

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

Hymn of Praise # 423
Gradual # 438

Offertory: # 625
Closing: # 574

LOOKING AHEAD

WORSHIP

Wednesday, September 28, 5:30PM.....Holy Eucharist (Iona Tradition)
Sunday, October 2.....Holy Eucharist
Sunday, October 9.....Holy Eucharist

Rite I, 8AM; Rite II, 10AM

Sunday, October 9, 12 NoonBlessing of the Animals

EVENTS

Thursday, September 29, 5:30PM.....Mindfulness Meditation
Saturday, October 1.....Harvest Fest
Joanna Taylor and Patricia Michael, Co-Chairs
Wednesday, October 5..... Bishop Ely meets with MDC and the Vestry
Sunday, October 30 2017.....Pledge Ingathering
November 2, 6:15PMAbundance Dinner
November 4-5, 2016Diocesan Convention
November 20, 11:45AM.....End of Life Planning Forum

BEAN COUNTERS SCHEDULE

September: Sandy Preble & Joanna Taylor
October: Pat Clancy and Phil Sherwin
November: Marilyn King and Debbie Stone

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.

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*“Search out our hearts and make us true;
help us to give to all their due.
From love of pleasure, lust of gold,
from sins which make the heart grow cold,
wean us and train us with thy rod;
teach us to know our faults, O God.”*

[Hymn #574, v. 3]

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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.

WELCOME FR. PAUL GRATZ, our Presider and Preacher today. It is always a pleasure to have Fr. Paul as a Celebrant. Thank you!

HARVEST FEST IS THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1! 9AM-4PM. We are happy to say that we have more than 30 vendors as of this writing – only 3 spaces left. (We lost some spaces this year because of the water main project.) **We need your help in putting on this fun and funding event.** Please check the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the Undercroft. Many thanks to all the wonderful bakers who have volunteered to participate in the great Pie-Baking Project on September 29 – 3 shifts!! If you have questions or need additional information, check with Joanna Taylor (375-9330 or jwtaylor2@comcast.net) or Patricia Michael (379-8132 or pgordonmichael@hotmail.com). Thank you!!!!

MINISTRY DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE. The MDC has completed our response to the "Twelve Questions", incorporating comments and suggestions from members of the congregation and the vestry as well as from individual MDC members. That report has been sent to Bishop Ely and the Canon to the Ordinary for review. Bishop Ely will be at St. James' on October 5 for a meeting with the MDC and the Vestry about the report and our next steps. We will keep you informed as we move along in the process and also with the planning for the Bishop's visit. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please see any member of the MDC. [Contact information on back cover.]

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; Marilyn King; John Laughrey; Mary Loring; Alan Mears; Bob McCarthy; Gail McDevitt; Charlie Menghini; Jack Michael; Cecelia O'Brien; Andie Owen; Ralph and Natalia Panelli; MaryAnn Schaefer; June Sherwin; 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: Marianne Kennedy; Sarah C. Smith; all our departed loved ones; all victims of war, terrorism, violence and oppression throughout the world.

For Those In Need of Our Prayers: The families and friends of Marianne Kennedy and Sarah Smith; 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 the earthquake in Italy and the terrorist attack on the American University of Afghanistan; all those who suffer from 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: 9/26-Owen Thomas Leyshon David; 9/29-Hilary Neal; 10/1-Jo Gillikin

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 ministry of the Rev. Paul Gratz; for the work of the Altar Guild; for our families and friends; for God's love, freely given; for the gifts of faith and hope; and for 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 Calvary Church, Underhill; and the Anglican Church of Bermuda (Extra Provincial Diocese).

**All creatures of our God and King,
 lift up your voices, let us sing:
 Alleluia, alleluia!**
**Thou burning sun with golden beams,
 thou silver moon that gently gleams,
 Refrain:
 O praise him, O praise him,
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
 ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
 O praise him, Alleluia!
 Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
 ye lights of evening, find a voice, (R)**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
 make music for thy Lord to hear,
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Thou fire so masterful and bright,
 that givest man both warmth and light, (R)**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day
 unfoldest blessings on our way,
 O praise him, Alleluia!
 The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
 let them his glory also show: (R)**

**And all ye men of tender heart,
 forgiving others, take your part,
 O sing ye Alleluia!
 Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
 praise God and on him cast your care: (R)**

**And thou, most kind and gentle death,
 waiting to hush our latest breath,
 O praise him, Alleluia!
 Thou leadest home the child of God,
 and Christ our Lord the way hath trod: (R)**

**Let all things their Creator bless,
 and worship him in humbleness,
 O praise him, Alleluia!
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
 and praise the Spirit, Three in One: (R)**

From the Interim Pastor

Fall: Season of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness

There is a crispness in the morning air and so we know that Summer is over. The season is called Autumn in Britain, and inspired John Keats "Ode to Autumn" which I had to learn in school. Here, the older English expression Fall, from "fall of leaf" is used. Either way it was a time of gathering in all that would be needed to sustain folks for the winter to come, of which we get just the smallest hints at this time of year. For our ancestors, as well as many brothers and sisters in other parts of the world even now, harvest time was a thing to be celebrated, but also a deadly earnest business. Would there be enough in creel and garner, in smokehouse and jar to last through the days of cold and darkness? Starvation was a reality in Europe which followed settlers in North America as half the Mayflower community at Plymouth perished, even though the survivors found the will to give thanks anyway.

Our lives are somewhat more secure these days and few people hereabouts face death by starvation, even though many more go hungry than most of us would believe. Harvests come in, and pumpkins are picked, most of which will probably not be eaten, even though their flesh and seeds are tasty and nutritious. We may face other challenges for which we need to be prepared. "Winter" can come into our lives at any season if we, or someone we love, is ill, loses a job or has a relationship gone wrong. Then is the time to see what we have gathered to the storeroom of our soul. Have we laid aside enough seasoned faith and prayer to carry us through the dark? Aside from that we share abundance in things great and small in this land. This calls for Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is a dynamic business. First we need to appreciate what we have. Then we need to be glad in it. Then we need to remember where it comes from. Then we need to respond to the God who is the source of all we may call our own: our very lives, our ability to love and be loved, the food in our fridge, the money in our accounts. God wants us to enjoy these things, but God didn't give them to us just for that. God is on a Mission and God's Mission has a Church. We cannot just sit there and

munch at the goodies with a casual “Oh yes, by the way, thanks Lord, it’s great.” Said over our shoulders to the Holy One. God has work for us to do.

God has given us food and money as fuel for our bodies and fuel for the Mission. To strengthen ourselves but not to serve misses the point. To be glad we have the money we possess is not to help with the Mission. And there are two sides to this, practical and spiritual.

The practical side is that it costs money to have a church building and even more money to have something worthwhile happen in it. We all know this and the active members here know it best of all. St. James’ Church, at the practical level, will reflect how much money is committed by its members. One of “David’s Laws” say: *“If you don’t sometimes think that you are giving too much to the Church, then you are probably not giving enough.”*

The spiritual side of this is quite different. We will find, as Francis of Assisi found, that there is another dynamic going on here. The more we can commit, the freer we will find ourselves. Francis took this experience out a really long way, but it is there for all of us to experience in our own way. Let’s set aside our anxieties and fears and set to work on saving the world. It is worthwhile and builds a storehouse of real riches for the soul.

PARISH LIFE FORUM ON END-OF-LIFE PLANNING. Sunday, November 20, 2016 at 11:45AM sponsored by the Parish Life Committee. There will be an extended menu coffee hour after the 10AM service, followed by the forum. Father Christopher will discuss the church options. Forms will be available to delineate your preferences. Eileen Rice will discuss Advanced Directives (medical) and Joseph O’Dea, attorney-at-law, will discuss legal aspects and options. Representatives from Hanson-Walbridge and Shea Funeral Home will also be present to discuss the role of funeral directors in the planning process. More information will be available as plans develop. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact Marilyn King, Chair of the Parish Life Committee, or see Fr. Christopher.

THE HARVEST FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS were created by Jill Roosma. (Special thanks to Jill from Patricia Michael who has Altar Guild duties today but who definitely does not have Jill’s talent for flowers!!).



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 9, 2016

12 Noon

Our annual observance of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and the Blessing of the Animals will take place at 12 Noon on Sunday, October 9, 2016. If the weather cooperates, we will celebrate on the church lawn. If not, we will celebrate in the church. All pets are welcome. Dogs must be leashed, please. Cats, birds and other pets must be suitably contained and under owner’s control at all times.

The service recognizes the ideals of St. Francis of Assisi, who wrote a widely-celebrated ode to God’s living things called variously “Canticle of the Sun” or “Canticle of the Creatures”. Perhaps the best-known version in English is the hymn “All Creatures of Our God and King” [#400 in *The Hymnal, 1982*]. The words are a paraphrase of Saint Francis’ song by William H. Draper (1855–1933).

The custom of blessing of the animals is offered in the spirit of St. Francis as the patron saint of animals and ecology. In that tradition we pass God’s blessing onto other generations of animals, reminding ourselves that God is in covenant not just with us, but with all of Creation.

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