

# ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*in the heart of the Historic Stockade District*

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

LENT 5A - 22 MARCH 2026

SUNG MASS - RITE I, 10AM

The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, *Rector*  
The Reverend Abigail Bee, *Parish Deacon*  
Dr. Brian J. Taylor, AAGO, *Director of Music*

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### MASS SETTING

First Communion Service

*John Merbecke (1515-1585)*

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on Rockingham

*Kenneth Leighton (1929-1988)*

### THE PREPARATION OF SACRED MINISTERS IN THE LADY CHAPEL

*The Sacred Ministers, Servers & Choir offer Preparatory Prayers prior to the Entrance Procession*

### THE OPENING HYMN, HYMN 665

All my hope on God is founded

*Michael*

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*(people kneel)*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE INTROIT

*Sung by the Cantor & Choir*

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament. Ps. I will give thanks unto the O Lord with my whole heart: I will be glad and rejoice in thee; yea my songs will I make of thy Name O thou Most Highest. Glory be.

### THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

### THE KYRIE ELEISON, HYMNAL S-90

*Sung by all*

*(people kneel)*

**Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)**

**Christ, have mercy upon us. (3x)**

**Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)**

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### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Lent 5*

*V. The Lord be with you.*

**R. And with thy spirit.**

*V. Let us pray.*

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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### THE LESSON

*Ezekiel 37.1-4*

A READING from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the

Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

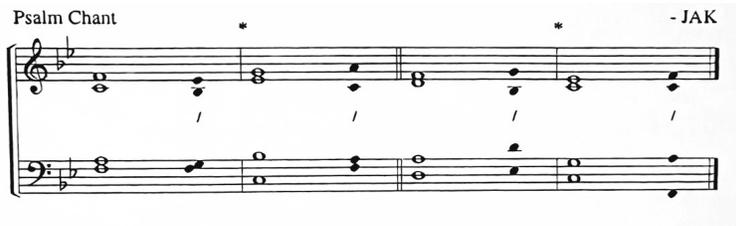
The Word of the Lord

**R. Thanks be to God**

**THE GRADUAL**

*Sung by all*

*Psalm 130*



- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my **voice**; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done **amiss**, \*  
O Lord, who could **stand**?
- 3 For there is forgiveness **with you**; \*  
therefore you shall be **feared**.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul **waits for him**; \*  
in his word is my **hope**.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the **morning**, \*  
more than watchmen for the **morning**.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the **Lord**, \*  
for with the Lord there is **mercy**;
- 7 With him there is plenteous red**emption**, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their **sins**.

**THE EPISTLE**

*Romans 8.6-11*

A READING from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

The Word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God**

**THE TRACT**

*Sung by cantor and choir*

The Lord is my strength and my shield: my heart hath trusted in him and I am helped; Therefore my heart danceth for joy: and in my song will I praise him. The Lord is my strength: and he is the wholesome defense of his anointed. O save thy people and give thy blessing unto thine inheritance: feed them and set them up for ever.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN

**R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him."

V. The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.****THE SERMON**

The Rector

**THE NICENE CREED**, *said by all**(people stand)*

**I** BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to Judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father (and the Son); who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & GREETINGS****THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**



## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*(people kneel)*

**A**LL GLORY BE TO THEE, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ✠

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." ✠

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy ✠ grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Sung by All*

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed  
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our  
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us  
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## THE FRACTION

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **R. And with thy spirit.**

## THE AGNUS DEI, HYMNAL S-157

*Sung by All*

*(people kneel)*

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*Said by All*

*(people kneel)*

**WE DO NOT PRESUME to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

## THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*All baptized Christians may receive communion. If you wish to not receive, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms, indicating that you wish to receive a blessing. Gluten-free hosts are available.*

## THE COMMUNION SENTENCE

*Sung by the Cantor & Choir*

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law: but thanks be to God; which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

God so loved the world, fr. The Crucifixion

*John Stainer (1840-1901)*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Said by All*

*(people kneel)*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*people kneel)*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE RETIRING PROCESSION HYMN 457

Thou art the Way, to thee alone

*St. James*

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Voluntary in Bb

*Jonathan Battishill (1738-1801)*

## MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew
Deacon:	The Reverend Abigail Bee
Master of Ceremonies:	David Kennison
Organist:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Cantor:	Jeff Wengrovius
Crucifer:	Paul Smigelski
Acolytes:	Eric Bassant, Anne Kennison
Greeters:	Carol Gaige
Lector:	Joan Pearson
Counters:	Jon Ewbank, Gloria Kishton
Altar Guild:	Wendy Madelone & Barb Wengrovius
Sacristans:	David & Anne Kennison

### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

**The Sick and those in need:** Jamie, Pat, Gabriella Rose, Katie, Chase, Pedro, Isabella, Dan Bornt, Dinorah Jimenez, Nancy, Karen Perretta, Sharon A. Wemtle, Lorna, Mike T., Richard, Abigail, Suzanne, Ann, Josh, Den, Sherrie, Ann-Marie, Lynn Paska, Larry, Robbie, Aubrey, Tamara, Mtr. Lisa Schoonmaker, Anne, Fred, Anna, James, Suzie, Dennis, Warren Crow, Ruth, Simon, Shannon, Robert, Diane, Chelsea, and Casey.

*The prayer list will be reset every 3 months. Did we miss an important date for our birthday and faithful departed intentions? If you would like a name included on the prayer list or on the annual rota of intentions, send an email to [rector@stgeorgesschenectady.org](mailto:rector@stgeorgesschenectady.org)*

**The Departed:** Robert Rapple (22) L. Clark Wellsey, Ann Stamm (26) Barbara Edwards, Marjorie C. Kesebers (27)

**Birthdays:** Ann Duff (23) Gerri Moore (24) Mike Todt (26) Diane Nemir-Reed (27) James Smigelski, Rev. Lisa Schoonmaker (28)

**Baptismal Anniversaries:**

**Wedding Anniversaries:**

### SERVICES THIS WEEK

**Sunday, March 22** — 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m. — Sung Mass— Lent 5 – Cranmer House

5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer

**Monday, March 23, Tuesday, March 24, Wednesday, March 25**

8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer & Low Mass — Lady Chapel

*Bible Study follows in Cranmer House on Tuesday.*

5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer — Lady Chapel

**Thursday, March 26** — 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer & Mass— Lady Chapel

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer — Lady Chapel

*No evening Mass this day. The Rector will be attending the Institution of the new rector of St. Stephens's Church.*

**Friday, March 27** — 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer — Lady Chapel

12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — Lady Chapel

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer — Cranmer House

6:00 p.m. — Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross — Cranmer House

**Saturday, March 28** — 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer & Low Mass — Lady Chapel

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer — Lady Chapel

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29 — PALM SUNDAY**

8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — Cranmer House

10:00 a.m. — Liturgy of the Palms, Procession & Solemn High Mass of the Passion — Cranmer House

5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer — Lady Chapel

**WELCOME VISITORS!** We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. Whether you live in our area and decided to worship with us today or if you are visiting from out of town, we offer you a warm Georgian welcome! There are visitor cards in most of the pews and we ask that you fill one out and give it to the Greeters at the door or simply drop it in the offering plate. We'd love to see you again. Our website, [www.stgeorgesschenectady.com](http://www.stgeorgesschenectady.com).

## **Parish Life and Beyond**

**EASTER FLOWERS** — Memorial contributions for Easter Flowers are now being received. You may place a check in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Also please email the church office if you wish to make your contribution in honor or memory of someone. These will be listed in the Easter bulletins. [secretary@stgeorgesschenectady.org](mailto:secretary@stgeorgesschenectady.org)

**PRAYER LIST** — If you have a name that you would like added to the prayer list please email the church office at [office@StGeorgesSchenectady.org](mailto:office@StGeorgesSchenectady.org) and we will insure that this person will be remembered in the prayers.

**PARISH MINISTRY SCHEDULES POSTED ONLINE** — The most recent schedule of greeters, lectors, counters, and altar guild is published online. If you are interested in serving as a lector, greeter, counter, or acolyte, please speak to Fr. Pettigrew or email him at [rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org](mailto:rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org) for more information.

**SHAPE NOTE SINGING:** All are welcome to experience the joy of singing together the beautiful a cappella harmonies and stirring songs of the Sacred Harp, a tune book and hymnal published in Georgia in 1844 and used in community singing throughout the world. We sing in the Great Hall on Saturday afternoons from 1-3:30pm. For schedule updates or more information, please contact Tarik Wareh or visit [www.albanysacredharp.org](http://www.albanysacredharp.org)

**BOOK CLUB:** Our club will read *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans. This book has surprised critics and delighted readers since it came out about one year ago. Its themes of aging, hope, anxiety, and forgiveness have resonated particularly well with a mature audience. We will discuss the book on May 17.

### **LOOK AHEAD DATES:**

**Holy Week** begins next Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> with Palm Sunday. See the insert for the full Holy Week Schedule.

**St. George's Day** is Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Ascension Day** on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> will be celebrated with a Solemn Mass at 7:00 p.m.

**Pentecost Sunday** is May 24<sup>th</sup>

**ONLINE GIVING** — If you would prefer to make a donation or your regular offering electronically, please use the QR code provided. You will also find a link to PayPal on our parish website, [www.StGeorgesSchenectady.com](http://www.StGeorgesSchenectady.com). St. George's is currently considering other means for online and electronic giving. We would like to hear your feedback about having this as an additional option for giving to St. George's Church. Please send your thoughts to [Rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org](mailto:Rector@StGeorgesSchenectady.org)

