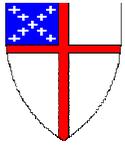


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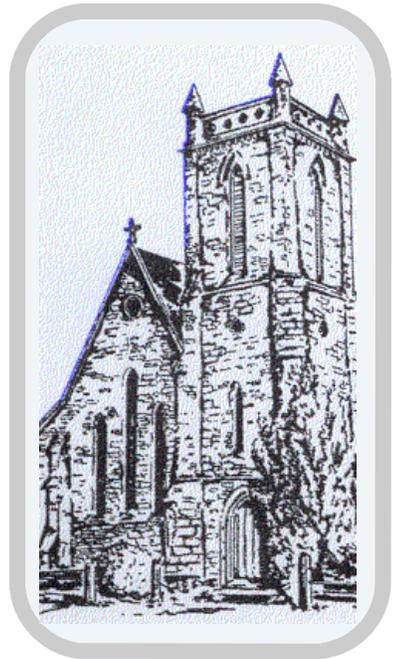
A letter from the Rector **Give to Grow**

Beginning on October 2nd we will hold our first of four Commitment Sundays for our Fall Stewardship campaign, “*Give to Grow*”. What are Commitment Sundays? They are the Sundays in the Church year in which we ask the members of Saint James to make a personal and financial commitment to support our parish in the following year (2012). Many people look at the Church as something “other” than themselves. They see the buildings, the priest, and the other members of the congregation, as something “apart” from themselves. This could not be farther from the truth! The building that we call Saint James would be a cold, empty, lifeless shell without the people who are the real “Body” of St. James’ Church. YOU ARE ST. JAMES’ CHURCH! As Christians we come together to worship as a community (a parish) so that we may make a difference in peoples lives in Jesus’ name. All of the people that St. James’ Church serves are our brothers and sisters. We are called by our baptism to minister to one another, the suffering, the friendless and the needy, and all for the love of him who laid down his life for us, Jesus our Lord. WE ARE ALL MINSTERS OF THE GOSPEL. In The Letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul prays:

I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Growth in the Christian life is rooted in the grace that we freely receive from God, combined with our determination to follow Christ as his disciples. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are able with Christ’s presence to accomplish great things, but we must be



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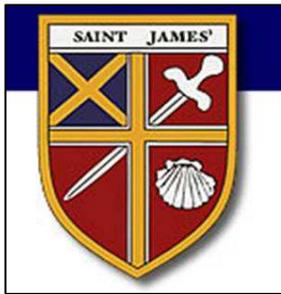
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willing to participate. God does not force or coerce us to do his will; he invites us to submit based on love for his Son. As we have received and been transformed by Christ's love, so too we are called to be God's love for others. This requires our total commitment. Christianity is not for the faint of heart or the lukewarm, but for people of passion who truly seek to find real meaning and depth in the mystery of Christ's sacrificial self-giving love. Stewardship is about using our resources (our time, talent and treasure) in service of what we are most deeply committed to. As members of St. James, the stewardship committee and myself are asking each person to *Give to Grow* this Fall. What this means is offering up the resources we have to go deeper into our life in Christ. Part of this requires the imagination that St. Paul is taking about. We each need to envision what a deeper commitment to our faith would look like. This is a process that requires prayer (including God's guidance), some daydreaming, conversation with your brothers and sisters in Christ, and most importantly opening your heart and letting go of fear. It is fear of lack of money, time, ability that most keeps us back in committing to God. God has given to us abundantly, (even if you do not believe it) and we are to share what we have been given. And the more we share, the happier we are (this is a basic Gospel reality). The sharing of our gifts stands at the heart of Christian stewardship. We participate in Christ's mission by sharing as an act of love which cast us in the image of him who we hope to imitate, Jesus, our Lord. May God's grace not go neglected as we journey together as a congregation gathered here at St. James' Church.

Yours in Christ,
 Fr. Carl+



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.



By John Strobl

Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry The next date for The Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry Inc. shelf stocking and bagging is, October 22 from 10 am – 11 am. We will not have a September date due to Fr. Carl’s wedding. The Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry Inc. is located at The Goshen First Presbyterian Church, 33 Park Place, Goshen, NY 10924.

Bagging is done the 4th Saturday of each month from 10:00am to 11:00am. Call 845-294-9004

October, 8 is our next distribution. Please arrive around 9:00am to lend a helping hand.



The Goshen Ecumenical Pantry Inc. Housed in the Goshen First Presbyterian Church at 33 Park Place, Goshen, hands our food to Goshen residents, on the second Saturday of each month from 9:30am to 10:30am.

The Free Community Dinner at St. James’

St. James’ Boy Scout Troop 63 will host the October 1, Community Dinner @ 5:30 pm in the St. James’ Parish Hall. **Note: Date Change** due to Fr. Carl’s wedding on September 24. We will also have a October 29 Dinner.



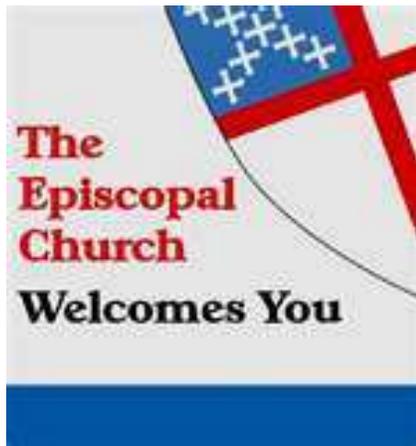
Food & Financial donations are always needed for the Food Pantry

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 or Sunday School. Drop off locations are on the table just inside the back door and 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 help your neighbors in need.



Greeter's Schedule

Happy Autumn!

9 a.m.

October 2 - Tammy Matula

October 9 - Ryan
Muehlbauer

October 16 - Linda Nichols

October 23 - Jan Ptak

October 30 - Meg Strobl

November 6 - Jim & Liz
Tarvin

10:15 a.m.

October 2 - Jean Howell

October 9 - John Lent

October 16 - James Heslop

October 23 - Kathy Martin
Brown

October 30 - Ann McKenna

November 6 - Lillian
Quintero



Donna Carbone

Sunday School



Marci Hanners

October 2nd Sunday School Mum Sale



The Sunday School will be hosting a sale of Fall Mums on Sunday October 2nd. The proceeds will be divided equally between Outreach and a Field Trip Fund for the Sunday School. We may have pumpkins for sale as well. Please consider supporting this fund raiser. We would like to arrange trips to the Metropolitan Museum of Art to see the Baroque Christmas Tree and the Medieval Art, as well as visit our Cathedral in NYC and take a trip to the Cloisters in the spring.



Youth Group Lock-in, October 14 6:00pm

A kick-off overnight lock-in will be held on October 14 starting at 6:00pm. See the sign-up on the bulletin board.





**YOUR
TALENT IS
GOD'S GIFT
TO YOU.**

**WHAT YOU
DO WITH
THAT
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TO GOD.**



*Remember to
fill out a
pledge card
during our
Commitment
Sundays
in October.*

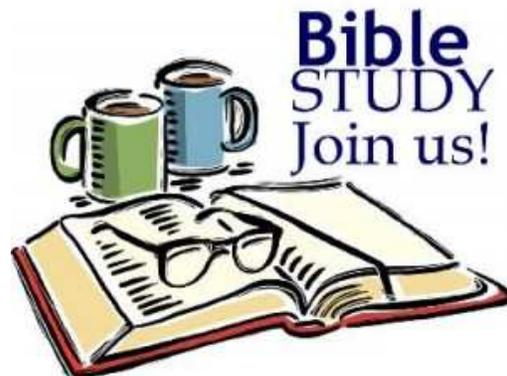


Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee will be holding the annual Stewardship Commitment Sundays on October 2nd, 9th and 16th. Committee members will be available before and after the 9 and 10:15 AM services to assist all members in making a pledge to support St. James financially for 2012. It is very important that we obtain 100% support of all our members. The financial requirements of St. James are continuing to increase. We have lost some pledging members from 2011. How much you should pledge is a decision between you and God. If you pledged in 2011 consider making an increase. If this is your first pledge to St. James consider an amount which reflects your income and all the blessings you have received. It is not necessary to give 10%. It is important to give.

I hope everyone had the opportunity to attend the shower held for Sharon and Father Carl. We need to welcome Sharon into the St. James' family. This is a good time to review our stewardship goals. Join an organization of the church and become involved. There are needs to support the church school program, choir, building and grounds, become a lector or whatever attracts your interest. As St. James becomes active again, we can use help in many areas to make the tasks easier.

Ed fritsche, Stewardship Chairman



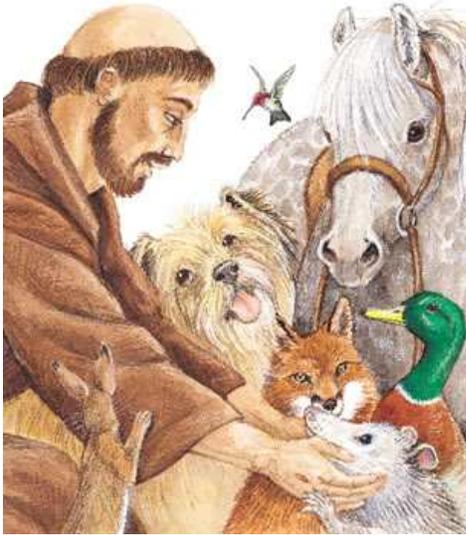
**Bible
STUDY
Join us!**

Adult Education

October 18th and
25th

at 7 PM

Listening to Scripture, Strategies for Interpreting the Bible, Sections 1 & 2 are October 18 and 25 beginning at 7:00pm at church. Contact Fr. Carl for info at 294-6225 or email rector@stjamesgoshen



Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday October 2 at 2:00pm, St. James's Episcopal Church will Celebrate Creation as we Commemorate The feast of St. Francis with a service and Blessing of the Animals. Children and adults are invited to bring their pets for a blessing, and to enjoy refreshments on the front lawn of the Church.

Episcopal Dictionary



Sursum Corda - Latin for "Lift up your hearts." The Sursum Corda is part of an antiphon that has been in the Eucharist since the third century.

Tabernacle - A small cabinet (sometimes a vessel) designed to contain the Reserved Sacrament. The tabernacle may be found built into the altar, sitting on the altar, on the retable, or it may be built into another part of the sanctuary. In very Low Churches the tabernacle will not be found anywhere.

Torch [Torch Bearer] - A person who carries a candle in a religious procession; often the Crucifer is followed by two "Torches" -- two persons each carrying a candle mounted on a short staff.

The Trinity - A fundamental symbol of the Christian faith and a critically important, basic, core doctrine in Christianity. The Trinity refers to the oneness and essential unity **of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Transept - The section of a cross-shaped (cruciform) church at right angles to the nave. It is also the name for the aisle in front of the first pew, that separates the nave from the chancel.

Starting from the inside...

Ever been driving down the road and realized you can't see very well out your windshield? You put the wipers on, hmmm, that didn't do much good, spray some cleaner fluid..., that should do it, nope, still can't see. Wait a minute, let me check, you rub your finger on the inside of the windshield, yup, that's it. Grab a towel or put the defroster on,... *it was on the inside!*

Sometimes we're fooled into thinking the distortion in the way we see things is always on the outside. Something external has clouded our vision and we can't see things very clearly. As we put our elbow grease into cleaning the outside of the "windshield", we sometimes find that our efforts were futile, the layer of film that caused our vision to be cloudy was actually on the inside.

Windshields, windows and eyeglasses are a few examples of where this can happen, but what about how we see things in our daily lives and in others? How many times throughout the day might we start a sentence with "*Well, here's how I see it...*," and then proceed to explain our perspective on the issue? Not that offering our view is a bad thing, but is there a possibility that the window we're looking through as we form our opinions is cloudy? Do we have a "film" that's been building up for some time that makes it difficult to clearly see an issue?

How frustrating is it to continually try and "clean up" the outside of our "window of view" when it's the inside that needs the cleaning? Or, said a little differently, how often do we try and convince others to change their perspectives before we've taken the time to clean up our side of the "windshield"?

It's these times that we can call upon the Lord and ask for help and clarity to find the solutions that are in the best interest of everyone. Jesus taught us the Truth during His ministry and left us with the Holy Spirit to help guide us as we travel along our own roads in life. He gave us His Words through the Bible and the Spirit to draw upon when our own vision is just too cloudy and limited.

Once we call upon the Lord to "clean our side of the windshield", we can move ahead with a clear view to help others and ourselves. When we ask Jesus for His perspective and realize it's different than our own, it's probably time to start clearing up the view, ***starting from the inside!***

Dom Perfetti



Celebrations!

Happy Birthday

Janet	Bally	10/1
Justin	Markey	10/10
Ellen	Wuagneux	10/13
Debby	Brown	10/14
Henry	Hamilton	10/16
Jerry	Killenberger	10/16
Thomas	De Angelis	10/17
Ben	Search	10/18
Maurice	Bourgeois	10/19
James	Healy	10/21
Liz	Tarvin	10/27
Michele	Markey	10/28
Janelle	Hamilton	10/31
Kelly	Haviland	10/31
Peter	Somlai	10/31



Happy Anniversary

Jeff & Ellen	Wuagneux	10/8
Peter & Beth	Somlai	10/9
John & Jennifer	Stratton	10/18
Larry & Ellen	Ferrier	10/21
Gregg & Michele	Markey	10/23



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The newsletter deadline is
the 10th of every month.
Please send contributions
to smatula@frontiernet.net

**At 6:30pm on October 11th,
St. James will host a meet
and greet of the nominees
for Bishop. Everyone is
encouraged to attend.**