

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24:

4:00 PM...Christmas Eve Family Service – Holy Eucharist
9:00 PM.....Eve of the Nativity of our Lord – Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

9:00 AM: The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.....Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 1, 2017, Feast of the Holy Name

9:00AM: Lessons and Carols with the Holy Eucharist

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday, January 1, 2017, 3PMMessiah Sing-Along

Sunday, January 22, 2017, One Service at 9AM.....Holy Eucharist
followed immediately by the Annual Meeting

2017 FREE COMMUNITY DINNER SCHEDULE, 5:30PM:

Friday, January 27, 2017

Hosts: Joanna Taylor, June Sherwin, Shirley Letiecq

Friday, February 24, 2017 – Host Needed

Friday, March 31 – Hosts: Susan and Paul Gratz

Friday, April 21, 2017

Hosts: Eileen Rice and the Battenkill Valley Health Center



The St. James' Weekly News

Christmas

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*Los Nacimientos: Miniature Crèche, Peru.
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WELCOME

A warm welcome to all and a special welcome to visitors; 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 receive our weekly e-mails, please fill in one of the welcome forms 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 send an e-mail to stjamesparishoffice@gmail.com or call the office at 375-9952. 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.** Hospitals do not release the names of patients who are admitted.

TODAY'S HYMNS are listed on the hymn board and also in the service leaflet.

WELCOME TO OUR GUEST ORGANIST TODAY: Welcome to Gail Albright who is with us again for both services on December 24 and again on January 1, 2017. Welcome back, Gail – we are delighted you are with us again.

MESSIAH SING-ALONG UPDATE: There will be an informal reception following the performance on January 1, 2017 at 3PM. We are asking for donations of refreshments for the event: cookies, cheese and crackers, candy, et al.) If you are willing to help, please contact Nancy Boardman or Patricia Michael. Thank you!!!

MANY THANKS to all the wonderful people who have worked tirelessly to prepare for the joyful season of Christmas: hanging of the greens; preparation of the altar linens; the flowers; production of the service leaflets; setting the crèche; decorating trees; setting up Los Nacimientos; filling the Rota slots; and many more tasks. Many willing and loving hands and hearts made it all happen. Special thanks to Father Christopher not only for his spiritual and liturgical leadership but also for hands-on printing of the service leaflet for Christmas Eve. The office volunteers are especially appreciative! Thank you, each and all. .

AN ORDER OF HEALING is offered at the conclusion of the liturgy of the Holy Eucharist on the first Sunday of each month.

BENNINGTON COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS WISH LIST: Deodorant; soap; shampoo; toothbrushes; toothpaste; razors & shaving cream; diapers (all sizes); feminine products; men's clothing (all sizes); cleaning supplies; toilet paper; paper towels; garbage bags. There is a bin in the narthex to collect the donations. For more information, please see Michael Rice.

The Christmas Poinsettias Are Given

*in Loving Memory of and in Thanksgiving for
Those Who Have Blessed Our Lives.*

In Loving Memory of

Parishioners who have died in the past year: Philip McQuade; Mary Ann Mento; Sarah Smith *by the St. James' family*

JoAnn Fonseca; Robert Whitley *by Dorothea Whitley*

Ralph and Helen Sherwin; the departed Squiers loved ones;
Conrad LeCompte *by Phil and June Sherwin*

Pamela Clancy Forster; William and Evelyn Oxley; Mary & Alexander Oxley; Frederick & Eva Kulle *by John and Pat Clancy*

Robert and Virginia Upritchard; Francis and Adele Claro
by Sue and Norm Claro

Daniel K. Basque; Harry & Lois Grubb; Lansing and Barbara Taylor;
William and Julia Adams; Joan Liekefet *by Tom and Joanna Taylor*

Frederick H. Grout; Harry & Annie Grout; Edwin & Myrtle Grover;
Ray & Rachel Little; Vivian Galusha; Arthur & Lorraine Moody
by Dorothy Grout and family; Brian & Nyoka Little and family

Eleanor R. Brown; Robert B. Brown; Archibald F. Brown;
Nellie M. Brown *by Donald Brown*

George Novotny *by Irene Novotny and families*

Noah Faley; Peter "Pop Pop" Gardineer; Helen & James Salvatore; Bayard & Gladys Gardineer; Anna Faley; Rosa Spottl
by Rob and Heather Faley



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Sick: 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; Irene Roth; MaryAnn Schaefer; June Sherwin; John, Judy and Anita Werner; Dot Whitley; Wilfred Williamson; Jeanne Zouck (Susan Gratz' mother); Barbara; Beth; Bruce; Celia; Chris; Dennis; Dick; Helen; Isaac; Jan; John; Kathy; Kay; Sherry; Susan; Toby

For the Departed: Vincent Simko, father of Evan Lawrence; all our departed loved ones; all those in whose memory the Christmas flowers are given; all victims of war, terrorism, violence and oppression throughout the world.

For Those In Need of Our Prayers: The Simko and Lawrence families; Andie Owen and her family; Philip Brown; 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; Michael; the people of Aleppo; 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: 12/27- Sharon Gordon; 12/30-Pat Clancy

Wedding Anniversaries: 12/27-Brenda and Alan Mattison

Baptismal Anniversaries: 12/28-Kathleen Moore

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 our families and friends; for the Nativity of our Lord; for the gift of music; for God's love, freely given; for the communion of saints; for the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit.

For The Church: For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; 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 Diocesan Ministry Support Team; and Province 9 (Caribbean, Latin America, Northern South America): The dioceses of Central Ecuador, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Eastern Ecuador, Honduras and Puerto Rico.