

**ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
405 EAST MAIN STREET
BATAVIA, NEW YORK
NEWSLETTER – JULY 2019**



*O gracious God, we remember before you today
your servant and apostle James,
first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name
of Jesus Christ;
and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of
your Church that
spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may
have true authority among your people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

Collect for the Feast Day of **Saint James**, July 25

St. James was a traveler. Tradition tells us that he traveled over Europe (especially Spain) to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Our stained glass window of St. James shows him with a walking staff and traveling cloak and bag. You also see the shell, the symbol of Baptism.

Where might you be traveling this summer? To camp? To the lake? To the mountains? Or perhaps you are going to visit a new country and be introduced to different traditions, culture, food and language? Where ever you travel, in our community or across the world, carry with you the staff of Christ to support you in every endeavor, the cloak of God's love to protect you and the witness of your love to shine out to all you meet.

Your Sister in Christ,
Mother Bonnie+

Vacation

Mother Bonnie on is on vacation from July 10th through the 31st. Deacon Diana (with help from Mother Colleen O'Connor and our group of Eucharistic Visitors) will be on-call for pastoral emergencies during this period. Please call Barb King in the church office with any pastoral emergencies that come up. Barb King also has a schedule of all of the services that will take place during this time and who will lead them.

And speaking of vacation...while you're out and about this summer, please don't forget your pledge to St. James. Our bills don't go on vacation!

DIAKONIA MUSINGS

I had the privilege of attending a Triennial for Deacons in Providence Rhode Island in June. The Theme for the conference was The Power of Hope: Reconciliation with each other, God and creation. Three of us, Archdeacon Tom Tripp, Deacon Martha Farone, and I, spent hours talking to other deacons from around the country including Hawaii and Cuba, listening to presenters, worshipping as a beloved community of ethnic, economic, cultural, sexual, and educational diversity. We also had a chance to walk around downtown Providence and worship in the oldest Episcopal Church in Rhode Island in New Port.

(I copied what Martha wrote about our experience in the next two paragraphs.)

"Among the highlights were Presiding Bishop Curry's sermon at the opening Eucharist on Thursday evening and his keynote address to the deacons on Friday morning. In his welcome, Bishop Knisely, the "host" Bishop of Rhode Island, remarked that the radical way of servanthood will be the radical way of the future. Presiding Bishop Curry carried this thought further in his words to us. We were reminded of our ordination vows and our call to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world; and by word and example to teach others how to be Jesus Followers. Presiding Bishop Curry said, "When our way is the Jesus way, then we will find our way."

There was laughter when the Presiding Bishop connected AED, Association of Episcopal Deacons and AED, Automated External Defibrillator. The group was charged with applying "electricity" to re-establish the authentic heartbeat of love. Living the values that we already share will help bring about a revival of relationships. It is true for each of us, lay or ordained, that we're advocates for humanity, not lobbyists for a particular something. Liberty and Justice for ALL-Ideals endowed by our Creator."

The workshops were lead by deacons and spoke to the ministries that are happening around the country. We also honored the work of deacons who have devoted their lives to serving others. Our own Deacon Joanne Frake was one of those given recognition for her work with refugee resettlement. Others worked with the homeless, addicted, aged, hungry, incarcerated, indigenous, and mentally ill. Deacons were advocates for justice and rights for children and victims of violence. Still others volunteered in Palestine, Haiti, countries in Africa and the United States helping victims of natural disasters and war. One Florida deacon ministers to the sea men whose vessels dock at port but can't get off the ships because they are not citizens. He takes them knitted hats from parishioners and listens to their stories, making them feel welcomed.

What all the deacons we met have in common is that they take their deaconal vows of service and ministry seriously. They promised to see the needs in the community and take them to the church while engaging their congregations in outside ministry to meet those needs. You could breath in the smell of passion that permeated the air as deacons shared their ministries!

It is my deepest hope that we at St. James, can see the value and worth in all of God's creation; people, animals, and the environment, and that we continue to discern God's call to each one of us, so that working together in love, we make a difference in God's kingdom, right here, right now.

Are you called to be a Deacon?

The diocese is going to be holding a process of discernment and education for those that feel called to the role of deacon. The process is new to WNY and NWP and people from the two dioceses will be trained together over a two year period. The process involves 10 weekends of intense training in both Erie and Buffalo, reading and writing assignments to be prepared before each weekend, assessments, presentations, implementing a rule of life, and a one year internship at another parish. If you are wondering if the feelings you have or the voice you here is calling you in this direction, please see Mother Bonnie or Deacon Diana to find out more. Bishop Sean hopes to have the program begin in February of 2020. His goal is to increase the number of deacons in both dioceses to help move us into the next season of the Episcopal Church; one where we are out in the world making a difference to the marginalized and hurting population and one where we share in the hard work of taking care of the earth we were entrusted to not just oversee, but pass on to future generations.

Warden's Report

As we at St. James move into summer we still have a full plate before us of issues that need to be addressed. We need to replace a Warden's position now held by Russ. He has graciously agreed to stay on until July 31st when Mother Bonnie returns from her vacation. I, and Vestry members, have information as to the qualifications, duties etc. of a Warden. We will be addressing the congregation to make a plea for someone to step up and serve St. James in this important position. I would hope that everyone would thoughtfully and prayerfully consider becoming our next Warden.

We have formed a committee to look at the serious matter of the safety and security of the people and buildings of St. James. Mother Bonnie, myself, Barb King, Judy Essig, Russ Dvoroznak, Dorian Ely, Pete Mark, Keith Price and Dave Lange. We have already met twice and have decided to look at three critical areas- fire/first aid, physical security of the buildings and active shooter. We will consult professionals for each of these areas and develop a plan from there. Lately several incidents in the city, one involving a church, have been the impetus behind this effort. The goal is not to frighten anyone, but to assure every member of the congregation that we are doing everything to make St. James a safe place to meet and worship.

And of course, we still have the issue of the Rectory and the Sexton. The Vestry will be working on this over the summer. We hope to come up with a plan by September for both issues.

Thanks, Jim

OUTREACH

The committed continues to work with Connections, an ecumenical group that is supporting migrant workers with Father Ivan. A collection for the men was sorted and 50 welcome bags were assembled for Father Ivan to deliver. The collection drive ended July 1 and more bags will be assembled. If anyone wants to accompany Father Ivan on Thursday evenings to visit the migrant workers during the summer, meet at St. Joe's at 5:30. You will return around 11:00. Call Marcia on her cell phone to let her know you will be coming. (716)474-3125.

Connections is also going to brainstorm other ways to share in outreach and support the Batavia community. The next meeting is July 9 at 4:00 at the Baptist Church. Anyone is welcome to join and bring some visioning ideas with you.

The first Respite Care Monday was a huge success and if anyone is ever interested in helping out, please let Diane Cox or Diana Leiker know. Don't let the lack of training stop you from volunteering because there are other jobs you can do. We actually need kitchen help to set up coffee in the morning and prepare lunch. Even offering a few hours of your time is wonderful and will be appreciated. Anyone who was there will tell you it was so much fun and we were blessed with laughter and conversation as much as the guests were.

Vestry Highlights, June 18, 2019

ECW reported that \$7,500 was given to the operating budget from fish fry profits and \$5,000 was given to the Bricks and Mortar Campaign. **Rupprecht Fund** is still trying to determine how to move forward following the closing of Kmart. Both Walmart and Target will give a refund without a receipt. Target gives a gift card while Walmart gives cash. Both stores sell beer. Walmart sells firearms.

Treasurers' Report: \$40,000 was transferred from the Endowment Fund to the operating budget on June 15th. For the second year, a donation of \$10,000 was received from Dean Hagen. It was placed in the Church Capital Fund. **Rector's**

Vacation: Mother Bonnie showed a calendar delineating her summer vacation. She will be on vacation from July 10th until July 31st. Deacon Diana will fill in with reserve sacrament. Wednesday service will be Morning Prayer led by Diane Cox, Barb King, or Donna Kaufmann. Deacon Diana will lead the service at Attica, the Manor, and the Nursing home. Mother Bonnie will be at Diocesan Summer Youth Camp from after service on August 11th until August 14th. **New Business Church Safety Issues:** A meeting was held to determine priorities of church safety issues. The most important were identified as training on: active shooter response; training on fire safety including first aid and egress from the building; and closing procedures. It is important to ascertain if the building is safe. Other areas to be studied include security devices, alcohol policy, clearing out stuff, evacuation of the building in case of fire. We are the evacuation site for the Manor and for the Middle School. We have a reciprocal agreement with the First Presbyterian Church to share facilities if one building cannot be used. The property Committee is also looking at some of these issues. **Continuing Business Bricks and Mortar:** The Bricks and Mortar Campaign is getting off to a slow

start. There is a need to get the commitment now even if the actual funds come later. The budget put \$25,000 in for Bricks and Mortar. We have commitment for \$13,000.00 so far. Discussion followed about the amount of work that needs to be done. The reality of the amount of money to rehabilitate the Rectory was also discussed. The Vestry was charged with coming up with a plan for the Rectory. *First Aid Kits:* Diane Cox can purchase supplies for two first aid kits as she sees fit. *New Warden:* The vestry was urged to share warden duties document with people who express interest in taking over the slot left by the resignation of Russ Dvorznak. The term would be July, 2019 until January, 2021. *Summer Vestry Meeting:* The meeting will be August 18th at Genesee Valley Park, Pavilion B. *Vestry/ECW Retreat:* The retreat will be Saturday, June 15th, at the Stafford Parish Hall, from 9:30 to 2:00. Catherine Judkins, Clerk of the Vestry

Property Committee Report

I think everyone will agree that it was a very wet and cool spring, which continued into the first few days of summer.

Unfortunately, our outside work..... painting and roof maintenance, is weather dependent and our contractors have not been able to complete the work which they started last fall.

At the time of this writing, the long-range forecast appears to have improved. Our contractors have stated that they will complete their work as soon as weather permits; however, the reality is that St. James is not their only customer with unfinished work, and it may be some time before we see ladders set against the building. Rest assured, calls are being made and our contractors are aware of their obligations.

The Bricks and Mortar campaign is currently underway. 2019 projects not previously funded by the Vestry will be funded by Bricks and Mortar contributions, consistent with Finance Team guidance, in order to reduce the draw on the endowment.

Please contact me, or any member of the Property Committee, if you have questions about projects being progressed. Many thanks to all those who continue to financially support this work.

Dave Lange, Property Committee Chair

St. James Work Day

Can you help in our beautiful grounds?

We're going to have a regular day each week when parishioners can come and lend their time to help keep the grass cut and trimmed, the bushes trimmed and accomplish other tasks to ensure that our grounds reflect the beauty of St. James.

We will do this on Thursdays, beginning on July 11 from 8 am to noon. Come and stay for an hour or two or the whole time, and lend a hand with our yard work. Bring your gloves and handtools. Many hands make light work!



July Birthdays!

We pray God's blessing be with you on your special day and every day.

Happy Birthday!

Bette Rung 7/3, Rowan Fleming 7/4, Danielle Colantonio 7/7, Jaykob Belluscio 7/8, Abby Bestine 7/8, Carol McManis 7/9, Dick Ring 7/9, Maureen Scoville 7/16, Shirley LeSeur 7/16, Jean Barnard 7/16, Eric Smith 7/20, Leah Rosenbeck 7/26, Charles O'Neill 7/29



Prayer Corner

When offering your prayers to the Lord at home please include the following people who are loved ones of our parish family:

Douglas, Tim, Aiden, Gabriella, Diana, Carla, Venus, Debbie, Paul, Beth, Cathy, Wendy, Evan, Travis, Nicholas, Dave, Bob, Charlene, Brian, Richard and Jessica

Changes and Questions

Do you ever wonder why we do something, or don't do something? Why we start something new or discontinue an old established practice? Have I made a change that you don't particularly like or don't understand? Please ask me! I love to have conversations about our worship, about what you find important, helpful or distracting. Here is one change that I have made, and my thinking behind it.

The Creed

The Book of Common Prayer specifically states that we are to say the Nicene Creed as a part of our Sunday service. For the last year I have substituted the Baptismal Covenant for the Nicene Creed. I love our Prayer Book and don't make changes to our service wily-nily. After a great deal of prayer and pondering I came to the conclusion that the Nicene Creed, while an important statement of our orthodox belief, does not enhance our worship. It defines what we believe about God, but doesn't require anything from us. The Baptismal Creed (the Apostle's Creed in question and answer form) together with the Baptismal Covenant reminds us of and asks us to promise again some really astounding, world changing ideas. Repeating the Nicene Creed has rarely, if ever, has brought me back to the Gospel (and the sermon) but the Covenant always does. It is action oriented. I have found myself inspired by the people St. James together promising to strive to make the world a better, more loving place.

Please remember that I am always glad to join in conversation about our worship and decisions that I make as your rector. We may not always agree, but I know that we can always learn from each other.

Mother Bonnie+

An Attitude of Gratitude

Thank you to Debbie Graff who repaired and restored our summer-weight green chasuble. Thank you Debbie for using your creativity and skills for St. James! Without your help we would not be able to use this beautiful liturgical vestment.



Rose Garden

Thank you to Dawn Mark and Phyllis Draycott for their hard work on our new rose garden in the front lawn. The roses have been given in loving memory of Kenneth Draycott and William Flanigen.

Our Growing Family

We've seen more babies in our worship—isn't that wonderful? We are also growing in our wider St. James extended family.

Congratulations to

- Dave and Barb King are Great Grandparents of Dawson Phillip Zimmer, who was born to Hailey (King) Zimmer and David Zimmer on May 26th.
- Jim and Jo-Ann Bestine have a brand-new baby granddaughter. Eva Rose Alton was born to Kate (Bestine) and Kenneth Alton on June 6th.
- Dorian and Gregg Ely are grandparents. Freya Rose was born to Beth (Ely) and Mike Collee on May 9th.
- Joanne and Cal Fleming welcomed their fourth grandson! Ezra Norman Fleming was born to Matt and Sarah Fleming on June 23, 2019.

Adopt a Project—Spruce up our Nursery!

We have exciting plans for our nursery. With our multitude of blessings at St. James with our new babies and another on the way, it's time to spruce up our nursery. Would you be willing to help defray the cost of paint? How about sewing some new curtains? Help scrub and clean?



The plan for the Nursery is to use the front half of the room for a toddler/baby playing area and the back of the room for a meeting space. This will be ideal for both Sunday use as a nursery, and a pleasant meeting space during the week. It would be perfect for a "mom and tot" meeting/play space. One parishioner has already offering time and talent to paint the nursery, and has commissioned a beautiful mural of the one of the walls. Can you help?

St. James Website

stjamesbatavia.org

Take a moment to look at our newly spruced up website. From the front page you can access Sunday's Bulletin, our Calendar, Server schedule and many other things.

Any comments, questions or suggestions for improvement are always welcome!



Utility Costs for the Month of July

Here are our utilities costs paid in July. Please help conserve our resources by turning out lights when you don't need them. If you are the last one out of the building, please make sure the windows are shut, the lights are out and the door is locked behind you. If you have any questions at all on how to do

this, please contact a warden.

Fuel - \$273.83
Electric - \$149.66

Don't Forget Scrip!

Whether for gifts or the shopping that you regularly do, please think about purchasing Scrip Cards from St. James. We receive a percentage of each card sold; you pay and receive the face value of the card. Easy and Win-Win!



St. James Recipe Corner

Chicken, Broccoli and Cheese Casserole *Easy and Delicious!*

Combine in a 9 x 13 baking dish

- 2 cups cooked rice
- Raw chicken in bite-sized pieces
- Cooked broccoli (I prepare the broccoli in the microwave)

In bowl, mix

- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- ½ can of cream or chicken stock
- Salt
- Pepper

Pour over rice, chicken and broccoli

Cover with grated cheese (I like cheddar)

Bake covered at 350° for 45 minutes, uncover and bake until browned.

Submitted by Paula Alker

Thought fo0r the Month

"There are more tears shed over answered prayers than over unanswered prayers"
Saint Teresa of Avila

News from the Genesee Area Deanery

Our deanery consists of the Episcopal parishes in Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming counties: St. Paul's Stafford, St. Mark's LeRoy, Holy Apostles Perry, Trinity Warsaw, St. Luke's Attica, Christ Church Albion, St. Paul's Holley and St. John's Medina, and St. James.



WORKSHOP: CONFLICT IN THE CHURCH: ENTRUSTED WITH THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION

Friday August 23, 2019 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
At St. James

Conflict is a normal part of life, even in the church. Understanding this can help church members realize that they should not be surprised or ashamed when they experience conflict in their faith communities. What is important is how the conflicts that inevitably arise are dealt with. This workshop teaches some basic skills that will help participants manage conflicts within the congregation in a healthier manner.

Registration fee \$25 for members of St. James (and the Genesee Deanery)
For more information contact: Dean Colleen O'Connor at 585-813-2066

Genesee Deanery Conversation Sunday, August 25th from 2:00 to 3:30 At St. James

This will be a conversation with clergy, lay leaders, and parishioners of the churches in our Deanery that hope to benefit from collaboration, shared fellowship and ministry. All laity and clergy from the Genesee Deanery are invited.



Deanery Service and Picnic Sunday, September 15, 2019

11 am to 1 pm
Emery Park, Stafford, NY (in the small pavilion)

Bring a lawn chair and a dish to pass. The Deanery will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, rolls and condiments. Please plan to come and enjoy this opportunity to join in worship and fellowship with members of our Deanery Churches.

Deanery "Flash Mob" Summer Worship

As Many people have expressed an interest to visit other parishes, Dean Colleen O'Connor has suggested a schedule when people can "flash mob" at different churches.

- July 14th St. Paul's, 2 Jackson Street, Holley, Service at 10 am
- July 21st St. Paul's, 6188 Main Street Road, Stafford, Service at 9 am
- August 4th Holy Apostles, 88 S. Main Street, Perry, Service at 8:30 am
- August 18th St. Luke's 30 Favor Street, Attica, Service at 8:30 am. (Mo. Bonnie will be the preacher and celebrant)
- September 8th St. James!

Summer Outreach Project at St. Mark's, LeRoy

St. Mark's LeRoy is partnering with the LeRoy School District and Rec Department to provide lunches for children. Many children rely on school lunches and may go hungry when school is not in session. This program helps bridge the gap for many students. Contributions of money and/or lunch items are greatly appreciated! For more information, please contact The Very Rev. Colleen O'Connor, Dean and Rector of St. Mark's LeRoy, at 585-813-2066.

Holy Apostles, Perry

Holy Apostles is hosting a rummage and bake sale on Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20th, starting at 10 am. The rain date is the next weekend.

From the Diocese of Western New York

Safe Church Training on September 7 and Online

Safe Church Sexual Abuse Prevention training, which is required for church employees, volunteers and those holding diocesan licenses, is available via in-person classes and online. In-person training will take place on September 7 at the Diocesan Ministry Center. Online training, which works best on a computer (laptop or desktop) and does not work on mobile phones, is available by contacting Liz Brauza- Hughes at embrauza@episcopalwny.org

2019 Joint Diocesan Conventions, October 25-26 in Erie, PA

The 2019 joint conventions of the Dioceses of Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania will be held at the **Bayfront Convention Center** in Erie, Pennsylvania on October 25-26. Rooms at the adjacent convention hotel, the Sheraton Erie Bayfront, are available for \$134/night. Contact Vanessa Butler at 814.456.4203 with questions.

Sleep Away Camp 2019

August 11-14. For youth grades 3-10 in the fall. Camp includes Chaplain Time, singing, activities including boating, swimming, arts and crafts, archery, and more. On August 14 at 11 a.m., camp concludes with a Eucharist that campers have prepared; all are welcome

Sue Stanislowski, a parishioner at St. Patrick's, Cheektowaga, would like to award two individuals full scholarships to camp this year. Applicants are asked to write a short essay as to why they want to go to camp and include information about family financial need. Other camp scholarships are also available. Mo. Bonnie will again be on staff this year, so contact her with questions.

Service Participant Calendar July 7

The balance of the July schedule will be prepared next week. It will be emailed to all participants and posted on St. James website: www.stjamesbatavia.org and

St. James Facebook page: St. James Episcopal Church Batavia

	July 7
EM 1	Bonnie Dvoroznak
EM 2	Russ Dvoroznak
1 st Reader	Lilo Townsend
2 nd Reader	Amy Celentano
Prayers of the People	Rose Rumery
Acolytes	Diane Cox Scott Essig
Ushers	Dean Perry Larry Belluscio
Greeters	Bonnie Smith Wayne Townsend
Element Bearers	Donna Kauffman Bill Coughlin
Coffee Hour	Kathy Belluscio
Flower Delivery	Lilo Townsend
Altar Guild	Jolene Folger Karen Odell Harold Odell
Building Closer	Larry Belluscio

The St. James Calendar

Wed, July 3	11 – 11:30am 12 – 1pm	Holy Eucharist, Chapel Bible Discussion Group
Thur, July 4	Independence Day	Office Closed.
Sun, July 7	10 – 11:15am 11:15am – 12pm 11:30am – 12pm	Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour Our Faith Discussion Group
Mon, July 8	10am – 3pm	Respite Care Program
Tues, July 9	3 – 3:30pm 4 – 5:30pm	Holy Eucharist @ Premier Genesee Connections Meeting, First Baptist Church, 306 E Main St
Wed, July 10 through July 31,		Mother Bonnie on Vacation
Wed, July 10	11 – 11:30am 2 – 3pm	Morning Prayer, Chapel Rupprecht Fund Advisory Committee
Thurs, July 11	8 – 12 pm 9am – 2pm 9 – 10:30am	Work Day Thrift Store Open Finance Team Meeting
Sun, July 14	10 – 11:15am 11:15am – 12pm	Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour
Wed, July 17	11 – 11:30am	Morning Prayer, Chapel
Thurs, July 18	9am – 2pm	Thrift Store Open
Sun, July 21	10 – 11:15am 11:15am – 12pm	Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour
Tues, July 23	10:45 – 11:45am	Communion at The Manor House
Wed, July 24	11 – 11:30am	Morning Prayer, Chapel
Thurs, July 25	9am – 2pm	Thrift Store Open
Sun, July 28	10 – 11:15am 11:15am – 12pm	Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour
Wed, July 31	1 – 11:30am	Morning Prayer, Chapel



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**Sunday Worship Service:
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

Weekday Services

Wednesday, 11 a.m. – Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

The Second Tuesday of the Month, 3:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist at the Genesee
County Nursing Home, 278 Bank Street, in the Mall Walk

The Fourth Tuesday of the Month at 10:45 a.m. – Holy Eucharist at
The Manor House, 427 East Main Street, in the Grand Parlor

Everyone is Welcome!

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