

**PARISH PROFILE - 2021**  
**ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**LONG BRANCH, NJ**

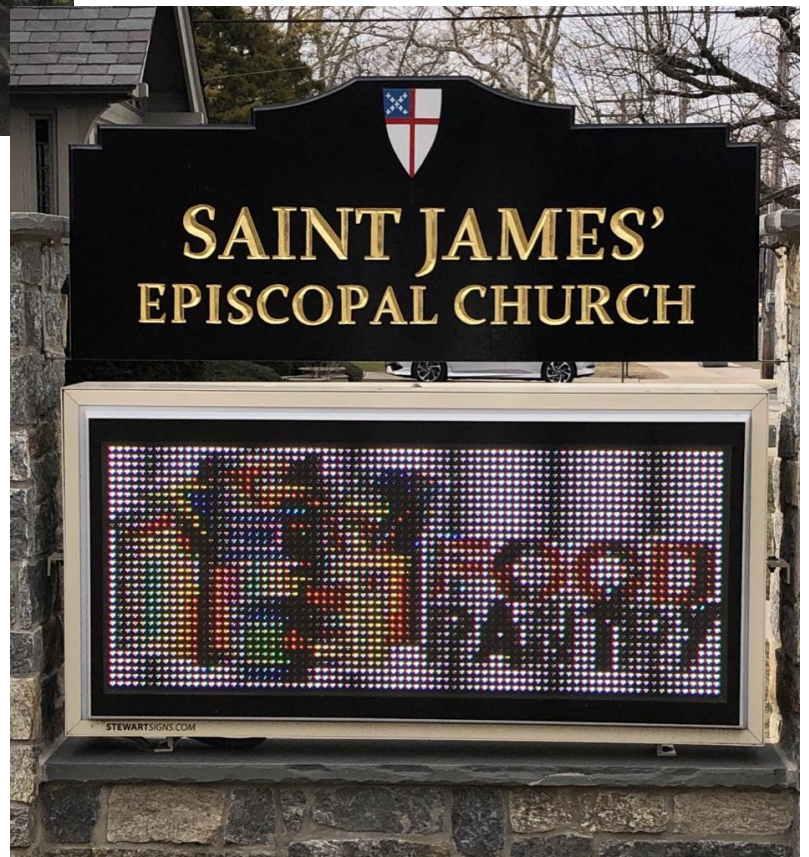






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## **Mission Statement**

We are committed to our vision for St. James' to become a spiritual destination, and to help others grow into living and loving like Jesus.



# **JESUS' LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS - LIVING & LOVING LIKE JESUS**

My purpose is to give you a rich and satisfying life.  
John 10:10

## **PRAYING**

Personal Prayer, Synagogue Worship, Prayer with Others, Institution of the Eucharist

## **CALLING**

Inviting Into God's Mission, Insisting on Full Commitment

## **CARING**

Healing, Feeding, Welcoming Sinners and Outcasts, Risking Himself for All

## **CONFRONTING**

Recognizing Injustice and Oppression and Confronting It, Leading to His Death

## **TEACHING**

Teaching the Truth About Himself, About God, About People, About How to Live  
The Best Life Possible Crucifixion: Self-Sacrifice ✚ Resurrection:  
Divine Credibility

## **Our History**

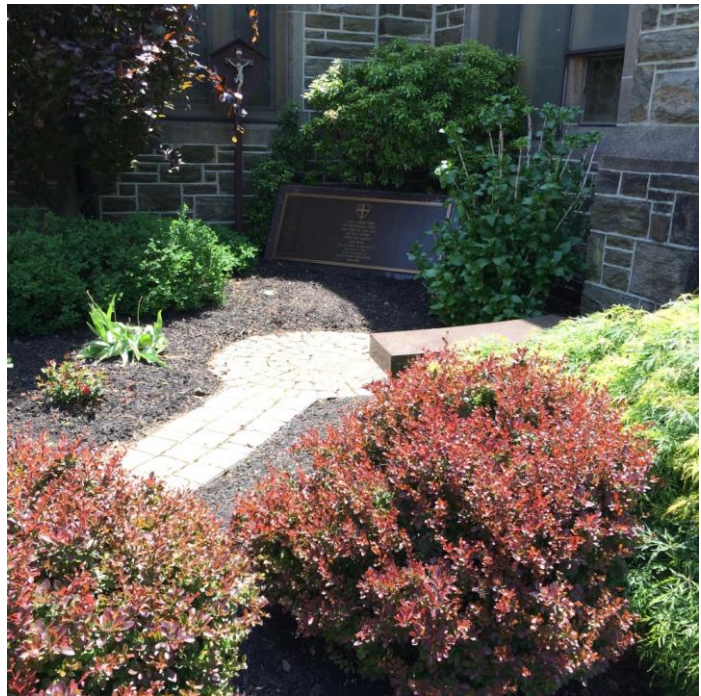
Our Gothic style church, built on its current site over 100 years ago, has seen many changes over those 100 years. But what has stayed constant is the message that St. James' sends to the world, both local and beyond.

The message is, "God is here with you, always. God loves you, always. God forgives you, always."

St. James' is located one mile from the Atlantic Ocean. One hundred years ago, Long Branch was a destination for wealthy vacationers and St. James' a spiritual destination. President Garfield worshipped at St. James'. Times change, as they always do, and over the decades vacationers found other destinations. Long Branch changed from a rural to suburban to an urban setting. The demographics changed from wealthy to middle income to lower income, from an English speaking neighborhood to a predominantly Spanish speaking neighborhood.



St. James' continues to be a beacon of light and hope serving this vibrant community, as well as surrounding suburbs.



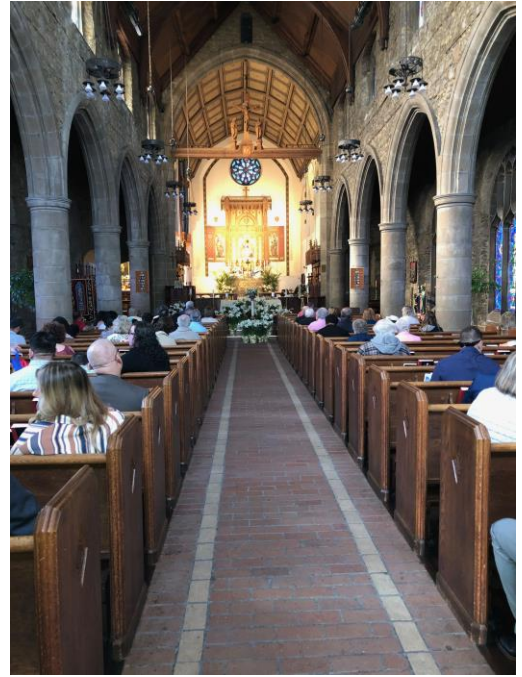
### **Our Parish**

Many of our elderly parishioners came to St. James' as children and have continued to worship here with their families as adults. We are a small congregation, and although we face challenges every day threatening our survival, we too, have remained constant in our faith and in our desire to live and love like Jesus. COVID-19 has presented us with many challenges, but we have never given up our belief that with God's blessings we would survive...and we have. Our parish doors are



open to all - no matter ethnicity, race or sexual orientation. One of the most important challenges for a new priest will be to help us grow our parish by helping us help others learn how

to live and love like Jesus.



Being at St. James' has made me feel more confident about the way I'm living my life.  
Patty Fitzpatrick

## Our Ministries



The Lord said, “If you care and love the least of these, then you have cared for and loved me.”

### **St. Brigid’s Food Pantry & Sarah’s Feast**

One of our overriding beliefs is that we are here to serve the poor. Two of our ministries address that need. St. Brigid’s Food Pantry and Sarah’s Feast both

feed those in need of food and fellowship. In PreCovid days anyone who needed food was welcomed for a hot meal and for groceries free of charge three times per week. Approximately 1,000 people per month

sought help. The parish hall served as a dining room where anyone could sit, eat, and socialize with others.

Perishable and nonperishable food was available via a “grocery store” set up.

During Covid, when the indoor service was not available, all nonperishable food and remade lunches were available on a “to go” basis. St. Brigid’s Pantry and Sarah’s feast was one of the very few sources of food that remained open during the pandemic. These two ministries are self-sustaining through the dedication of our volunteers. We also are grateful for the partnership with local stores, restau-





rants and other organizations for their ongoing support. To anyone who volunteers at the pantry, or even just comes to visit, it is easy to feel the power of God's mission at work. We need a priest who will actively participate in this mission of caring; who will teach us so we can teach others.

Being at St. James' has made me want to join  
Jesus in His mission.





# Frank Dean.

## St. James' Thrift Shop

A homeless gentleman who stops by the shop often, came in looking for socks. Our kindhearted volunteer washed his feet, then gave him the socks. We are not just a thrift

shop - we are here to make a difference in our community. Helping others see that the rich rewards of living and loving like Jesus will make that difference.

Men's, women's and children's clothing is available at very nominal prices through the St. James' Thrift Shop located on the property of the church. When prom season came along, we asked for donations of gently used prom dresses. We received so many donations that we were able to give students, who otherwise may not have been able to attend this milestone, free dresses. Anticipating

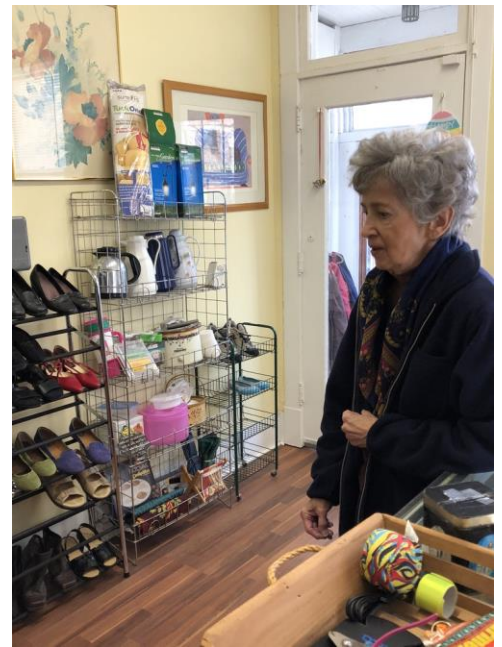
winter weather coming, last fall we sought donations of blankets, sleeping bags, coats, boots, shoes, hats, gloves and scarves. We received an overwhelming response thus helping many survive the cold winter weather.







Small household items are also available. The Thrift Shop, also run by volunteers, is self-sustaining.



**St. James' Sunday school**

Let us focus on what is to come! In the past St. James' had a vibrant Sunday School for any of the children at St. James'. Currently, because of COVID, as well as a stable but small congregation, we no longer have a Sunday School. But the greatest day of all was Easter Sunday where we had 19 children and they were excited to be here. We had hands-on activities for them and of course, the EASTER EGG HUNT!!! with breakfast too! Growing the number of children involved at St. James' is a major goal. We are looking for a priest who will be en-

ergetic in teaching us how to teach others the truth of God.



The friends that I have come to know at St. James' have given me the strength to know that Jesus loves us no

matter what and makes us stronger together.



Sue Hayes-Stasio, Jr. Warden

### **Music Ministry**

St. James' is blessed to have not only a gem of an organ, a physical space that acoustically enhances the music, but also one of the most talented organists



ever. Kasey Greico is a recent graduate of Syracuse University where he ma-

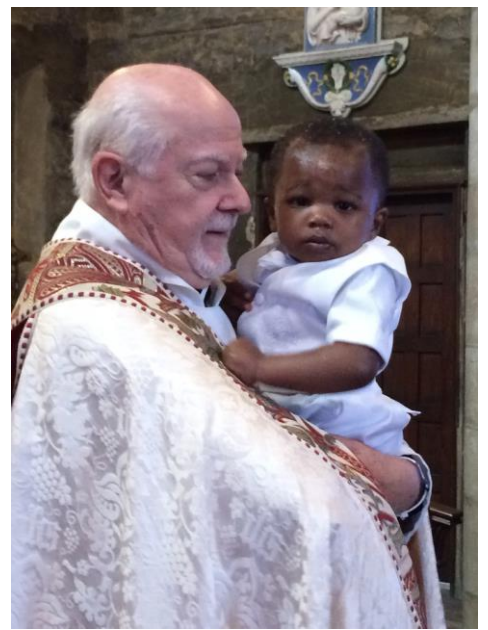


jored in piano. While there he taught himself how to play the organ. In addition to his musical expertise, he also has a beautiful voice, which we are blessed to hear every Sunday. Kasey is very excited to develop an adult choir, as well as a children's choir and to offer a variety of concerts.



## Liturgy

We celebrate the seven sacraments of the church within the traditional Anglo-Catholic



worship of the Episcopal Church (Book of Common Prayer 1978) with modern language and modern music from a variety of ancient and contemporary sources. Masses are currently held at 8am on Zoom and 10am in person in the church.



The mass is streamed to anyone wishing to watch and listen.

After my husband's death, the people of St. James' wrapped their arms around me and never let go. The love I have felt at St. James' has taught me how to trust in the Lord.



Francese

Nancy

## St. James' Financial Report to the Vestry - December 30, 2020

### St. James' Church Financial Report to the Vestry For the Period Ending December 30, 2020

	For the Month of December 2020			YTD Thru Dec. 31, 2020		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
<b>Sources of Funds:</b>						
Gifts	\$ -	\$ 1,875.00	\$ (1,875.00)	\$ 2,612.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ (19,888.00)
Pledges	6,340.18	7,500.00	(1,159.82)	\$ 56,151.46	90,000.00	(33,848.54)
Rents	5,000.00	1,300.00	3,700.00	\$ 20,460.00	15,600.00	4,860.00
Grants	-	1,584.00	(1,584.00)	\$ 68,372.70	19,000.00	49,372.70
Other Sources	1,165.00	1,707.00	(542.00)	\$ 17,628.41	20,500.00	(2,871.59)
	<u>\$ 12,505.18</u>	<u>\$ 13,966.00</u>	<u>\$ (1,460.82)</u>	<u>\$ 165,224.57</u>	<u>\$ 167,600.00</u>	<u>\$ (2,375.43)</u>
<b>Use of Funds:</b>						
Community Outreach	\$ 1,984.40	\$ 384.00	\$ (1,600.40)	\$ 20,837.84	\$ 4,600.00	\$ (16,237.84)
Diocesan	1,450.75	1,681.00	230.25	19,286.00	20,180.00	894.00
Facilities	4,119.45	7,325.00	3,205.55	54,085.94	87,900.00	33,814.06
Office/Equipment/Other	1,370.11	1,375.00	4.89	27,442.34	16,500.00	(10,942.34)
Outside Service & Payroll	11,834.29	8,720.00	(3,114.29)	105,815.85	104,653.00	(1,162.85)
Programs & Activities	455.20	1,582.00	1,126.80	4,825.29	19,000.00	14,174.71
	<u>\$ 21,214.20</u>	<u>\$ 21,067.00</u>	<u>\$ (147.20)</u>	<u>\$ 232,293.26</u>	<u>\$ 252,833.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,539.74</u>
<b>NET Cash from Activities</b>	<u>\$ (8,709.02)</u>	<u>\$ (7,101.00)</u>	<u>\$ (1,608.02)</u>	<u>\$ (67,068.69)</u>	<u>\$ (85,233.00)</u>	<u>\$ 18,164.31</u>
Transfer from D.I.T. - Monthly	3,157.29	3,281.17	(123.88)	41,383.92	39,374.04	2,009.88
Transfer from D.I.T. - Excess	-	-	-	35,000.00	-	-
<b>NET Cash for Period</b>	<u>\$ (5,551.73)</u>	<u>\$ (3,819.83)</u>	<u>\$ (1,731.90)</u>	<u>\$ 9,315.23</u>	<u>\$ (45,858.96)</u>	<u>\$ 55,174.19</u>
<b>Available Funds</b>	<u>Dec. 2020</u>	<u>Nov. 2020</u>	<u>Change</u>			

At St. James' I have found an inner strength  
that I might not have otherwise discovered.

Norman Alexan-  
der

### **Testimonials**

I believe Father Noble's acceptance of my confusion and uncertainty after my husband died suddenly in 2018, is a reflection of the philosophy of St James: Everyone is welcome; no matter where they are in their religious beliefs. I am still not sure where I stand at this time - what draws me to attend church, but I do know I want to believe in something beyond "me" and my little world. St James has started me on my own journey to clarify my spiritual beliefs.

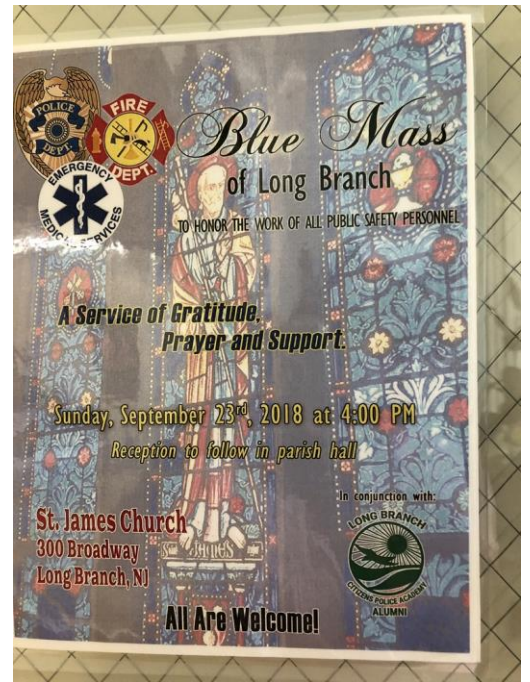
Sally Sorrell

I was part of another church community before coming to St. James. I never felt welcomed there. Never felt part of the congregation. I was going to church, but I always left unfulfilled. The first Sunday that I worshiped at St. James I knew this was going to be my church home. The people were warm and welcoming. I felt as though I belonged. That was over 10 years ago. I have been involved in different ministries because I felt Jesus calling me to serve. We are a



growing congregation with open arms! I am thankful to be able to call St. James Episcopal Church in Long Branch my church home.

Janice Jernigan



I have been a parishioner of St. James' Church for over 60 years. Before those years I was a member of the Second Baptist Church. Bunny and I were married at St. James' in the Lady Chapel by Fr. Linley. All my children, grand and great children were christened in the church. I know that without St. James' in my life, I would not



be the man that I am today. St. James' continues to help me walk in the way of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Wesley Mayo Sr.



I have grown Spiritually because of the Faith I believe. Also from the Worship, Spiritual Guidance and the Love to and from the Parishioners ( our Family). These Items makes you want more Spiritual Guidance and to help others see the vision down the road.

Kevin Bates, Sr. Warden

