

The St. James' Weekly News
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 12, 2016



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WELCOME

A warm welcome to all and a special welcome to those who are visiting; the addition of your praise and thanks heartens us all. If you are seeking a church home or simply a place to rest for a while on your spiritual journey, we invite you to consider St. James' to be that place. The service leaflet will guide you through the liturgy. In the pew racks you will find the *Book of Common Prayer* (red binding) and *The Hymnal 1982* (blue binding). Please do not hesitate to ask a fellow worshipper for help.

If you are new to St. James' and wish to be included in our weekly e-mails (*This Week At St. James'*), please fill in one of the welcome forms (available on the table in the narthex) and leave it in the offertory plate or with an usher. Restrooms are located in the undercroft on the right-hand wall. There is an elevator located in the narthex for those who need it. **Please do not hesitate to speak to an usher or any church member if you have questions or need assistance.** Whether you are a visitor or a parishioner, if you would like a call and/or a visit please call the office at 375-9952 or send an e-mail to stjamesparishoffice@gmail.com. If you have a need for hospital visitation for yourself or for a family member or friend, **you must call Fr. Christopher or the Parish Office.** The SWVMC, like many hospitals these days, does not inform us of nor do they make available the names of patients being admitted.

TODAY'S HYMNS are listed on the hymn board and also on the back cover of this issue.

THANK YOU TO FATHER PAUL GRATZ who is our celebrant and preacher today. We are grateful for his ministry to us and his presence among us.

SPECIAL ALL PARISH MEETING ON MINISTRY DISCERNMENT ON SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2016 AT 9AM. Please see the special invitation with more information elsewhere in this issue.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM BEGINS WITH AN INTERFAITH SERVICE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2016 at 10AM AT THE GRANGE. Please see Joanna Taylor or Sue Claro for more information.

TODAY'S COVER ART is "Jesus Speaks About Forgiveness", JESUS MAFA, 1973; Cameroon. **JESUS MAFA** is a response to New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. The readings were selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were transcribed to paintings. Image courtesy of **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=48384>.

*"Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove, with light and comfort from above;
be thou our guardian, thou our guide o'er every thought and step preside."*

Hymn #512, verse 1

TODAY'S HYMNS can be found in the blue-covered *The Hymnal 1982* in the pew rack.

Song of Praise: # 410
Sequence: # 469

Offertory: # 495
Post-Communion # 516

LOOKING AHEAD

WORSHIP

Wednesday, June 15, 5:30PM.....Holy Eucharist (Iona Tradition)
Sunday, June 19.....Holy Eucharist
Rite I, 8AM; Rite II, 10AM
Sunday, June 19, 10AMSLP Interfaith Service at the Grange

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JULY 10-SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

Holy Eucharist: Rite I, 8AM; Rite II, 9AM

MEETINGS

Wednesday, June 15, 6:30PMVestry Meeting
Sunday, June 26, 2016, 9AM....."Changing the Conversation"
Special Service of Discernment

EVENTS

Saturday, June 18.....St. James' Annual Pork Roast
Garry Roosma, Chair
Saturday, August 13.....Norman's Attic
Joanna Taylor and Patricia Michael, Co-Chairs
Sunday, August 21.....Kathleen Moore Farewell
Saturday, October 1.....Harvest Fest

BEAN COUNTERS SCHEDULE

June: David Durfee and Sandy Preble
July: Phil Sherwin and Pat Clancy
August: Joanna Taylor and Patricia Michael

2016 VESTRY CONTACT INFORMATION.

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THE ST. JAMES' FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS: Marilyn King, President; Nancy Boardman; Pat Clancy; David Durfee; Vivian Lacy; Evan Lawrence; Patricia Gordon Michael; Jill Roosma; Joanna Taylor.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Sick: Bob Alexander; Ken Blackler; Garrett Brewer; Janet Cassell; Tammy Lynn Farrell; Peter Garneau; Mary Gerisch; Jo Gillikin; Dot Grout; Thomas Hayton; Esther Jaffee; John Jaworski; Jane Jersey; Bruce Keene; Marianne Kennedy; Joyce Klugewicz; John Laughrey; Shirley Letiecq; Mary Loring; Bob McCarthy; Gail McDevitt; Charlie Menghini; Jack Michael; Cecelia O'Brien; Ralph and Natalia Panelli; MaryAnn Schaefer; June Sherwin; Tom Snow; John, Judy and Anita Werner; Dot Whitley; Beth; Bruce; Celia; Dennis; Dick; Helen; Isaac; Jan; John; Kathy; Kay; Susan; Sue; Val; Susan Gratz' mother.

For the Departed: Remembering our friend and parishioner, Mary Ann Mento, who died on June 8, 2016. *"Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting."* -BCP

For Those In Need of Our Prayers: The family of Mary Ann Mento; Charles; Anna, Sherri; Alyce; Sue; Sara; John; Katie; Joan; Cathy; Alex; Sofia; Eleanor; Jack, Vin, Jan and A.J.; Wanda; the Kluj family; the victims of the earthquakes in Japan and Ecuador; the victims of terrorism, strife, hunger and deprivation throughout the world; for the homeless; for refugees; for all who need our prayers.

For Those Who Celebrate This Week:

Birthdays: 6/12-Gloria Alexander, Megan Roberts; 6/14-Katie Berger;

6/17-Reg Trayah; 6/18-Madison Little

Wedding Anniversaries: 6/16-Claudia and Stephen Blackler;

6/17-Melanie Dexter and David Durfee

Baptismal Anniversaries: 6/16-Shirley Letiecq

For Those Who Serve in the Armed Forces: Gary Marckres; Margaret; Willow Bucchieri-Sibley

In Thanksgiving: For the ministry of our Interim Pastor, Father Christopher; the life and ministry of Mary Ann Mento, our friend and parishioner; may she rest in peace. For God's love, freely given; the gifts of faith and hope; and the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit.

For The Church: For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Thomas, our Bishop; the people and mission of this Diocese; the Very Rev. Christopher L. David, Interim Pastor; this parish of St. James' and its mission; the Revs. Paul Gratz, Sean Lanigan, Rolfe Lawson, John Miller, Scott B. Neal, Keith F. Patterson, priests; Kathleen Moore, postulant; in the Diocesan Prayer Calendar we pray for the congregation of Christ Church, Montpelier; and the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

CHANGING THE CONVERSATION
A SPECIAL SERVICE OF DISCERNMENT

Sunday, June 26, 2016
9AM

***We will gather together in a different experience
of worship and sharing.
It may not be what some of you expect but it is an important step
in the life of this congregation
as we face the future and seek God's guidance for our journey.***

Fr. Christopher +

In advance of this special service, we urge you to continue to work on your responses to ***The Twelve Questions***. This is information that the Ministry Discernment Committee will use to create the narrative to help a potential candidate understand St. James' and its people. It will help us also to understand ourselves at this important moment in our life together as a community.

We also urge you to read all or as much as possible of "Changing the Conversation" by Anthony Robinson, one of the tools that the MDC is using to guide us as we proceed to our final objectives. Copies of the book are available for you to borrow. Please see Eileen Rice to get a copy.

In the very first pages of the book, Robinson states that "congregations are often engaged in conversations that don't go anywhere...the movement toward making progress will involve changing the conversation. It will mean discovering new language or perhaps recovering older words and concepts from the living tradition of our faith. New vitality will mean a fresh agenda of subjects; renewal will mean framing our reality more accurately. And vitality and renewal together will mean reframing our

present and future in ways that move beyond the predictable but nonproductive conversations.” (p.2)

Robinson contends that “making progress on the challenges before us in the mainline Protestant churches in North America is about changing the conversation. Moreover, it is about “having and sustaining ten crucial conversations [the chapters of his book]...that constitute an agenda” for these conversations.

The conversations/chapters are:

1. It's Not About You
2. And Yet...It **Is** About You
3. A New Heart
4. Who Shall Lead Them?
5. Why Are We Here?
6. Write the Vision
7. Let's Get (Less) Organized!
8. The Church and the Public Square
9. Death and Resurrection
10. Where Do We Start?

**Canon Lynn Bates will join us for this very important parish event.
Please make every effort to attend and to participate.**

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The Twelve Questions

“In our baptism we promise to proclaim by work and example the Good News of God in Christ, seeking and serving Christ in all persons. You are invited here to reflect on your ministry by responding to the following questions using approximately 1200 characters [not words] each.”

1. Describe a moment in your worshipping community’s recent ministry that you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.
2. How are you preparing yourselves for the Church of the future?
3. Please provide words describing the gifts and skills essential to the future leaders of your worshipping community.
4. Describe your liturgical style and practice for all types of worship in your community.
5. How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?
6. As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional and physical well-being?
7. How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?
8. Describe your worshipping community’s involvement in either the wider Church or geographical community.
9. Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past 5 years? Who can be contacted about this project?
10. What is your practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of your worshipping community?
11. What is your worshipping community’s experience of conflict? And how have you addressed it?
12. What is your experience leading/addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? And what did you learn?

We invite your responses to these questions in written form. To make things a little easier for you, we have prepared “answer sheets” with the questions and space for your answers. You may choose not to respond to all of them but we do urge you to read each one and think about it. You need not submit your responses all at one time either. Your responses need not be signed although if you choose to use email, it is hard to protect anonymity. You may send your responses to Eileen Rice, the chair of the Committee, either by email, in person, or via the parish office. If you choose other than email, please enclose your responses in an envelope. Eileen will circulate the responses to the other people involved.

Please send us your responses no later than Thursday, June 23 at 5PM so that we can begin reviewing and collating before we gather on June 26 to review and discuss them.

The MDC looks forward to hearing from you. Feel free to call, e-mail, or write each, any or all of us if you have any questions or if you need additional information. We welcome your ideas, your thoughts, your counsel and your prayers. We are all in this together: Changing the conversation and shaping the future!

