

**St. James', Holy Trinity and St. John's December 18, 2011**

**8:00 a.m. St. James'** Holy Eucharist (BCP)

**9:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.** Holy Eucharist (BAS)

Opening Song/Hymn: **"Shine, Jesus, Shine"** #435

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The Collect of the Day: ***Heavenly Father, who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour, now fill us with your grace, that we in all things may embrace your will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

**The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
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Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27  
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The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38  
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Closing Song/Hymn: **"Revival"** #425

**In the World:** We pray for peace. We remember Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Fred, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Colin, Metropolitan of Ontario. We pray for Mary Sherwood, our missionary in Madagascar. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray today for the Diocese of Wyoming in the USA. In Canada we pray for the people and clergy in the dioceses of the Council of the North. We pray for the men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces and their families and for those of our church family who serve in the U.S. military.

**In our Diocese:** We pray for John our Bishop; St. John the Baptist, Richmond and the Rev. Michel Dubord and the Canon Theologian, the Rev. Canon Dr. John Gibaut. We pray for our Hospital and Nursing home ministries and for the Consultations of the GIFT Campaign. In our Companion Diocese, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, we pray today for the Medical Ministry at the Palestine Hospital, Amman, Jordan. We pray for all those who feel a calling to ordained ministry, that God will grant them true discernment.

**In our Parish:** We pray for: Sue and Sid our Priests; Elizabeth our Parish Administrative Assistant; those ministering to our Youth & our Kids' Church; our Liturgical Assistants; our Martha's teams; our Parish and Congregational Councils; our Church Musicians; the Apple Tree Ministry; the Dundas County Food Bank; Naomi House; the Dundas County Hospice; the Pastoral and Spiritual Care Team at Winchester Hospital; our Prayer Ministry and our Pastoral Care Team. We pray especially at this time for those who are planning our annual Christmas Dinner and those who will attend. This week in the South Dundas cycle of prayer we pray for the Matilda United Church Pastoral Charge and all who minister there.

**In our Extended Parish Family we pray for:**

Syd, Gerda, Ronnie, Ralph, Penny, Sean, Michael, Kathy, Attila, Irene, Patricia, Mark, Curtis, Micheline, Bill, Mary, Brenda, Jeffrey, Patricia, Donald, Bill, Cheryl, Lise, Wendy, Brenda, Dorothy, Edna, Stuart, Scott, Gabby, John, Carolyn, David, Bonnie, Bill, Verna, Jim, Iva, Doug, John, Mahlon, Al, Arnell, Diane, Rick, Dianne, Pat, Dave, Madalene, Margaret, Elaine, Melanie, Lois, Bill, Dawne, Harry, Wim, Laurie, Heather, Beverley, Bob, Jordan, Allan, Bernie, Joan, James and Carl.

**Parish Office Hours at St. James' are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

Please call or leave a message at 613-543-3904 or email:

**st.james@hotmail.com** if you would like to contact Elizabeth Irwin. **If you would like to contact the Rector directly in an emergency, phone 613-543-1873.** Our weekly bulletin is available on the parish website: [www.seawayanglicans.com](http://www.seawayanglicans.com),

**We have hand sanitizers available for your use in our churches. Please remember that dipping the Communion bread in the Communion Cup is not permitted.**

**At St. James' each Sunday at the 9:15 a.m. service there is an opportunity for private prayer at Communion time. We invite you to join the weekly prayer team in the north-west corner of the church for confidential prayer for any personal concerns.**

#### **IT'S ANNUAL REPORT TIME!**

**All those who are lead persons of organizations in the Parish, please note:** You are asked to submit an annual report on your group's activities and a financial report (if applicable) to the parish office no later than January 23. Written reports should be short and to the point. We ask you to send your reports electronically to [st.james@hotmail.com](mailto:st.james@hotmail.com) if at all possible. If not possible, please send your report early so that it can be prepared. For more information, contact Rev. Sue or Elizabeth.

**The Way of Prayer: This parish study group on Wednesday evenings is taking a break until Jan. 18. There will be five more sessions before Lent begins. It's not too late to join the group. We have some books available (cost: \$12) - please contact the parish office.**

#### **Christmas Flowers:**

**If you wish to make a donation of flowers as a gift to the glory of God in memory of loved ones or as a thank-offering please contact:**

Dorothy Houze (613-543-2048) or Sheila Cruickshank (613-543-3048) for St. James', Mary Bright (613-652-2041) or Ethel Armstrong (613-652-2358) for St. John's or Isobel Tuttle (613-543-3397) for Holy Trinity **TODAY** so that names can be included in the Christmas bulletins.

**If you know of anyone who is a shut-in and would like to have Christmas Communion at home, please contact the Parish office at 613-543-3904.**

**Planning for the Annual Community Christmas Dinner is well underway! The sign-up sheets for donations for the December 25<sup>th</sup> dinner are available at St. James' and St. John's today. Please call Joan Larocque (613-543-0722) if you would like to join us for dinner on Christmas Day.**

**The Dundas County Food Bank needs our support year-round. As well as food and monetary donations they are looking for volunteers to help during their opening hours. Please pick up a Food Bank shopping list at the back of the churches.**

## **This Week in the Parish**

<b>Sunday Dec. 18</b>	<b>3:00pm Christmas Service at the Hartford Retirement Centre</b>
<b>Tuesday Dec. 20</b>	<b>7:30pm Choir Practice at St. James'</b>
<b>Thursday Dec. 22</b>	<b>10:30am Christian Meditation at St. James'</b>
<b>Saturday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve:</b>	
	<b>4:30 p.m. Family Eucharist at St. John's</b>
	<b>7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist at St. John's</b>
	<b>9:00 p.m. Carols at St. James'</b>
	<b>9:30 p.m. - Choral Eucharist at St. James'</b>
<b>Sunday Dec. 25, Christmas Day:</b>	
	<b>11:00am Holy Eucharist at Holy Trinity</b>
	<b>12:30 p.m. - Community Christmas Dinner at the Morrisburg Legion</b>
<b>Sunday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day:</b>	
	<b>10:00 a.m. - St. James', Morrisburg</b> <b>(This is the only service in the parish on New Year's Day.)</b>

### **Readings for December 25, Christmas Day:**

Isaiah 62: 6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3: 4-7; Luke 2: 1-20

**Thank you to everyone who sang, read or helped in any way with the Joint Anglican - Lutheran Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent last Sunday. A special thank-you to Alice, Penny and George for organizing the meal - it was great!**

**Martha's lunches at St. James' will start again on January 12.**

**"The Way of Prayer" study group will start again on Wednesday, January 18.**

## **St. James' Notices:**

### **Ministry of Hospitality:**

We would like to set up a roster of people who would be willing to help with coffee time after the 9:15am service at St. James'. If you would be willing to take a turn in this ministry of hospitality on a rotating basis, please contact Elizabeth in the parish office.

**Notice to all St. James' envelope holders:** Your 2012 envelopes are ready to be picked up from the back of the church. Please do not use any 2012 envelopes before the first Sunday in January. Please do not use 2011 envelopes or those of any previous years after the end of December in order to keep our records accurate and current.

For more information or if you would like envelopes please call Anne Hunt at 613-543-0993.

### **St. James' welcomes:**

**The Ontario Early Years Centre** which has a great new "Play and Learn" group in Morrisburg at St. James' on Monday mornings, 9am-12pm. There is lots of space to play, a cozy baby play area, a craft and play dough area, a snack space with a high chair and circle time at 11:30am.

Parents/Grandparents and caregivers with children 0-6 years are welcome to come and play. It is a free playgroup you can drop in any Monday. A parent resource library is also available.

**Fund-raising efforts are starting for replacement of the flooring in the basement Hall and entrance stairway at St. James' - please consider contributing to help make these areas clean and safe.**

### **St. John's notices:**

**The boxes of offering Envelopes for 2012 are available now.**

## Advent and Christmas Services in the Parish:

**Today, Sunday, December 18:**

**3:00 p.m. - Christmas Service at the Hartford Retirement Centre**

**Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve:**

**4:30 p.m. - Family Eucharist at St. John's, Iroquois**

**7:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist at St. John's, Iroquois**

**9:00 p.m. - Carols at St. James', Morrisburg**

**9:30 p.m. - Choral Eucharist at St. James', Morrisburg**

**Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day:**

**10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist at Holy Trinity, Riverside Heights**

**12:30 p.m. - Community Christmas Dinner at the Morrisburg Legion**

**New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1:**

**10:00 a.m. - St. James', Morrisburg  
(This is the only service in the parish on New Year's Day.)**

**Tuesday, January 3:**

**5:30 p.m. - Second Annual Potluck Epiphany Party at St. James'.**

## COMING IN JANUARY:

Don't forget our **Second Annual Potluck Epiphany Party** at St. James' on **Tuesday January 3**. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. to be ready to eat at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be followed by a time of singing carols until we are hoarse before we have to put them away for another year. Please plan on coming!

**A NEW AND EXCITING IDEA: "THEOLOGY ON TAP"!!  
The idea is three-fold:**

1. To give parishioners and interested folk a casual, safe venue for engaging in theological discussion outside of the church buildings;
2. Encourage our deanery (parishioners and clergy alike) to intentionally socialize and converse outside of regular liturgical or coffee-hour times;
3. Embark on a gentle evangelism - simply to be a visible presence of the Church in the wider community.

**The first session will happen on Thursday, January 19 in Morrisburg at the McIntosh Inn (the pub side) at 7:30pm.!!**

**Topic:** "Ask the Religion Expert". We will have a number of articles published by The Ottawa Citizen for participants to read and discuss. For example, one article might be "Is religion alive and well or struggling to survive in Canada?" Interested participants are asked to please call the Rev. Kerri Brennan, Trinity, Cornwall (613-220-9260) or the Rev. Jon Martin, Parish of North Dundas (613-769-4035) to confirm so space can be reserved.

**N.B.: The January Parish Central Committee meeting has been postponed until Jan. 26 so that members can attend this evening event in Morrisburg.**