

Lent, 2020

The Network



Twelfth Night Dinner, Epiphany

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

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...Reflection...
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 fifteen minutes.

Please join us on Thursdays, March 12 & 19 and April 2, at 7:15 PM.

"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)

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.



Celtic Vespers

Celtic Vespers will be offered on Sunday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. The non-denominational candlelight service features prayers and music of Ireland, Scotland, England, and Wales. Most recently held at St. Mary's, Manchester, we are excited to present this service here at St. James'.

Instrumentalists are Wild Notes (Kasha Breau – harp; John Kalinowski - concertina & accordion; and Mickey Roth - fiddle, flute, recorder & whistle). Volunteers from the Adult Choir will help lead the singing.

Christianity flourished throughout the British Isles for many centuries emphasizing a sense of God's nearness and the love of creation as God's gift. Nature, the wild and elemental were reminders of that gift. Many believe features of Celtic spirituality may be a way to inform and renew contemporary Christianity.

Vespers or Evening Prayer is deemed "Celtic" more by the spirit of the liturgy than any formal form. This vesper service, steeped in tradition, invites one to enter into a place of quiet, prayer and reflection and offers an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance.

Please invite your families, friends and neighbors to join you as together we seek a sense of wholeness and peace in these turbulent times. Reception follows the service.



A busy December
and January at
St. James' –

- Gail Leibert
preached
in January,



- Bishop Ian
Douglas visited
in December.
- Guimond visited in
December, too
(with Cheryl Turner
and Doug Scott).



Rector's Ramblings

The season of Lent is upon us once again. Lent is an interesting time of year. In the Church, it is a very important season - one of reflection, penitence, and sacrifice; a time to make changes in our lives and to recommit ourselves to God in a deeper way. Yet the world around us rolls on. It is almost like Advent and Christmas. Advent is very much Church time and we try to honor it outside the walls of the church. Maybe we have an Advent wreath or calendar; we might not put our tree up until just before Christmas and we might leave it up until January 6th. We might not listen to Christmas Carols in our cars or at home until Christmas Eve – but EVERYTHING around us YELLS CHRISTMAS and most of us get caught up in it in one way or another.

Lent is kind of like that. Our services sound different and the church looks different. We will have a Quiet Day here for reflection and an evening contemplating the Way of the Cross. We will have readings each week that ask us to reflect and think about the sacrifice Jesus made and the seriousness of being a Disciple. But once we leave the church building, it is business as usual. All kinds of things are happening during the season of Lent – March Madness for you basketball fans, children's youth sports are getting into full swing, days are getting longer and the excitement that Spring is just around the corner is creeping into our heads, hearts and activities. March and April get-aways to warmer climates to tide us over until summer beckons us. It is hard to stay in the Lenten frame of mind.

So, what are some ways you can do it? How can you make Lent a holy season for you and your family? How about:

- Make a commitment to being at church each Sunday during Lent.
- Attend at least one of the Holy Week Services, maybe one you have never been to before.
- Try Lent Madness <https://www.lentmadness.org/bracket/> It is a fun way to engage your family in learning about Saints.
- Find something to take on – an act of kindness, put something into a box for donation each day, or commit to purchasing something each week for the church food drive and bring it in at the end of Lent. If you do these as a family, talk about what you did at dinner each night.
- Give something up – complaining, judging other people, ...
- Come to either the Wednesdays Night Adult Ed or the Saturday Quiet Day, or both.
- Make time in the beginning or at the end of your day for prayer or reading a reflection; there are a lot of on-line resources specific to Lent. You can find them on the Episcopal Church website or Virginia Theological Seminary website, and there are books on Church Publishing and Amazon.

It isn't easy to have a Holy Lent. Life happens; we are busy and distracted. Pick something; try something. Easter will be even more special if you do.

Denise+

Thank you for your Donations!

Carol's Closet and Christ Church Cathedral extend their thanks for all the winter clothing donated. The clothes are helping to keep many people warm. Although no additional winter clothes are requested for this year, Carol's Closet is now asking for spring/summer new or gently used attire. (Yes, spring will arrive soon.) Search your closets and bring your donations to the church.

MANNA is very grateful for all the toiletries - keep them coming. They are delivered to MANNA with the food donations on the second and fourth Sundays. This is a year round project of Faith in Action.

Purim Feast For our **Adult Forum on March 11th** we have been invited to join our friends at the *Congregation Kol Haverim* for their Feast of Purim. This is an ancient celebration designated in the Book of Esther to commemorate the days they were saved from the evil Hamman in the Esther story. It will be a wonderful opportunity to see how this ancient celebration is continued to modern times. **The Purim Celebration begins at 6:00.** We ask that you sign up if you plan to attend so we can let the folks at Kol Haverim know how many of us to expect. If you plan on coming, read the Book of Esther before you come so you know what they are celebrating; it is a wonderful story that reads much like a novel.



Sunday School+ Refuge
created valentine hearts of love and focused on discussions based pm the Gospel. February is the month of love. What greater time to not just demonstrate our love to others but learn about the greatness and impact of God's love. In Refuge not only did we define love, we looked at scriptures describing God's love. We were reminded that God's love is all around us (e.g., red hearts).

Key Scriptures:

1 Corinthians 13: 4-5: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs."

1 John 4:16: "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."

Faith in Action

After a very busy Fall, the Faith in Action Committee took a breather in January, with the exception our **Soup Sunday** on January 5, which raised over \$240 for *Faith in Action* ministries.

The vestry has asked us to re-think how we approach Faith in Action. As you will note below, a forum has been planned for Saturday morning, March 7, to have a whole-parish conversation on this issue. Please come!

Upcoming Dates

- ✓ **February 25 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** (5:30 and 6:00 seatings). Please join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship and food. \$5/person, maximum \$20/family. The proceeds will benefit *Heads Up! Hartford*, so additional donations will be greatly appreciated. Reservations are not required, but greatly appreciated, as it will be a great help in planning the food. Sign up on the sheet on the foyer table or email barbara@buddington.net.
- ✓ **Saturday, March 7, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.** – Faith in Action Forum – for the whole parish.
- ✓ **March Soup Sunday** – date TBD
- ✓ **Tuesday, April 13** – next Faith in Action meeting.

We welcome new members on this committee, and always need support crews for various projects, so if you would like to help in any way, please contact Barbara Buddington.



New Episcopalians

...with Bishop Douglas on December 8:
(L to R)

Sharon Phipps

Michelle Carini

Krislyn Donadio

Nancy Zepke and Bruce Zepke



The Christmas Tea



The 2020 Vestry @ the Annual Meeting





Downsizing Done Right - Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.

Do you or a family member have an accumulation of household items and are now faced with the daunting task of selling, gifting or donating the items due to moving, retiring or wishing to simplify your life? On Tuesday, April 14th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Ralph Labozzo (appraiser and auctioneer at Golden Gavel in East Windsor) is offering a presentation to address this task. Based on years of experience working with individuals and families, Ralph will share his best tips and practices on how to sort, sell, donate or discard a lifetime collection of "stuff". There will be an opportunity for questions and answers following the presentation. This event is open to the public. Invite your families, friends and neighbors to join you for this informative session.



Ted Mollegan's two week old
great-grandson

Clair Godson, our director of Children and Youth Education, reports that the **God's Jar** collection was added in with toy donations for Christmas gifts to children at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center this December.

Lent and Holy Week at St. James'



HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays ♦ 10 A.M.

(shared service with the Lutheran Church of St. Mark)

Sundays ♦ 8:00 a.m. & 10:15 A.M.



SPECIAL SERVICES/EVENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST ♦ FEBRUARY 26 ♦ 10 A.M. & 7 P.M.

ASHES-TO- GO 7:30 – 8:30 A.M. AND 12:00 – 1:30 P.M.

SUNG COMPLINE ♦ THURSDAY, MARCH 12 ♦ 7:15 P.M.

CELTIC VESPERS ♦ SUNDAY, MARCH 15 ♦ 7:00 P.M.

SUNG COMPLINE ♦ THURSDAY, MARCH 19 ♦ 7:15 P.M.

SUNG COMPLINE ♦ THURSDAY, APRIL 2 ♦ 7:15 P.M.



HOLY WEEK/EASTER SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY HOLY EUCHARIST ♦ APRIL 5 ♦ 10:00 A.M. ONLY (BREAKFAST AT 9:00 A. M.)

MONDAY EVENING PRAYER ♦ APRIL 6 ♦ 7:00 P.M.

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

WEDNESDAY TENEBRAE ♦ APRIL 8 ♦ 7:00P.M.

MAUNDY THURSDAY AGAPE MEAL,HOLY EUCHARIST WITH FOOT WASHING ♦ APRIL 9, 7PM

GOOD FRIDAY ♦ APRIL 10 ♦ NOON STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 7:00 PM SERVICE

**EASTER VIGIL ♦ APRIL 11 ♦ 8:00 P.M. ♦ LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
GLASTONBURY**

EASTER SUNDAY HOLY EUCHARIST ♦ APRIL 12 ♦ 8:00 A.M. & 10:15 A.M.

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