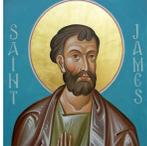




CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Masks required if not vaccinated.			<i>Eucharistic Lectionary Year B</i> <i>Office Lectionary Year 1</i>	<i>1 John Trimmer Birthday</i> <i>Cynthia Vacation</i>	<i>2 James Harlowe Birthday</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i> Pentecost 6 <i>Proper 9</i> 	<i>5 Doug & Cynthia Arnold Anniversary</i>	<i>6 Christen Reinhold Birthday</i> Church Office open 9 am to 1 pm	<i>7</i> 	<i>8</i> Church Office open 9 am to 1 pm	<i>9 Benjamin Armistead, Ann Schwind Birthdays</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i> Pentecost 7 <i>Proper 10</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> Church Office open 9 am to 1 pm	<i>14</i>	<i>15 Lorrie Pollard Birthday</i> Church Office open 9 am to 1 pm	<i>16 India Hill Birthday</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i> Pentecost 8 <i>Proper 11</i> Beverly in New York Congregational Development College	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> Church Office open 9 am to 1 pm	<i>21</i>	<i>22 Saint Mary Magdalene</i> Church Office open 9 am to 1 pm	<i>23</i> 	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i> Pentecost 9 <i>Proper 12</i>	<i>26 Saint James the Apostle</i> 	<i>27</i> Church Office open 9 am to 1 pm	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> Church Office open 9 am to 1 pm	<i>30 Sara Chiles, Liz Shifflett Birthdays</i>	<i>31</i> 

Mark your calendars



July 18 –24: Mtr Bev in New York completing Congregational Development College

August: Mtr Bev on Vacation

October 17—20: Mtr Bev at Shrine Mont for Clergy Conference

November 11-13: Diocesan Convention, in

Arlington, VA, Lorrie Pollard is our delegate (150th Anniversary –2025)

A Prayer for our Country

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



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*Altar
Flowers*

There are still open Sundays available to give altar flowers in memory of or in thanksgiving for loved ones or a special event

The clipboard is in the church narthex. Please sign up.

Thank you!

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The Messenger

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Musing

Hopefully you all know that we have returned to worshipping in our sanctuary/nave. Our choir has been providing beautiful music and we have been grateful and joyful to be together again. That being said, our attendance is not what it was pre-COVID. I know some of you found you preferred meeting via ZOOM while some of you did not like it at all. Some of you were anxious to get back to worshipping in person and some of you are perhaps still a little bit uncomfortable.

We have permission to begin the conversation about how to share the wine in a way that is both theologically sound and still safe. I will be having some discussions prior to worship on Sunday mornings, with our vestry, and I welcome your ideas and feedback.

Theologically, Eucharist is what unites us in Christ. Christ shared a common cup with his disciples at his last supper. We need to keep that symbolism obvious in our liturgical actions.

Healthwise, drinking from a common cup is actually safer than every person intincting themselves. The silver of the cup and the strength of the alcohol in port helps kill any germs and prevent their growth. In addition, we carry fewer germs in our mouths than on our hands. If we should allow intinction in the near future it is proper for the priest to dip the wafer and place it on the tongue of the recipient. I am aware saying this may not make people any more comfortable with the common cup.

Some churches have gone to a common flagon and filled individual cups after the consecration. This is a slow process and I would suggest if we chose to do this that we need volunteers for acolytes. If you have been vaccinated I can train you. It isn't very difficult.

Those of you who have not returned to church, I would love to know why and if there is something we can do to keep you connected with the congregation whether you are being cautious about in person contact, have mobility issues, are traveling or find the service time inconvenient. Know you are missed and we want you to remain a part of us.

Blessings to all of you as we navigate this new beginning.

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