

Saint James Episcopal Church,
Batavia, NY 10:00am
All Saint's

Reverend Canon Johnnie E. Ross
Priest in the Interim

Perry Ground – Onondaga Turtle Clan
Traditional Storyteller and Cultural Educator

Mr. John Novak – Music

PRELUDE
COLLECT OF THE DAY
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Our Creator, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of your spirit, which is our light and our life. Amen

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OFFERING

We acknowledge that the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York, of which St. James Church in Batavia is an interictal part, resides upon the traditional homelands of the ***Haudenosaunee Confederacy****, an alliance of six sovereign nations whose presence on this land precedes the founding of both the Church, our Diocese, and indeed the United States.*

As we gather on these sacred lands, we honor the ***Seneca Nation*** *(O-non-dowa-gah), known both as the* ***"Great Hill People"*** *and the historic* ***"Keepers of the Western Door."*** *It is with profound gratitude that we also acknowledge their millennial relationship with these lands, the waters of Tonawanda Creek, and the surrounding ecosystem.*

With humility, we acknowledge the painful history of Haudenosaunee dispossession and the systemic injustices that followed even to this day. Yet, we celebrate the ongoing connection with the O-non-dowa-gah people, past and present, to these sacred spaces, and we recognize the enduring sovereignty of the nearby ***Tonawanda Seneca Nation****.*

As people of faith, we commit ourselves to the ongoing work of truth, reconciliation, and justice; praying regularly for the Nation's President, the Members of the Tribal Councils from the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories, and all our native siblings. We strive to walk together in a spirit of shared learning, fostering right relationships with all people, the land itself, and the Creator whose word and hand brought it forth.

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear the cries of your people and bring us into repentance and reconcile us to one another and to this sacred land.

HYMN *We are one in the Spirit*

We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
we are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity
will one day be restored

Refrain:
and they'll know we're God's People
by our love, by our love,
and they'll know we're God's People
by our love.

We will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other,
we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the
news that God is in our land.

(Refrain)

We will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
we will work with each other,
we will work side by side,
and we'll guard each one's dignity
and save each one's pride.

(Refrain)

All praise to the Father,
from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus,
who is God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit,
who makes us one,

(Refrain)

WELCOME *The Reverend Canon Johnnie E. Ross, Priest*

MESSAGE: **Re-thinking Thanksgiving - A Native American Perspective on a U.S. Holiday** *Perry Ground, Storyteller & Educator, Onondaga – Turtle Clan*

THE PRAYERS

Presider: *The Creator, our Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks. We say thank you, now and forever. From the place of the rising sun in the East, to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where the soft rain comes, to the coldness of the North, we unite with all creation from the four directions to join in the everlasting thanksgiving and praise.*

People: Creator. Today we remember. Help us to live as you have taught us. Speak to us from the trees, from the grass and herbs, from the breeze, from the passing rain, through the sounds of thunder, the deep waters, and the coming snows. Before us there is beauty of a people who both care for you and the land, behind us there is the legacy of the same beauty. Allow us to walk a long life in happiness completed in beauty.

THE BLESSING

Presider: *Send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you. And the blessing of the* ***Creator*** *of these sacred waters and lands; the* ***Redeemer*** *who calls us to truth and reconciliation; and the* ***Spirit*** *who sustains our shared journey, be with you this day and remain with you always.* ***AMEN.***

HYMN 385 Many and great, O God, are thy works *Dakota Chant*

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

Perry Ground – Master Storyteller and Cultural Educator



Perry Ground is a Turtle Clan member of the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy. Perry has been a storyteller and educator for over 25 years and enjoys working with people of all ages to teach about the history and culture of Native Peoples.



Re-thinking Thanksgiving –A Native American Perspective on an American Holiday

This presentation will give an overview of the history of this very misunderstood holiday. Based on the only primary source document that chronicles the "First Thanksgiving" and using a quiz-style format (attendees will take the True/False 'quiz' prior to the presentation), participants will learn accurate and culturally appropriate information about the English settlers at Plymouth and the Wampanoag, the Native people who inhabited that area.

Although they were not present in Plymouth in 1621, connections to the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) concepts of Thanksgiving will be discussed so participants will understand how Native People view Thanksgiving today.



Eli Thomas - Native American Wisdom Keeper/Artist/Teacher

Sharing the Wisdom of the Ancestors and Respect for the Natural World. Everything is connected and related. Nothing stands alone. I express the knowledge of my culture, the Onondaga Nation thru my artwork. The images form a panorama of earth, sky, fire and water. To experience my paintings is to discover the oral traditions and cultural symbols of the Onondaga Nation. Stories and symbols of my heritage blended with and connected with the natural world encourage and elevate the human spirit to embrace that which is positive in life. Feeling appreciation, giving thanks, seeking peace, and showing respect for all living things are values innate in my visual representations. The prevalent image of the wolf is a personal symbol of my clan relationship. The wolf is a teacher, a four-legged brother, a relative worthy of respect.

PRAYERS

John, Anne & Don, Charlene, Bill, Pat, Patrick, Richard, Sue, Ronnie, Greg, Connie, Brandon, Kay, Jackie, Teddy, Kerrie, Bill, Roger, Jolene, Mary Annette, Brian, Blake, Erica, Meagan, Christina, members of the Armed Forces & Sharon, Janice, Kathy, Dave, Steve, Keith, Mike, Lisa, Nancy and Peter, Joanne, Matt and Ryan and the Fleming Family. For Becca, Madison, Gylnn, Jason, Camille, Leila, Amelia, Inara, Nate and Zack, Maureen, Dr. Pierce, Wayne, Lilo and her sister.

Pray for Victims of Human Trafficking, Prisoners, Captives, and all those held against their will. Pray for those who die from violence, those executed by the State. Pray for Emergency Responders, Hospital Workers, and Care Givers.

Thursday, November 19th, 6:30PM
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
INTERFAITH SERVICE
A Gathering of Gratitude, Unity, and Hope

We will join with neighbors, friends, and other faith communities from across Genesee County as we come together to give thanks, share traditions, and celebrate the strength of our shared community believing in one God.

- *Interfaith Reflection: Readings, Prayers, and Insights shared by our local religious leaders.*
- *Music & Worship: Shared hymns and songs expressing thanksgiving.*
- *Friendship & Fellowship: Light refreshments and conversation following the service.*

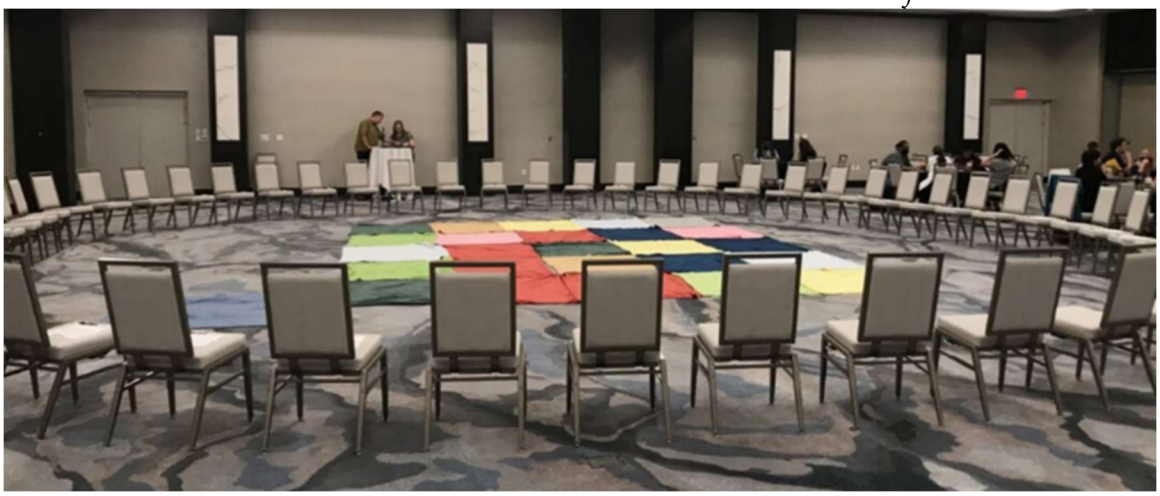
WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday November 1	**9:00AM – 9:30AM** **10AM– 11:15AM**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee Hour**
Monday November 2	**10AM – 1PM** **6:30 PM**	**Office Hours** **Genesee Chorale**
Tuesday November 3	**10AM – 1PM** **Out of Office** **6:00 am – 9:00 pm**	**Office Hours** Canon Johnnie General Elections
Wednesday November 4	**10AM– 2:00PM** **6PM** **6:30 PM**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie** **Al-Anon** **Choir Rehearsal**
Thursday November 5	**10AM – 2PM** **11AM – 1PM**	**Office Open** **Thrift Store**
Friday November 6		**Office Closed**
Saturday November 7	4:30 pm – 6:30 pm	**Go Bills** **Batavia First Presbyterian**
Sunday November 8	**9AM – 9:30AM** **10AM – 11:15AM** **After Service**	**Zoom Service** **Liturgy of the Word** **Coffee Hour**

First time here? If you'd like to learn more about St. James, receive regular emails from the Church, or simply have your questions answered, then please contact our priest, Canon Johnnie at canonjohnnie@gmail.com, (859)285-9361, or call the office at 585-343-6802.

Bathrooms are located *up the ramp (found at the left entrance nearest the small side altar) and then to your left.*

Resource Materials are located on the welcome table in the back of the church.



***The Blanket Exercise** is an experiential learning tool that leads a group of participants through 500+ years of Indigenous history that highlights our relationship with European explorers, colonial settlers, and the U.S. federal and state governments.*

The exercise is interactive and requires participants, as they are able, to stand and move throughout the first hour of the experience. The second hour then allows for the participants to process the experience and share what they may have learned and what they will take away.

The Blanket Exercise was first created in Canada and has been used to educate general populations there and in the United States and in many other parts of the world. The Exercise does engage participants both intellectually and emotionally and can in some instances effect individuals deeply.

The Blanket Exercise

Saint James Episcopal Church – Parish Hall
Dec 6th, 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM
(post-service with lunch)

This event is being co-sponsored by the Diocese of Western New York


ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BATAVIA INVITES YOU TO
A SOVEREIGN SOUND:
Organ Masterworks on the King of Instruments
JOHN NOVAK, ORGAN
A concert of masterworks by J.S. Bach and César Franck, along with great hymns celebrating the feast of Christ the King, performed on the mighty Southfield pipe organ at St. James Episcopal Church
All are welcome!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 7:00 PM
405 East Main Street
Batavia, NY 14020
No admission fee;
donations for organ preservation gratefully accepted;
reception to follow



On Saturday, November 7th, St. James and the First Presbyterian Churches will be sponsoring a Fall Community Dinner. It runs from 4:30-6:30 at the First Presbyterian Church. The theme is the Buffalo Bills, so wear your Bills' attire and prepare to answer some trivia questions about the Buffalo Bills. Be sure to put it on your calendar. Lots of fun and great food.

Happy Birthday

November 13th Phyllis Draycott, 19th Terry McGuire, 19th Jane McKeehen, 19th Cillian Burk, 22nd Joanne Fleming and 27th Rose Rumery

Zoom Meetings use this link:
link:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZlBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFlLbm4rUT09
Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y



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