

*Lent, 2019*

# The Network



*St. James' Episcopal Church*

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

## Service Schedule

<b>Sundays</b>	8:00 am	Rite I Holy Eucharist
	10:15 am	Rite II Holy Eucharist
<b>Wednesdays</b>	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers
<i>Shrove Tuesday</i>	March 5	5:30, 6:00 pm <b>Pancake Supper</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>March 6</b>	10:00 am, 7:00pm
Mondays-Saturdays	in <i>Lent</i> , <b>Morning Prayer</b>	8:00 am
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>April 14</b> ,	<i>One Service at 10:00</i>
		<i>Breakfast at 9:00</i>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>April 21</b>	8:00 am, 10:15 am

*See next page for listings of other special services in Lent.*

## *St. James' Vision*

*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.*

Epiphany



Jesse Tree



# Lent and Holy Week at St. James'



## MORNING PRAYER

Weekdays and Saturdays ♦ 8:00 A.M.



## HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays ♦ 10 A.M.

Sundays ♦ 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 A.M.



## SPECIAL SERVICES/EVENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST ♦ FEBRUARY 6 ♦ 10 A.M. & 7 P.M.

SUNG COMPLINE ♦ THURSDAY, MARCH 28 ♦ 7:00 P.M.

SUNG COMPLINE ♦ THURSDAY, APRIL 11 ♦ 7:00 P.M.



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY HOLY EUCHARIST ♦ APRIL 14 ♦ 10:00 A.M. ONLY (BREAKFAST AT 9:00 A. M.)

MONDAY EVENING PRAYER ♦ APRIL 15 ♦ 7:00 P.M.

TUESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST ♦ APRIL 16 ♦ 7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY TENEBRAE ♦ APRIL 17 ♦ 7:00P.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY AGAPE MEAL AND HOLY EUCHARIST WITH FOOT WASHING ♦  
APRIL 18 ♦ 7 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY ♦ APRIL 19 ♦ NOON STATIONS OF THE CROSS; 7:00 P.M. SERVICE

EASTER VIGIL ♦ APRIL 20 ♦ 8:00 P.M. ♦ LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST. MARK,  
GLASTONBURY

EASTER SUNDAY HOLY EUCHARIST ♦ APRIL 21 ♦ 8:00 A.M. & 10:15 A.M.





# *A Grateful\**

## Annual Meeting

### in January

\*author, Diana Butler Bass

*Caroline Chester is at the  
helm for a Bake Sale  
to support our  
St. James' youth's  
participation in  
REFUGE*





# Rector's Ramblings

It is hard to believe that Lent is just around the corner. March 6<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday, and Easter is April 21<sup>st</sup>. Each year we seek to help you set this time apart and to make Lent a Holy Season by offering suggestions on how to mark the season in your personal life. Lent is also a time to make worship a bit different so that when you enter St. James' Church on Sundays, it looks and sounds different. So as the 2019 Lenten Season approaches, I would like to offer some thoughts on a personal Lent experience as well as things to notice in worship.

**Personal:** In his book, *The Great Spiritual Migration*, Brian McLaren encourages us to use Lent as a time for "honest self-evaluation of our maturity in love and a renewal of our commitment to grow in it" (in love). He suggests instead of giving up things like sweets, chocolates, wine, etc., we give up being critical of others, gossiping, or interrupting instead of listening. Others have suggested taking on something such as a random act of kindness each day, giving something away each day (starting a box that can be donated to charity at the end of Lent), starting a prayer practice, or weekly visits to a shut-in or someone who lives alone. Check out the calendar of daily practices from The Way of Love in Lent at [churchpublishing.org/siteassets/pdf/living-the-way-of-love/way-of-love-in-lent-2019-calendar.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2nxUoszoDgustcvPaRBtVEF4f0DB7D\\_vte99vXgWGjH5QyVIYSoV4N-w0](http://churchpublishing.org/siteassets/pdf/living-the-way-of-love/way-of-love-in-lent-2019-calendar.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2nxUoszoDgustcvPaRBtVEF4f0DB7D_vte99vXgWGjH5QyVIYSoV4N-w0) Use your imagination and reach outside of your comfort zone. Lent is a time of spiritual growth and renewal.

**Worship:** On Sundays when you come to church, you will notice things look different. There are no flowers on the altar, no hangings on the altar, lectern, or pulpit, and I don't wear a chasuble (unless we have a linen-colored one like this year). All of this is meant to symbolize a stripping down to our simplest, most authentic selves for self-examination, preparation, transformation, and renewal through the love of Christ. We employ more silence by eliminating music in our procession or recession, and use what the Anglican Church calls The Great Silence following Communion, all to introduce more time for reflection. Our music also reflects the season – notice how the hymns mark the Season of Lent as one of self-examination and seeking God's forgiveness for our sins.

**Lent Sessions:** Our usual Wednesday night Adult Education sessions are held twice per month, and once a month we have dinner conversation at Panera. During Lent, however, we will be holding a four session program based on Bishop Curry's seven practices on the Way of Love. It is called *Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent*. I encourage you to make attending all four sessions' part of your Lenten journey, but if you can't, join us when you can. Each session is from 7:00-8:30 p.m. They will be held on March 13 & 20, and April 3 & 10.

**Palm Sunday:** Last year we shifted our order of worship around a bit to help us to fully appreciate both Palm Sunday and the Start of Holy Week. We began our worship in the parish hall (after a breakfast that had a Palm Sunday theme), processed into the church and celebrated Palm Sunday. This allowed us to sit longer in that place of the crowd who so fully rejoiced in Jesus and then quickly turned on him. In years past, we did the blessing of the palms, processed into church and suddenly were in Passion Sunday. The reading of the Passion of Jesus was the focus of the service and Palm Sunday was just a 5-minute stop along the way. Now we read the Passion of Christ after Communion, allowing us to fully embrace Palm Sunday and end the service with the start of Holy Week.

However you choose to enter into the Lenten Season, I hope you will find it to be a time that is not just something to endure, but something that can truly be transformative. Whatever you do, do it prayerfully, thoughtfully, and hopefully. And if you are able, join us for worship on weekday mornings and for at least one Holy Week service - perhaps one you have never experienced before. Let your heart be open to the ways that Jesus is calling you to deepen your faith, your journey, and your life in Christ.

Peace, Denise+

*At the February Last Sunday Breakfast, several of us joined in the conversation that ECCT has invited all parishes to begin "a season racial healing, justice and reconciliation." We are invited to take two years to engage in conversations on how we and our churches can help heal ourselves, our churches and our communities of racial divides. On Saturday mornings (March 16, 30, April 13, 20, May 4, 11, June 1, 8, 22) from 9:00-10:30 am, we'll continue the discussion and read together the book Living into God's Dream, edited by Catherine Meeks.*

***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.





## Coffee Hour



--All the best to Ruth  
and Rod Neaveill in  
their move to  
Louisville!



# Faith in Action

## Fund-raisers - big and small

Many, many thanks to all who supported the **Christmas Tea** in December, and ESPECIALLY to Janice Davis and Debbie O'Donnell who led and organized it, as well as to the volunteers who made it all happen - - over 45 St. James' folk contributed to the Tea's success! As you may have heard, the Vestry voted to dedicate the proceeds of the Christmas Tea to Faith in Action!

(Doug), Molly, Blakeley



Jeannette, Mitch

- ✓ We have held two **Soup Sundays** (i.e., November and January) which jointly raised over \$500 to support **Lunch in the Park**.
- ✓ *The next Soup Sunday is planned for March 17.*
- ✓ **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** is on March 5.



# Faith in Action

## UPCOMING DATES

- ✓ **March 30 (Saturday) – Lunch in the Park.** Marie Dixon and her crew will be making bag lunches and transporting them to Bushnell Park in Hartford for distribution to those in need. She can always use volunteers and contributions of homemade cookies.
- ✓ **April 26 (Friday) – American Red Cross Blood Drive** at St. James'. We'd love to have more donors from St. James', so please consider making an appointment. Jeannette Brown will have her usual sign up sheets in the foyer to schedule volunteer helpers and food donations.
- ✓ **April 27- FoodShare's Walk Against Hunger** (in Hartford)

## ONGOING:

- **Bread ministry** – Volunteers pick up surplus Panera bread on Sunday evening and deliver it to "Hands on Hartford" (Manna) on Monday morning.
- **Food pantry** (non-perishable) donations – Bring your donations to church at any time. Collection baskets are in the foyer. Volunteer to transport the collected food to Hartford or Glastonbury food pantries (depending on the week).
- **Carol's Closet** – A "paper pantry" serving Glastonbury residents is always looking for donations of paper goods, toiletries, and other items that are not eligible for purchase under the State's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). These are distributed to SNAP-eligible individuals and families in our community on the third Saturday morning of each month.
- **Shawl Ministry** – This amazing group of knitters make many, many prayer shawls, lap blankets, baby blankets, mittens, hats, and other items which are given away to provide comfort in difficult times, to help those in need, and/or to serve as a reminder that the recipient is an important part of a caring community.

**All parishioners** are part of "Faith in Action." Could you volunteer to help with one or more of these events/projects? Contact Barbara Buddington ([bbuddington@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bbuddington@sbcglobal.net) or 860 918-2492) for the appropriate contact person.



## *Sung Compline*

We invite you to join us for sung Compline during the season of Lent. What can you expect from attending? *Silence ... Peace... Candles... Darkness... Contemplation... Prayers... Bible reading*

An officiant and the St. James' Choir will lead Compline. Your active participation includes listening and 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.

- Please join us on Thursdays, March 28 & April 11, at 7:15 PM for Lenten Compline.

*"Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace."* – Compline, BCP page 134

**Joyful Noise! Choir** will lead singing on the following Sundays: March 17 and May 5. All are welcome to participate. If you would like to play an instrument, contact Jim Barry in advance for music. Singers are welcome to join us – just come to the chancel by 9:45 to learn the music for the day. Those interested in supporting more contemporary music in our worship are especially encouraged to participate.



## *Joint Concert on March 10, 3:00 p.m.*

Music by the French composer, Gabriel Fauré, will be presented on Sunday, at First Congregational Church, Glastonbury. The *combined choirs of St. James' Church and First Church* will perform *Requiem* and *Messe Basse*. Come and be inspired by Fauré's gift for melody and colorful harmonies, all accompanied by the Schoenstein organ. Free-will offering supports *Carol's Closet*. Reception follows.

Fauré (1845-1924) composed his *Requiem*, Opus 48 between 1887 and 1890 and is the best known of his large works. The setting is a shortened Catholic Mass for the Dead, with text changes and omissions by the composer. Fauré wrote of the work, "Everything I managed to entertain by way of religious illusion I put into my *Requiem*, which moreover is dominated from the beginning to end by a very human felling of faith in eternal rest." Scored for chorus, orchestra, baritone and soprano soloists, the version performed at the concert will be accompanied by organ and violin.

*Messe Basse* was originally *Messe des pêcheurs de Villerville* (Mass of the fishermen of Villerville; 1881), written in collaboration with his former pupil, André Messager. A later version 1906 (*Messe Basse*) omitted the portions written by Messager, omitted the *Gloria* (re-worked as an added *Benedictus*), and included a new *Kyrie*. It is this version we will perform at the concert, scored for upper voices (women), soloists, and organ.

*Please join us for this wonderful concert, the second collaboration between the two music programs of St. James' and First Church.*

Our "fun" Annual Meeting, January 27



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