

The St. James' Weekly News  
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 26, 2016

*CHANGING THE CONVERSATION*  
*A SPECIAL DAY OF DISCERNMENT*

*"I think any change that happens in any parish is really dependent on that parish's capacity to be honest about themselves ...I think churches get really spun up into who they think they are, or who they like to think of themselves as being, and don't have nearly as much of a capacity to admit who they really are.*

*And I think behind each of our practices in the church is an underlying set of values. And I feel like the first thing we have to do is to look at our practices and to be as honest as we can about what values are underneath these practices.*

*Because if all you do is change the practices, nothing really will change systemically or in terms of the DNA of the congregation. So I think the capacity to be truly honest about what you value as a church -- that's your biggest hope for any kind of change."*

- The Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber

***The Very Rev. Christopher L. David, Interim Pastor***

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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](mailto: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** will be announced during the liturgy.

**WELCOME HOME!** Our Interim Pastor, Fr. Christopher David, returns today.

## A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

For the deeply moving and beautiful liturgy that celebrated the life  
of Mary Ann Mento yesterday;  
For the presence among us of Fr. Scott and Beth Neal and their gifts of liturgy,  
eloquence, music and friendship;  
For the family, friends and neighbors who gathered to honor and mourn;  
For the joyful and welcoming spirit of the family of St. James';  
For Fr. Scott's eloquent reminder that the line between heaven and earth is sometimes  
very thin and that the communion of saints is a true concept;  
For Dan Frank's gift of music and devotion;  
For those who worked tirelessly to prepare the church, the altar, the delicious food;  
for God's gifts of faith, hope and love.

*"Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today."*

[Hymn # 396, v. 1]

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**WORSHIP**

Wednesday, June 29, 5:30PM.....Holy Eucharist (Iona Tradition)  
Sunday, July 3, 2016.....Holy Eucharist  
Rite I, 8AM; Rite II, 10AM

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**JULY 10-SEPTEMBER 4, 2016**

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

**MEETINGS**

Wednesday, June 29, 4:00PM .....Joint Meeting of the Altar Guild and  
the Worship and Liturgy Committee

**EVENTS**

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:** Steven Blackler (518-677-5024); Nancy Boardman, Clerk of the Vestry (375-6138); Rob Faley (375-9355); Ed Gust, People's (Junior) Warden (375-9311); Evan Lawrence (518-677-5662); Kathleen Moore (768-8027); Patricia Gordon Michael (379-8132); Garry Roosma (375-1374); Joanna Taylor, Rector's (Senior) Warden (375-9330).

**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.

**MINISTRY DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE:** Eileen Rice, Chair; Chris Meyer; Susan Gratz; Garry Roosma; Patricia Gordon Michael.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Sick: Ken Blackler; Garrett Brewer; Janet Cassell; Peter Garneau; Jo Gillikin; Dot Grout; Thomas Hayton; Esther Jaffee; John Jaworski; Jane Jersey; Bruce Keene; Marianne Kennedy; Marilyn King; John Laughrey; Shirley Letiecq; Mary Loring; Bob McCarthy; Gail McDevitt; Charlie Menghini; Jack Michael; Cecelia O'Brien; Andie Owen; 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; Susan Gratz' mother.

For the Departed: Mary Ann Mento; all our departed loved ones; the victims of war, violence and oppression.

For Those In Need of Our Prayers: The family of Mary Ann Mento; Andie Owen and her family; 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 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: 6/26-Martha King, June Onorato; 6/28-Michael Brown; 6/29-Philip Dean Sherwin; 6/30-Roger Cooper, Amanda Watts; 7/1-Kayli Menneto, Andrew Pike; 7/2-Julie Trayah

Wedding Anniversaries: 6/27-Carol and Mike Farley

Baptismal Anniversaries: None this week

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

In Thanksgiving: For the ministry to and presence among us today of Canon Lynn Bates; we are grateful for her counsel and guidance. For the work of ministry discernment; 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 St. Mary's Parish, Northfield; and the Episcopal Church of Rwanda.