

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. Our musician today and throughout the rest of the summer is Anne D'Olivo. Welcome back, Anne! Thank you for sharing your music with us.

PARISH DIRECTORY 2016-2017 is in preparation. There is a draft copy of the proposed new directory on the table behind the last row of pews in the nave. Please check to see that your information is correct as printed there. If not, make the necessary corrections. If you need more information, contact Sue Claro.

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION FOR VIVIAN LACY: Vivian's new address is Brookdale, 300 Village Lane, Apt. 304, Bennington, VT 05201. Telephone #: 442-7177. Please update your parish directory.

MINISTRY DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Over the course of the past six weeks, the MDC has transcribed, reviewed, compiled and discussed extensively all responses to the Twelve Questions. A preliminary draft of the compiled document will be sent to the Vestry before their August 17 meeting for their review and comments. This does not mean that your comments and/or questions are no longer welcome. We do want to hear from you. Feel free to write, email, telephone or simply talk to any member of the MDC. This is not a committee project – this is **OUR** portrait of ourselves and of our hopes and plans for the future.

*"Spirit divine, attend our prayers, and make this house thy home;
descend with all thy gracious powers, O come, great Spirit, come!"*
(Hymn #509, v. 1)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Sick: Bob Alexander; Ken Blackler; Garrett Brewer; Janet Cassell; Sue Claro; Peter Garneau; Jo Gillikin; Dot Grout; Thomas Hayton; Esther Jaffee; John Jaworski; Jane Jersey; Bruce Keene; Marianne Kennedy; Marilyn King; John Laughrey; 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; Jeanne Zouck (Susan Gratz' mother); Barbara; Beth; Bruce; Celia; Dennis; Dick; Helen; Isaac; Jan; John; Kathy; Kay; Susan; Toby

For the Departed: Remembering all our departed loved ones; all victims of war, terrorism, violence and oppression throughout the world.

For Those In Need of Our Prayers: 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; Hank; Estelle; the survivors of terrorism, strife, hunger and deprivation throughout the world; the homeless; refugees; for peace and justice everywhere; for all who need our prayers.

For Those Who Celebrate This Week:

Birthdays: 8/14-Allan Tschorn; 8/15-Josiah Durfee

Wedding Anniversaries: None this week

Baptismal Anniversaries: None this week

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

In Thanksgiving: For the ministry of our Interim Pastor, Fr. Christopher L. David; for the dedication and commitment of our Summer Lunch Program and Norman's Attic volunteers; for the continuing recovery and recuperation of Marilyn King and Sue Claro; for our families and friends; for God's love, freely given; for 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 Trinity Church, Shelburne; and the Anglican Church of Tanzania.

***At St. James' we have many things to be thankful for
but this week we take note of***

some special examples of generosity and abundance.



**SUMMER
LUNCH
PROGRAM**
June 14 – August 16, 2016

- Thank you to everyone who donated money and snacks and responded quickly to emergency calls for “More Snacks Please!!!”
- To all the volunteers who packed the bags each week: Pat Clancy; Sue Claro; Susan Gratz; Marge Greenwald; Marilyn King (who also helped with pick-up each week); Patricia Michael; Sandy Preble; Marion Sibley; June Sherwin; Phil Sherwin (who also made food pick-up runs among various locations); Joanna Taylor.

NORMAN’S ATTIC

- There are not enough words to say an appropriate “Thank you” to everyone who worked so hard to make Norman’s Attic a reality despite the onslaught of construction, destruction (!), paving, bad weather – you name it, we had it.
- Too many individuals to name in a list but a special shout-out to Joanna Taylor, Tom Taylor and Garry Roosma for keeping calm amid the stress of last minute decision-making.
- Thank you to everyone who stepped up so willingly to bake, to manage booths, to create lovely baskets, to fetch and carry, to haul trash, to seek outside donations, to do whatever was necessary.
- Thank you to the vendors who were patient and willing to participate in “Inside or Outside” decisions at the last moment.
- Thank you to those who donated money to defray expenses.
- Thanks to all our community donors who help make this event possible: The Arlington Inn; Chem Clean; Heer’s Grocery & Food Mart; Snow’s Dairy Bar; Stewart’s.

The old saying “many hands make light work” does not really apply to Norman’s Attic – many hands are needed but the work is not light!! Despite all the tribulations, we prevailed for another year and we actually had fun, too. Thank you, St. Jamesians - you are **THE BEST!**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARY ANN MENTO who was an integral part of everything we do at St. James’. She was a stalwart at SLP; she worked at many different tasks during Norman’s Attic and every other task, project and event here. A great big “Thank You” to you in heaven, Mary Ann – we miss you and we’ll remember you always.

A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS TO FR. CHRISTOPHER who found himself surrounded by people who had been doing these projects for years and in the middle of a jumble of plans and activities and jargon – lots of jargon!!! He plunged right in with verve and generosity, always ready to lend a hand or a listening ear and to make excellent suggestions. Thank you!!! We’re happy to have you with us.

“I can no other answer make, but, thanks, and thanks.”

(William Shakespeare, Twelfth Night: Act 3, Scene 3)