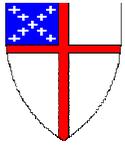


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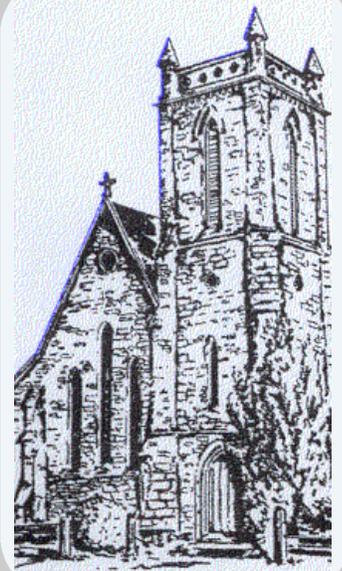
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A letter from the Rector

What do you believe as a Christian?

The questions of our faith and what we do and do not believe about it and the nature of God and our relationship with God are ever changing as we pass through the decades of life. As soon as we are old enough to intellectually and emotionally engage the concept of our relationship to God, we begin a life of theological exploration that evolves as we mature and experience our faith lived out in the context of our personal and corporate (church) lives. How we are raised, and how our faith is presented to us affects the foundation of how we contextualize it for the rest of our lives. Those of us in the Episcopal Church were formed in many faith traditions. We are not a homogenous group of believers the likes of which that can be found in other Christian denominations. We are a diverse body of Christians from many different denominations and theological backgrounds. We are made up of Evangelicals and Catholics, cradle Episcopalians and a host of other Christian and non-Christian groups: Baptist, Methodist, Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Jews, Mormons, and Buddhist. (I'm sure there are others too!) If America is the great melting pot of race and culture, then the Episcopal Church somewhat reflects this diversity in a Christian context of various foundations for Christian theology and faith beliefs. As an "orthodox" Christian Church, we Episcopalians hold to the faith of the Holy Scriptures and ancient Creeds (Apostles & Nicene) while leaving the parameters of their interpretation wide open to theological reflection. This wide spectrum for personal interpretation allows for many people with differing theologies to worship together. It is not always comfortable or easy but, it does seem to work as long as we can focus on the foundations that do unite us. The instruments of our unity are found in the use of the Prayer Book and core of our faith revealed in the Holy Scriptures. Yet, within these foundations there is a great latitude in our church for opinion and belief. We are all theologians and our congregation (St. James') reflects a great deal of diversity when it comes to the tenants of our faith. As your pastor/priest I am curious about what lies at the heart of your belief system. What are the issues and meanings that direct your passion, and how do they affect your relationship with God, and specifically Jesus Christ? I would like to take the opportunity to survey and personally talk with anyone, who would be willing, about their faith. I am placing survey forms on the Parish Bulletin Board.

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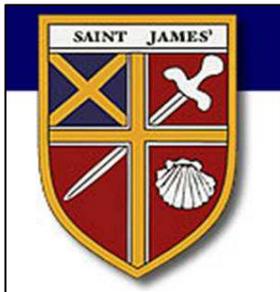
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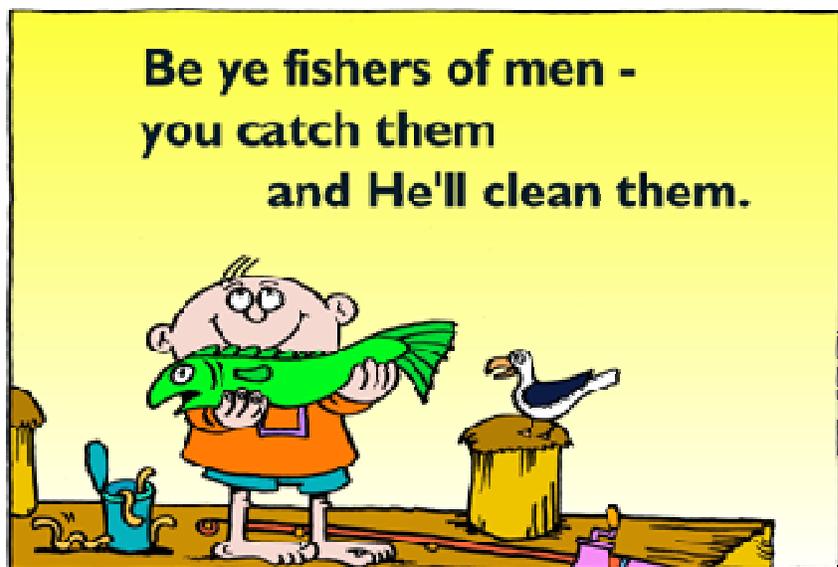
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After completing a survey I am asking volunteers to make an appointment with me as a follow up. It is my hope that this process could affect the parish in two positive ways. First, as your priest I would have a better understanding of where people see their relationship to God, and this would aide me in preaching, teaching, and spiritually directing our common life together. Second, I believe the process is a good one for challenging us to grow in our faith. As Christians we need to connect to the concepts and foundations that direct and inform our lives as we seek an ever closer relationship with Christ and the living out of our faith. Theological reflection and the results it should bear upon our lives as Christians are ongoing from the cradle to the grave. I encourage you to join with me in exploring the key foundations of our faith as we strive to grow as Christians, personally and as a congregation. I am looking forward to your participation.

Fr. Carl+



This image was taken from ChristArt.com

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.

*Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray Hedgepeth
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter*

*Sharon Ruth
To
M. Carl Lunden*



*Saturday
The twenty-fourth
of September
Two Thousand and Eleven
at one-thirty in the afternoon*

*St. James' Episcopal Church
1 St. James Place
Goshen, NY*



*A light reception will be held in the
parish hall immediately following
the ceremony.*



By John Strobl

The September 24th Community Dinner has been rescheduled for October 1st.

The September Community Dinner will be held on October 1, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in St. James' Parish Hall. It will be hosted once again by St. James' Boy Scout Troup #63. **The date change is due to a wedding being held on September 24th** The regular October Community Dinner will be held October 29 and will be hosted by St. John AUMP Church & St. Mary's Prayer Group of St. John's RC Church.



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

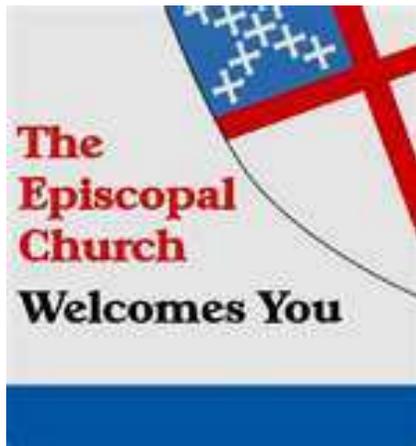
Canned Gravy and Cranberry Sauce, and/or Mac & Cheese

Goshen Ecumenical Pantry Inc.

The next distribution at the Goshen Ecumenical Food Pantry will be held September 10, 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 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

I hope everyone has had a relaxing summer. As always, we look forward to welcoming you all to Sunday services each week.

The schedule for September greeters is as follows:

9 a.m.

September 4 - Jackie Kessler

September 11 -

Barbara Killenberger

September 18 - Jerry Killenberger

September 25 - Michele Markey

October 2 - Tammy Matula

10:15 a.m.

September 11 - Karen Golding

September 18 - Chip Hamilton

September 25 - James Heslop

October 2 - Jean Howell

SonRock Kids Camp VBS a Huge Success!



Twenty campers from Preschool through Grade 5 participated a fun-filled week July 25th-29th (regardless of the heat, rain and tornado!). Thanks to the donations of many of our parish members our parish hall and chapel were changed into a wooded campground, complete with trees and wildlife. Everyone would gather in the parish hall to begin the evening with a light meal. Then Counselors would lead their crews through a variety of stations.

This year's lessons focused on Peter's relationship with Jesus. Throughout the week the children learned how they were: Accepted by Jesus, Protected by Jesus, Saved by Jesus, Forgiven by Jesus, and should Live for Jesus.

Stories were told in a large tent at Campfire Bible Stories. In Creation Crafts the campers made souvenirs that reinforced the stories: rock pendants to remind them that Jesus is their "rock", campfires to remind them that Jesus is the light of the world, stepping stones to remind them that Jesus helped Peter walk on water, cross necklaces to remind them that Jesus died for us.

Sing-A-Long Songs was a favorite of all campers. They did a great job of learning the wonderful songs and the associated hand movements.

The week ended with a BANG, literally, as a tornado touched down in Goshen. But inside St. James everyone enjoyed an evening of fun, food and fellowship with a Family Picnic!

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this week such a huge success. I would especially like to thank the fantastic volunteers who made this event possible; Vanessa Cartisano, Brenda Kurth, Tammy Matula, Shari Meffert, Lillian Quintero, Jennifer Romano, Jennifer Stratton and Jessica Sutton. I would also like to thank our wonderful Counselors and Junior Counselors: Courtney and Cory Baxter, Evan and Kyle Mabee, McKenna and Jacob Pelfrey, Grace and Chris Quintero, Tessa Schaumburg and Victoria and William Sutton. And finally, thanks to all the parish members for their generous donations and prayers.

See you all again next summer!

Donna Carbone

Stewardship



**YOUR
TALENT IS
GOD'S GIFT
TO YOU.
WHAT YOU
DO WITH
THAT
TALENT IS
YOUR GIFT
TO GOD.**

September is here. What happened to the summer? I hope everyone had a chance to relax and have some fun. With the arrival of September, activities at St. James' will pick up. The Church School will begin and the Choir will start again at the 10:15 service. This is a good time for every member to join an organization in order to fulfill all stewardship goals.

During October, St. James' will again be holding Commitment Sundays. I ask everyone to prayerfully consider making a pledge to support St. James' financially for 2012. Although many increased their pledge in 2011, it is extremely important that everyone makes a pledge to support St. James' again. We need 100% support if we are going to be successful.

A review of your Baptismal obligations will remind you that stewardship is a requirement for the St. James' community. We need to work together to make the community stronger and be a welcoming church for the Goshen area.

Invite a friend to church one Sunday. We can always use new members to make the work easier. By meeting your stewardship goals and being involved, you can get to know the members of the St. James' community.

There are two basic principles to stewardship. The first is found in Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" God created everything. He owns it. But God also sustains creation. The book of Colossians tells us that God holds everything together. In Genesis 2:15 it says, "The Lord took man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work and take care of it." From the beginning, even before the Fall, it has been the place of human beings to manage what God has created. The second principle of stewardship is: You and I are to manage what God owns.

What are we to be stewards of then? The answer is... absolutely everything God has entrusted to you. That includes everything from this day, to your wealth, from your talents and abilities, to your authority, from your family, to your home, from your friendships, to your responsibilities. Everything is given to us by God, either directly or through the use of gifts, tools and the intelligence He gives us. When it comes right down to it, stewardship is a matter of the heart. Jesus said "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also " What do you treasure most? Do you treasure your relationship with God? Or something else?

Ed fritsche, Stewardship Chairman

Peace by Piece

“One day at a time, one step at a time.” “Little by little; piece by piece.” When we’re feeling overwhelmed, we need to remind ourselves of these words. *(They actually work!)*

When it seems like the rotational speed of the earth has kicked itself into high gear, we can quickly find ourselves in an mode of feeling frozen in our steps not knowing which way to turn.

Seems to me that we enter the “*danger zone*” when we mentally bypass the individual steps needed to get to where we’re going and leap frog our way into a future state that completely overwhelms us. Our Lord has always told us that He will not give us more than we can handle, but it seems like the world around us is doing all it can to load us up far beyond our limits.

So how do we find peace in a world that seems to be running at record pace? Looking back at how Jesus faced these issues over two thousand years ago might help us find the answer. You see, *technology* has certainly changed since then, making us available to just about anyone at any time, but the *timeless lessons* that Jesus taught us have not!

When Jesus began to feel overwhelmed by the crowds, and needed to find His own peace, we read in the Gospels that He went away on His own to pray to the Father and renew His strength. Jesus set the example for us of living life one day at a time. He healed, preached, taught and performed miracles everywhere, one day at a time, step-by-step, person by person. When He needed to find peace, He found a quiet place to pray and looked to His Father above. Following His example will help us as well. When we’re feeling overwhelmed, it’s not because the Lord has placed too much on us, it’s more likely that the demands from those around us have mounted to a level that leaves us feeling like we have a mountain to climb.

Sometimes as we look ahead, there seems to be no relief in sight. It’s those moments that we need to look up. Looking to the Lord will provide us with both the peace and motivation to take that one critical step, followed by another and then another. When we tackle our problems one piece at a time, looking to the Lord for help, we’ll find the peace and strength needed to see us through our most difficult times.



As Jesus taught us, small steps lead to big changes. He will help us find what we’re seeking, a little at a time, and lead us to peace, ***peace by piece.***

Enjoy the rest of the summer,

Dom Perfetti

**WANTED: Newsletter Editor for the Tower Chimes****Requirements:**

- A computer and some knowledge of Microsoft Publisher (or any other newsletter program).
- A desire to share your gifts and talents.
- A few hours a month.
- Please contact Tammy Matula or Father Carl.

Episcopal Dictionary

Server—Someone who assists the celebrant at the altar, helping him or her set the table and perform ablutions.

Sexton—An older English title for the person in charge of the church building [or a special portion of it] and grounds; in America the Sexton is also commonly head of maintenance and custodial services and may perform additional duties such as ringing the church bell.

Shrove Tuesday—The final day before the season of Lent begins, usually marked by pancake suppers in parish halls throughout the Episcopal church. Shrove Tuesday is also the final day of Mardi Gras, and various Carnivals throughout the world.

"Smells & Bells" - A lighthearted way of describing a "high" church, referring to the parish or missions' frequent use of incense (Smells) and Sanctus Bells (Bells).

Stole—A long strip of cloth (often silk) worn around the neck of the priest and allowed to hang down the front of the clerical vestments. Only bishops, priests and deacons are allowed to wear stoles. The stole is usually worn at all Eucharistic services, weddings and funerals, but never worn at Morning Prayer services. The stole is said to represent the yoke of obedience to Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2011-2012

We have an exciting Sunday School Year planned! Our kickoff breakfast will be on September 11th. Classes will begin on September 18th. We have new curriculum, new and returning teachers, and a new class structure.

Pre-K and K will be in one class lead by Jennifer Stratton and Brenda Kurth. They will be presenting the Veggie Tales Curriculum, which is a fun, hands on program for the Pre-Primary Set.

Primary 1 will be for First and Second Graders, led by Donna Carbone and Tammy Matula. They will be presenting Year 1, The Old Testament, from the Mary Sicilia Curriculum. This curriculum was developed by the Canon Educator in the Portland Oregon Cathedral and is being used by Episcopal Churches in several cities. It is a wonderful, creative curriculum!

Primary 2 and 3 for Third through Sixth graders will meet together led by Marci Hanners. The class will be working side by side on Year 3 and Year 5 of the Sicilia Curriculum. The focus will be on church history, art, the Sacraments, Biblical History and the history of Christianity. It is a hands on curriculum that integrates art, music, literature and drama, story telling and more.

All three classes will meet in the Parish Hall in the three classrooms and we will be using the first Sunday School Classroom and the Chapel for special projects or programs.

The Secondary 1 class for 7th, 8th and 9th graders will meet in the second Sunday School room as you come in the glass doors and will be led by Anna Marie Noe and Sherri Meffert. They will continue with their very successful program.

Classes will meet from 10:00 to 11:00 on every Sunday except for the last Sunday of the month. Tammy Matula will be doing music class with the Pre-Primary and Primary 1 Classes from 9:45 until 10, and Marci will be in her classroom to greet incoming students and to work together to prepare for class.

We are all excited about our new school year and hope to see you and your children in the coming weeks. Please join us for the Kickoff Breakfast on the 11th to chat with the teachers and ask any questions that you might have. Registration forms will be available that day. If you have any questions, contact Donna Carbone at 355-7228 or dcarbone6703@yahoo.com

ST. JAMES'
SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM
2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

Name of Student _____ (DOB) _____ Grade Level _____

Allergies/Health Issues _____

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Allergies/Health Issues _____

Parents _____

Home Email Address _____

Phone Numbers of Parents/Guardians _____

Address _____

Emergency Contact (name, relationship, number) _____

Interests of the Student _____

I would like to assist _____ I can assist occasionally _____

I give my permission for my child/children to be photographed for any church related publicity.

Signature _____ Date _____

Celebrations!

Happy Birthday

Dede	De Angelis	9/4
Lindsey	Somlai	9/6
Matthew	Duzick	9/7
Lynn	Hoins	9/10
Andrea	Ely	9/10
John	Mayo	9/10
Jan	Golding	9/13
Stan	Collymore	9/16
Larry	Ferrier	9/17
Brian	Brown	9/20
Ryan	Muehlbauer	9/22
Bryan	Giudice	9/25
Kathy	Martin-Brown	9/26
Tanisha	Bynum Frazier	9/29



Happy Anniversary

John & Darlene	Lent	9/7
James & Barbara	Cassel	9/26
Ed & Anne	Camp	9/28
Ron & Ricki	Leal	9/30
Tom & Sarah	Schaumburg	9/30

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



Comments, questions, suggestions, and contributions are always welcome. I would love to hear from you.

*Sincerely,
Tammy*