

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

Hymn of Praise #497
Gradual #694

Offertory: #381
Communion: #488

LOOKING AHEAD

WORSHIP

Sunday, February 12, 2017Holy Eucharist
8AM – Rite I; 10AM Rite II

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

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sunday, February 12, 2017.....Meeting of the St. James' Foundation Board
immediately following the 10AM liturgy
Wednesday, February 15, 6:30PMVestry Meeting
Friday, February 24, 2017, 5:30PM.....Free Community Dinner
Tuesday, February 28, 6PM.....Shrove Tuesday Supper and
Mardi Gras celebration
Sunday, March 12, 11:30AMEnd of Life Planning Forum
Saturday, August 5, 2017.....Norman's Attic
Saturday, September 30, 2017.....Harvest Fest

2017 FREE COMMUNITY DINNER SCHEDULE, 5:30PM

Friday, February 24, 2017
Hosts: Eileen Rice and the Battenkill Valley Health Center Staff
Friday, March 31 – Hosts: Susan and Paul Gratz
Friday, April 28, 2017
Hosts: Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Association

The St. James' Weekly News
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 5, 2017



"Light of the World – Peace"

[Mural from the Peace Wall, Hamilton, New Zealand; from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. Used with permission

*"...let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works and give glory
to your Father in heaven."*

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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 above the pulpit and also on the back cover of this newsletter.

ORDER OF HEALING TODAY immediately following the 10AM liturgy. If you wish to participate, please come forward after the final blessing. We ask that those who are leaving to be mindful of the healing service and continue their conversations outside the nave. Thank you for your consideration.

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH. As is our custom, the loose offering will be contributed to the Parish Discretionary Fund. We are grateful for your generosity that provides additional resources to help those in need.

THE ST. JAMES FOUNDATION BOARD will meet on Sunday, February 12, 2017 immediately following the 10AM liturgy. Please see Marilyn King if you have any questions.

THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE is planning a Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Celebration on Tuesday evening, February 28. More details will be available as plans progress. Marilyn King is Chair of the committee. Please let her know if you would like to help.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER UPDATE. The April 28, 2017 Free Community Dinner will be hosted by the Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service, Inc. (ACPHNS). Jill Roosma presented the idea to the group at a recent meeting and they decided to take on the task. Look for more details about "Crock Pot Luck" as plans progress. **THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ACPHNS!!!**

[Announcements continue on page 4]

ST. JAMES' LEADERSHIP AND VESTRY 2017

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From the Interim Pastor
An Anglican Epiphany

In Epiphany we celebrate the revelation of God's Word to the gentiles and the expansion of "the People of God" to include, potentially, everyone on earth. That's the big picture but most of us experience things of faith at a more personal level. I'd like to share with you a few revelations that have come to me and helped to define and confirm my own beliefs.

I am a cradle Anglican, which is to say I've never ventured from the religious tradition in which I was raised as many of you, braver souls, have done. It also means that I took Anglicanism for granted or was actually ignorant of much of the value of my heritage. I filled in the religious affiliation line as "C. of E." in the UK or "Episcopalian" in the US without understanding all it meant. I went from childish acceptance, to adolescent fervor as an "Evangelical", to rejection and rebellion, and then home again. But critical appreciation of the tradition took a lot longer

A first revelation was of the essential "Catholicity" of our tradition. Although the Anglican Church emerged from the Protestant Reformation, its foundations were in an England that was organically and authentically a deeply Catholic place. In terms of God's clock, the "Protestant" experience is a passing bit of history whereas enduring "Catholicism" is richer, wider and far more profound than the rigid definitions that came from Rome after the Reformation. Such an immersion in the old Catholic world left, I believe, an indelible mark on the religious consciousness that became Anglicanism. We are profoundly Catholic, if in an unarticulated and often unconscious way, later "official" definitions of Catholicism notwithstanding.

I realized I belonged to a rich heritage not at all based on the whims of Henry VIII but on the earnest efforts of Elizabeth I to find a middle ground, the *via media*, for the common worship of her realm. This was to be as inclusive as possible with the fewest rigid definitions and occasions to cause grief to her subjects in a world that had not yet discovered the idea of religious tolerance.

It is not just that Episcopalians and other Anglicans, kept or restored bits of Catholic liturgy, or laid a light hand on the dogmas that make some Protestants so rigid. It is not just that we have a great literary and musical tradition behind us. It is not just that we are a good compromise for people of mixed-denominational marriages. It is certainly not that we are careless of

theology, for we boast some of the most lucid and articulate religious thinkers of the Christian faith.

What it is about Anglicanism that has been revealed to me as being of such beauty, balance and grace, is its historical authenticity as a Catholic Church. I have also come to appreciate its openness to the varied gifts and life experiences of its members, its receptivity to new understandings of the faith and its general tolerance for the foibles and eccentricities of human nature. And, actually, there is a whole lot more.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

THE END OF LIFE PLANNING FORUM that was canceled because of inclement weather has been rescheduled for Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 11:45AM (following the 10AM liturgy). Father Christopher will discuss the church options for funerals, memorial services and other related topics. Forms will be available to delineate preferences.

Other presenters include Eileen Rice, RN, PhD., Director of Clinical Operations at Battenkill Valley Health Center, who will discuss Advanced Directives (medical). Joseph O'Dea, attorney-at-law, will discuss legal aspects and options. Representatives from Hanson-Walbridge & Shea Funeral Home will be present to discuss the role of funeral directors in the planning process. There will be a question and answer period. Refreshments will be served. The forum is open to everyone in the community. Please share this information with your friends and neighbors.

PARISH MINISTRIES. On the next page there is a list of parish ministries and a roster of lay liturgical ministers. Please review these lists and let us know if there are any corrections to be made. If you are not listed and are interested in participating in specific areas, please let the chair or coordinator of each group know. If you wish to participate as a lay liturgical minister, please see Father Christopher or Patricia Michael. We are very much in need of additions to the rosters of acolytes and welcomers. Thank you!

PARISH MINISTRIES

ALTAR GUILD: Patricia Michael, Coordinator; Sue Claro, Jill Roosma; June Sherwin, Joanna Taylor

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Rob Faley, Chair; Nancy Boardman (Gardens); Garry Roosma (Cemetery); Phil Sherwin (Lawn); Tom Taylor (Lawn)

COMMUNICATIONS: Sue Claro; Alma Graham; Patricia Michael; Joanna Taylor

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY: Evan Lawrence

FINANCE: Garry Roosma and Eileen Rice, Co-Chairs; Pat Clancy; Sue Claro; Marilyn King; Joanna Taylor

LITURGY & WORSHIP: Patricia Michael, Chair; Sally Cook; Sue Claro; Shirley Letiecq; Michael Rice

OFFICE: Joanna Taylor and Patricia Michael, Co-Chairs; Betty Baker*; Nancy Boardman; Pat Clancy; Sue Claro; Jo Gillikin*; Alma Graham*; Jill Roosma

MISSION AND OUTREACH: Patricia Michael, Chair; Sally Cook; Sue Claro; Evan Lawrence; June Sherwin; Dorothea Whitley

PARISH LIFE: Marilyn King, Chair; Sally Cook; Sue Claro; Alma Graham*; Patricia Michael; Sandy Preble; Joanna Taylor

[* When in residence]

LAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS

ACOLYTES: Nancy Boardman; Marilyn King; Chris Meyer; Eileen Rice; Steve Smith; Debbie Stone; Joanna Taylor

CHALICE-BEARERS: Sally Cook; Alma Graham*; Marilyn King; Evan Lawrence; Patricia Michael; Eileen Rice; Joanna Taylor; Paul Zylinski

READERS: Nancy Boardman; Sally Cook; David Durfee; Jo Gillikin*; Alma Graham*; Susan Gratz; Marilyn King; Evan Lawrence; Patricia Michael; Eileen Rice; Garry Roosma; Debbie Stone; Paul Zylinski

INTERCESSORS: Nancy Boardman; Sally Cook; Alma Graham*; Marilyn King; Evan Lawrence; Patricia Michael; Eileen Rice; Joanna Taylor

WELCOMERS/USHERS: Gloria Alexander; Nancy Boardman; Don Brown; Pat Clancy; Sue Claro; Marilyn King; Patricia Michael; Irene Novotny; Sandy Preble

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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; Julie Legg; 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 and Judy; Dot Whitley; Wilfred Williamson; Jeanne Zouck; Barbara; Beth; Bruce; Celia; Chris; Dennis; Dick; Helen; Isaac; Jan; John; Kathy; Kay; Rick; Sherry; Toby

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

For Those In Need of Our Prayers: Andie Owen and her family; Philip Brown; Charles; Anna, Sherri; Alyce; Sue; Sara; John; Katie; Joan; Cathy; Alex; Sofia; Eleanor; Jack, Jan and A.J.; Wanda; the Kluj family; Hank; Ellen; Estelle; Michael; all 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: 2/5-Sue DeMarsico; 2/7-Adele Matisse Einsig; 2/8-Winifred Ellison; 2/12-Paul Zylinski

Wedding Anniversaries: None this week

Baptismal Anniversaries: 2/7-Pat Clancy

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; the generosity of the Arlington Community Public Health Nursing Service; the work of the Parish Life Committee; our families and friends; 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 remember the congregation of St. Peter's Church, Bennington and the Church of Bangladesh.