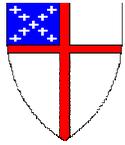


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It's the Liturgy...

From the Rector

On the first Sunday of Advent, 2011, Roman Catholics are in for a surprise. On that Sunday they will begin the use of the *New Roman Missal*. The new English-language Roman Missal will replace the one in use since 1970. For Episcopalians it is the equivalent to using a new Prayer Book. The language of the Mass is changing for Roman Catholics and there is already a controversy brewing. Despite all the really weighty issues Roman Catholics face, including the latest sexual abuse scandal playing out in Ireland, the most passionate debate this year may well be whether the Nicene Creed should say "one in Being with" or "consubstantial with." In addition when the priest says, "The Lord be with you," the new response will be: "And with your spirit." How very Rite I sounding! The Vatican's new missal in English is a result of a conservative backlash. Even if it doesn't restore the Latin, it requires the vernacular to be as faithful a translation of the Latin as possible. And that's where the trouble starts, not just for Catholics but also for English majors. From my initial reading of the new Missal texts it seems that in an effort to be more faithful to the Latin texts the Vatican has messed with the poetry of the language. The language in the *New Missal* is stilted, using words that are unfamiliar or difficult. I feel that the formality of the text is off-putting and represents a step backward in the liturgical reforms called for in Vatican II. You may ask why should this matter as an Episcopalian? Well, for one thing, our own Rite II text is a by-product of our Anglican tradition and the Liturgical movement. The Liturgical Movement began as a movement of scholarship for the reform of worship within the Roman Catholic Church after WWI. It has grown over the last century and a half and has affected many other Christian Churches, including the Church of England and other Churches of the Anglican Communion, and some Protestant churches. The Liturgical Movement, which began as an attempt to restore the liturgy to its ancient principles (pre Reformation and Tridentine), resulted in changes that have affected both Roman Catholics and Episcopalians. Our Rite II Prayer Book Eucharist is very similar to the 1970 Roman Missal Eucharist. We have shared a common language and structure of worship for about 40 years. Now it seems the common way is parting. A Holy Spirit filled moment (60's and 70's) of shared scholarship and unity in the lit-



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The Rev. M. Carl Lunden

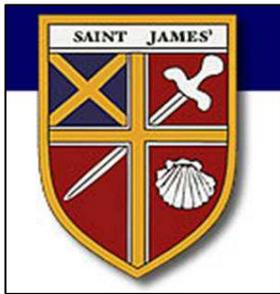
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urgy is passing once again into history. What will be the results? Well for one, we need to treasure the Liturgy we have that was a result of ecumenical collaboration. We possess a good English translation of the Eucharist in Rite II that draws on the ancient liturgies using language that is appropriate and poetic to our contemporary worship experience. Does this mean our liturgy should never change? No, but liturgical change should move slowly and to the best of our church's ability include other Christian churches and the long view of history and tradition. We should also be reminded that it is the liturgy, the words and structure that, especially now, give us our identity. There is a lot of talk in the Episcopal Church today about "branding," or the outward signs of what we are and what we stand for. To outsiders it is the liturgy (the way we worship) that most sets us apart as Christians who are both catholic and protestant. In spite of the changes to the Roman Missal, we still have connections to our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters. As a Church we straddle that divide between Catholics and Protestants. I believe that we have the best of both traditions. Perhaps as Episcopalians we need to look at ourselves from the outside more often to see the signs of our identity so that we can be more intentional about holding dear the things that make us an integral part of Christ's Holy Church.

Fr. Carl+

Sunday School Field Trips

Marci Hanners will be offering a Field Trip of our church to all Sunday School families on Saturday morning November 12th at 11 AM, followed by cider and donuts. If you can not attend on Saturday, a second date is being offered on Sunday November 13th after the 10:15 service (approximately 11:45.)

Our classes have been learning about the church service, the rituals and liturgy and we want to give them the opportunity to learn about our church and to be familiar with how things work. The whole family is welcome to join us.

In December, we would like to take a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Be on the lookout for more information.

Ongoing Events at St. James

Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday evenings at 8:30 pm

A.R.T.S.

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm

Boys Scouts

Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm

Camera Club

2nd Tuesday of each month at 7: 15pm

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm

Community Dinner at St. James'

Last Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm

Food bagging at the Presbyterian Church

The fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 am

Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry Distribution

2nd Saturday of every month at 9:30 am

Healing and Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays at noon, followed by a Fellowship Lunch

Junior Choir rehearsal

Sunday mornings from 11-11:20

Musical Munchkins

Thursday and Friday Mornings at 9:30 am

Sunday School

Sunday morning from 10 am—11 am

Vestry meeting

2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:15 pm

Youth Group

2nd Sunday of each month at 11:30 am

OUR MISSION

St. James' seeks to love and serve God through Discipleship, Community Service and Eucharistic Fellowship.

We encourage spiritual growth and maturity by educating each other in the knowledge of the Christian Gospel.

We seek to live in the image of Jesus Christ and invite our neighbors to participate in our family of faith.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:00 am - Family Eucharist
Rite II

10:15 am - Holy Eucharist
Rite II
(choir and pipe organ)

Wednesday

12:00 pm
Healing & Holy Eucharist

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday:
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



John Strobel



The November Community Dinner November 26

The November Community Dinner will be held on the 26th, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in St. James' Parish Hall. It will be hosted once again by The Goshen Rotary Club.

Call John Strobl at 294-9004 to find out how to help. We open at 4:00 p.m. to get ready for the 5:30 p.m. meal. The dinner is always held the last Saturday of each month. Have you ever come to a Community Dinner? Please know that you are welcome!

Food & Financial donations are always needed for the Food Pantry - especially during the Summer

The Food Pantry depends on food & financial donations. Please make it a habit to donate a food item each time you come to Church Services.

Food drop locations are on the table just inside the back door, and on the table just before you enter the church - both are labeled Food Pantry Donations. Financial donations may be mailed to The Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry Inc. c/o John Strobl, 55 Wickham Ave, Goshen, NY 10924. Help us to help our neighbors in need.

This month we are collecting

Canned Gravy and Cranberry Sauce, and Stuffing mix.



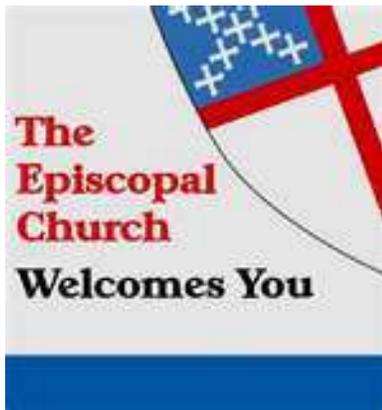
Goshen Ecumenical Pantry Inc.

The next distribution at the Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry will be held November 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall at 33 Park Place, Goshen. Please arrive by 9:00 a.m. And be ready to help! The work is rewarding!

Bagging for distribution and shelf stocking . . .

. . . are done at the Goshen Food Pantry, every Tuesday morning at 9:15a.m.; and on the fourth Saturday of each month (November 26) from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Be part of this excellent opportunity for community service and/or "feel-good-for doing-something-good" service.





Greeter's Schedule

Happy Thanksgiving from the greeters.

The greeter schedule for November is as follows:

9 a.m.

November 6 - Jim & Liz Tarvin

November 13 - Kim Andryshak

November 20 - Debby Brown

November 27 - Donna Carbone

December 4 - Evelyn Clark

10:15 a.m.

November 6 - Lillian Quintero

November 13 - LaWahna Search

November 20 - Pat Spencer

November 27 - Angela Strahl

December 4 - Scott & Sharon Stark



From the desk of Ray Bally...

As a lifelong member of St. James' Church for over 75 years, I am writing in regard to the disbanding of The Women of St. James, an organization which has been absolutely vital to the existence of our church.

It has been the backbone and moral fiber of St. James, and in all these years, I can not remember our church NEVER having a women's group.

As I remember, in addition to the many outreach programs over the years, the Women of St. James have participated in various undertakings such as the Christmas Fair, Summer Fair, Race Week Luncheons, Antique shows and Sales, Silver Teas, Rummage Sales and Countless Parish Dinners.

Our Parish is blessed to have over 300 families. Surely some members will be inspired to come forth as volunteers to revitalize this organization which is so important and necessary for our beloved church.

Thank you, Ray Bally

Resources for Episcopal Church Women

Episcopal Church Women

www.nationalecw.org

Anglican Women's Empowerment

www.anglicanwomensempowerment.org

Daughters of the King

www.doknational.com

Girl's Friendly Society, USA

www.gfsusa.org

National Altar Guild Association

www.episcopalchurch.org/altarguild

Mother's Union

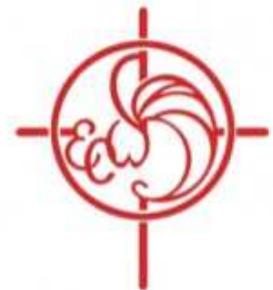
www.themothrsunionusa.org

United Thank Offering

www.episcopalchurch.org/uto

Church Periodical Club

www.churchperiodical.com





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Stewardship

We have started slowly on the 2012 Stewardship Campaign. Pledges have been received from 36 parishioners during the first two weeks in October. We need 100% support this year from St. James. If you have not returned your card, please do so as soon as possible. Members of the Stewardship Committee will be contacting members who pledged for 2011 but have not returned a pledge for 2012. We are in jeopardy of running a deficit budget.

Support the St. James Christmas Fair. Help out with the many activities. Join your fellow parishioners in this needed event. Bring your friends to the fair.

There is a folktale in which a man offers to leave his cottage to whichever of his sons can fill it completely with any one thing. The eldest brings a wagonload of sand; the next one of sawdust. Neither reaches to the ceiling. However, his third son succeeds. With his lantern, he fills the cottage from floor to ceiling with light. Through the Holy Spirit, God has already given us His house, the Church. Shouldn't we do our best to fill it with light?

Of course, there are many ways to provide illumination. There is the light of joy the choir's anthems bring to hearts. There is the light of understanding religious education gives to minds. There is even the literal light brought by light bulbs and candles that someone must buy and someone must change. Christ said, "you are the light of the world." As Christians, we must remember to give our light to others in whatever way we can.

Bring someone to St. James and share with them the light of our church.

Ed Fritsche, Stewardship Chairman.



From the editor...



Dear friends,

It is with mixed emotions that I write to tell you that this is my last Tower Chimes. I am "retiring" as the newsletter editor. Thankfully, Petrina Varone has agreed to take on this venture. I am moving in a new direction at church, working with the children in Sunday School and in the Junior Choir. I will also be the editor of the Garden Tour Journal again, and I will remain the clerk of the Vestry. I am very excited about all of the challenges and experiences I will gain from my new responsibilities, and I look forward to spending time in worship and fellowship with you.

God Bless,
Tammy Matula

Episcopal Dictionary



Tunicle - A high church garment - a kind of ecclesiastical coat - worn by a deacon or server during certain celebrations.

Twelve Days of Christmas - The time from December 25th to January 6th, that is from Christmas day to Epiphany. The time from the first Sunday in Advent until Christmas Eve is, properly, Advent; the time from December 25th to January 6th is the Christmas season or the "Twelve Days of Christmas."

Unction - From Latin, unguere, meaning "to anoint." Unction is the process of anointing someone with consecrated oil for religious purposes. Episcopalians use the word to refer to anointing the sick for the purpose of making them well (see James 5:14).

Veil - From Latin vela: a sail or curtain. In the Church, the veil refers to the solid cloth that covers the chalice and paten at the Eucharist, or the loose-woven netting that is draped over crosses (and sometimes pictures) during Lent and Holy Week.

Venerable, The - A form of address for clergy who hold the office of Archdeacon.

Sunday School News

After 2 years as the Superintendent of St. James' Sunday School program and several years as the Director of our Vacation Bible School, and after much careful thought and prayer, I have made the decision to resign from these positions.

Marci is the newest member of our program, and in a very short period of time she has spear-headed the exciting new changes that have been implemented this year. She has researched and adapted a curriculum that has excited the children and staff alike. The lessons are engaging and creative. Marci is passionate about our children and has also planned a number of activities that will help them grow in their spiritual faith. Her fall mum sale was a huge success and she is already planning our first field-trip, a tour of St. James and a special children's service on November 20th.

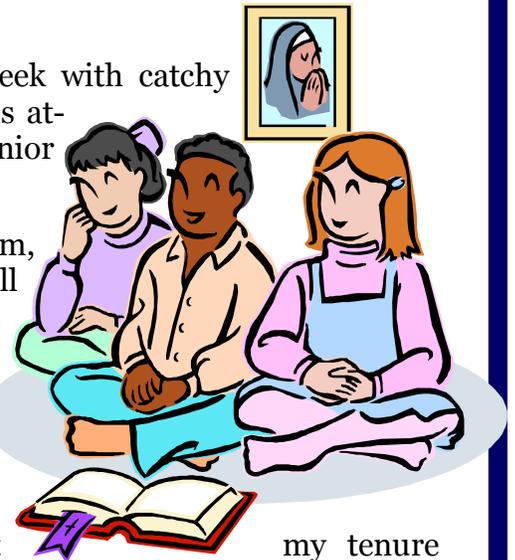
Shari has co-taught the oldest group of students for the past 2 years. This is the age when many young people decide outside activities (or sleeping in) are more important than Sunday School and church. Yet, Shari's ability to develop relevant and dynamic lessons keeps them coming back week after week.

Tammy joined our program last year. She began each week with catchy songs and fun finger-plays that quickly caught the children's attention. She is also, along with Marci, instrumental in the Junior Choir.

I will continue to be active in the Sunday School program, teaching the first and second graders. I hope that others will consider helping us with this important mission.

Vacation Bible School is a fun-filled week that also gives us the opportunity to reach out to the community. It has truly been a labor of love planning this event and I hope a motivated individual or group will take over this program.

I appreciate all the support you have given me throughout my tenure in these positions. Please consider volunteering for one or both of these important ministries. Like Whitney Houston's song says, "the children are our future, teach them and they will lead the way." The children of St. James deserve our very best.



God Bless,

Donna Carbone



GOSHEN FARM AID TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Devastating rains brought by Hurricanes Irene & Lee hit farmers in Goshen & the black dirt area hard. Many farmers have been left without crops to sell, with damaged homes, and some are near bankruptcy.

To help them, The Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry is spearheading a “money-raiser.”

If you would like to help with immediate assistance to the Local Goshen Farmers, please send a check to The Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry (Farm Aid), 33 Park Place, Goshen, NY 10924.

Houses of worship in the area are planning fundraising events with proceeds going to Goshen Farm Aid. If you or your group would like to get involved or hold an event call Bill Keller at 294-5508 or John Strobl at 294-9004.

Goshen Area Farmers may pick up applications for relief at Goshen Village Hall at 276 Main Street, Goshen, N.Y. All applications must be returned by November 1, 2011.

Goshen Farm Aid will occur on November 5th:

Goshen Bakes for Farm Aid (sponsored by residents of Murray Avenue) in front of CVS Pharmacy at Clowes Ave in Goshen, Saturday November 5 at 8:30 am.

A Goshen Farm Aid Dinner will be held at St. James' Episcopal Church at 1 St. James Place in Goshen on *November 5 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm*. The cost will be \$10.00, and the menu is Chili and Lasagna. All checks should be made out to The Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry. Call Jeanne at 845-651-1254 or cell 845-800-9177 if you would like to help. Tickets may be purchased at Joe Fix Its, Elsie's Luncheonette or St. James' Episcopal Church, 294-6225, or 294-9004.

A Variety Show will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the C.J. Hooker School in Goshen. It will feature Mark Gargiulo, The Sweet Adelines, Evan Teatum, The Jubilate Choir, The Dover Boys Barbershop Quartet, Mary Lee Ferris with Rev. David Kingsley and your host Bill Keller. Tickets are \$20.00; \$10.00 seniors and students and may be purchased at Joe Fix Its, Elsie's Luncheonette, James Murray's Florist, Goshen Jewelers & Liz's Place or at The Goshen First Presbyterian Church at 33 Park Place. Call the church office at 294-7991. All Donations will go to Goshen Farm Aid.

Desserts and drinks will be available at the show for purchase, provided by the Goshen First Presbyterian Church Mission Group.

Visit www.stjamesgoshen.org for more & updated info. on Goshen Farm Aid.



St. James' Episcopal Church will be hosting their Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 19 from 9:00am-3:00pm. Be sure to put the date on your calendar.

We will be featuring **The Boutique** with handmade crafts, sewn items etc.

The Cathedral Shop (located in the church) is where you can purchase Advent Calendars, Candles, Hats, Sweatshirts, St. James' Note Cards and other gift items with a Christian Message. We also have Christmas Ornaments and more.

We'll have **Photos with Santa**. Plan to have your child's photo or a family photo taken at the Fair!

The Bake Sale will as always include our most sought after homemade treats, cakes, pies, and beautiful cookies. Great for Thanksgiving

Attic Treasures will include gift items, jewelry, household items, collectables, small furniture, antiques, decorative items etc.

The Toy Chest has used toys and children's books.

We also have the **Children's Crafts Room** to keep your children occupied while you shop.

Lunch will also be available at the Fair. We also will be selling Homemade Soups

The Saint James' Christmas Raffle Tickets are 6 for \$5.00. Prizes are \$150 Gift Certificate at Target, 3 Dickens Houses (Dept #56), Nativity Set (Jim Shore), Spa Basket and Gourmet Food Basket



Some Things Never Change

Change is definitely one of the constants in our lives. That may sound a little odd, referring to *change* as being a *constant*, but let's face it, we can always count on something unexpected, it's simply part of life. No matter how much we plan, change has a way of making its way into all we do.

Yet, with all the change in our lives, we often find ourselves or others saying that common phrase, "*some things never change*," best if spoken in light-hearted terms when someone, no matter how much they try, seems to somehow continue to show their true colors time and time again. Consider the friend who just can't seem to remember when you planned your lunch date, or the coworker who shows up five minutes late to every meeting regardless of what he or she does to try and make it on time. "Some things just never change," those words kind of sum it up and we move on.

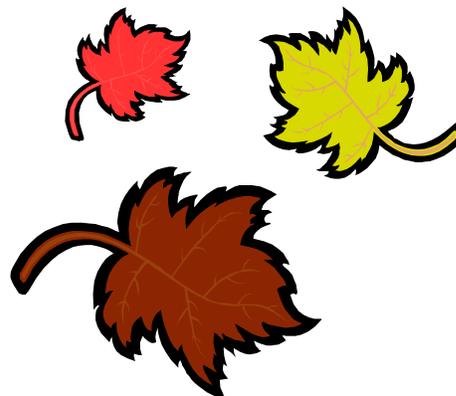
We can typically deal rather easily with the light-hearted comments about the characteristics we've grown to know and understand in others, but there are some major issues we're facing these days that cannot be taken with a smile or accepting laughter. For example, our economy just can't seem to regain its health, we seem to hear the same from other parts of the world and attempts to improve the situation appear to get frequently derailed. It's not uncommon for a good portion of our population to shake their heads and just mutter, "Yup, some things just never change." We all hope for the best, but we have been subjected to some tough times lately.

When the world's agenda starts to get the best of us and we start believing that things will never change, maybe that's a sign for us to realize that yes, it's true, the things we absolutely need the most will never change! Our God has been with us since the beginning of time and will be with us through eternity, and He hasn't changed. Jesus walked among us and is now seated with God the Father, and He will never change. And the Word of God, given to us in the Bible, has been our constant source of God's promises to us for thousands of years, and will remain that way.

So as we're faced with a seemingly endless list of challenges that leave us shaking our heads, let's thankfully remember that what matters most to us every hour of every day and every year forever, are the gifts from God that have and will remain constant for the ages. We can truly look up to the heavens and with peace and confidence as we say, "Thank you God, *some things never change*."

Have a wonderful Fall Season,

Dom Perfetti



Celebrations!

Happy Birthday

Lola	Lofman	11/1
Jonathan	Lent	11/3
Vanessa	Cartisano	11/4
Nicholas	Barnes	11/4
Jeanne	Healy	11/5
James	Mahoney	11/6
Janice	Terracino	11/12
John	De Angelis	11/26
Gregg	Markey	11/27
Barbara	Killenberger	11/29
John	Strobl	11/30



Weddings

October 1, 2011

Christopher Dolan & Kate Lynne Ptak

October 8, 2011

James Hoffman & Barbara Collins

Donald Wilson & Nan Gill

October 9, 2011

Daniel Caplicki & Barbara Zadorozny

October 22, 2011

Brett Turi & Elizabeth Willard

Happy Anniversary

Nick & Roberta	Mabee	11/4
Bryan & Christine	Giudice	11/11
Henry & Tanya	Hamilton	11/15
Harry & Kathy	Brown	11/23



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