 9:45 am to learn the music for the day. Those interested in supporting more contemporary music in our worship are especially encouraged to participate.

March 16 Service of *Compline* in the foyer on Thursday evening at 7:15 pm.

SAVE MORE DATES

March 19 8:00 and 10:15 Services *Bishop Laura visits St. James'*

March 26 *Soup Sunday* Our last chance in Lent to provide "LENT-il" soup and another selection to support *Lunch in the Park*. We'd appreciate your help on March 23 (Thursday evening) and/or March 25 (Saturday late morning) to help with the soup making.

March 30 Service of *Compline* in the foyer on Thursday evening at 7:15 pm

April 1 *Lunch in the Park* on Saturday --We will be making sandwiches and delivering them to Bushnell Park in Hartford following the "Church by the Pond" service. Please let Marie Dixon know if you can help by providing cookies or by helping to make the lunches on Saturday (mid-day).

April 9 *Palm Sunday*

April 12 *Tenebrae* 7:00 pm

April 10 7:00 pm **Service**

April 13 *Agape Meal* 7:00 pm

April 11 7:00 pm **Service**

April 14 Stations of the Cross 12:00 Noon

April 14 **Good Friday Service at 7:00**

April 16 **Easter** 8:00 am and 10:15 am Services

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