

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

in the heart of the Historic Stockade District

ROGATION SUNDAY

EASTER VI-A - 10 MAY 2026 SOLEMN HIGH MASS - RITE I, 10AM

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

MASS SETTING

The Fifth Communion Service

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Solemn Melody

Walford Davies (1869-1941)

THE VIDI AQUAM

Sung by the Choir

Please stand as the ministers enter

I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, Alleluia: It brought God's life, and his salvation, and the people sang in joyful praise; Alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious: because his mercy endureth forever. Glory be.

V. O Lord show thy mercy upon us Alleluia. **R. And grant us thy salvation Alleluia.**

V. O Lord hear my prayer. **R. And let my cry come unto thee.**

V. The Lord be with you. **R. And with thy spirit.** V. Let us pray.

Graciously hear us, O Lord, holy Father almighty, everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send thy Angel from heaven, to guard, cherish, protect, visit and defend all who are assembled in this thy holy temple. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

THE OPENING HYMN, HYMN 428

O all ye works of God, now come

Irish

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

O sing unto the Lord a new song alleluia; for the Lord hath done marvelous things alleluia: in the sight of the nations hath he shown his righteous judgments alleluia, alleluia. *Ps.* With his own right hand and with his holy arm: hath he gotten himself the victory. 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, SERVICE MUSIC BOOKLET 747

Sung by all

(people kneel)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

Christ, have mercy upon us. (3x)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, HYMNAL S-204 *Sung by all*

(people stand)

**Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we worship thee,

we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father

Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

**that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the
Father, have mercy upon us.**

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ,

**with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of
God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY*Easter VI*

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** **And with thy spirit.** *Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON*Acts 17.22-31*

A READING from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

V. The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

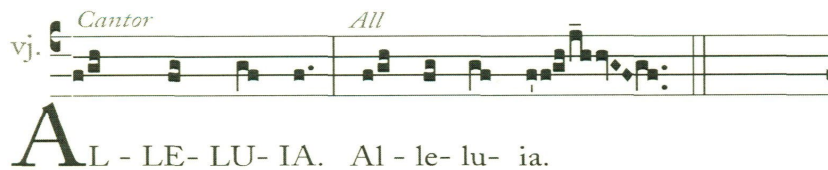
THE GRADUAL*Sung by all**Psalms 66.7-18*

- 7 Bless our God, you **peoples**; *
 make the voice of his praise to be **heard**;
- 8 Who holds our souls in **life**, *
 and will not allow our feet to **slip**.
- 9 For you, O God, have **proved us**; *
 you have tried us just as silver is **tried**.
- 10 You brought us into the **snare**; *
 you laid heavy burdens upon our **backs**.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and **water**; *
 but you brought us out into a place of **refreshment**.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my **vows**, *
 which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in **trouble**.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of **rams**; *
 I will give you oxen and **goats**.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear **God**, *
 and I will tell you what he has done for **me**.
- 15 I called out to him with my **mouth**, *
 and his praise was on my **tongue**.
- 16 If I had found evil in my **heart**, *
 the Lord would not have **heard me**;
- 17 But in truth God has **heard me**; *
 he has attended to the voice of my **prayer**.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my **prayer**, *
 nor withheld his love from **me**.

A READING from the First Letter of Peter

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

V. The Word of the Lord **R. Thanks be to God**



Alleluia, **alleluia**. These things have I spoken unto you: that my joy might remain in you; and that your joy might be full. **Alleluia**. This is my commandment: that ye love one another; as I have loved you. **Alleluia**.

THE HOLY GOSPEL*John 14.15-21*

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

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

V. The Gospel of the Lord. **R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED, *said by all*

The Rector
(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 – are omitted today as the Great Litany will be offered at the conclusion of the Mass in the Rogation Procession

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

(people kneel)

Deacon: Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

(The Priest, alone, stands to give the absolution)

THE PEACE

(people stand)

V. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Sung by the Cantor & Choir

Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield: O Lord let thy loving-kindness be upon us; as we have put our trust in thee; alleluia.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Up! Up! My Heart! with Gladness!

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE OFFERTORY, HYMN 400

All creatures of our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rite I, Eucharistic Prayer I

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

Staff 1: *Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit.

Staff 2: *Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Staff 3: *Celebrant* Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

Staff 4: *People* It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant sings the Proper Preface

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT, SERVICE MUSIC BOOKLET 799

Sung by All

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

(people kneel)

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

THE AGNUS DEI, SERVICE MUSIC BOOKLET 749 *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 TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant 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*

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed; do all in the name of the Lord Jesus: giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

THE COMMUNION HYMN, HYMN 705 As those of old their first fruits brought *Forest Green*

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.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN, HYMN 292 O Jesus crowned with all renown *Kingsfold*

THE ROGATION PROCESSION *(See insert)*

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: **In the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Congregation will follow the Procession out the west doors and around the exterior of the Church.

At the conclusion of the procession, items brought by parishioners for gardening and planting will be blessed in the forecourt of the church.

Seedlings blessed for use in the church yard are given to the Glory of God
and in Memory of Alda Allen Decker and Bernice Butler Decker

MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Celebrant:	The Reverend Thomas J. Pettigrew, Rector
Deacon & Preacher:	The Reverend Abigail Bee
Subdeacon:	Mr. Christopher Henry
Master of Ceremonies:	David Kennison
Organist & Cantor:	Dr. Brian J. Taylor
Thurifer:	Paul Smigelski
Boat Boy:	James Smigelski
Crucifer:	Anne Kennison
Acolytes:	JJ Moran & Daniel Miess
Banner:	Eric Bassant
Greeters:	Bonnie & Bill Daggett
Lector:	Mike Todt
Counters:	Jeff Wengrovius & Gloria Kishton
Altar Guild:	Barb Wengrovius & Carol Gaige
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, Richard, Abigail, Suzanne, Ann, Josh, Den, Sherrie, Ann-Marie, Lynn Paska, Larry, Robbie, Aubrey, Tamara, Mtr. Lisa Schoonmaker, Fred, Anna, James, Suzie, Dennis, Warren Crow, Ruth, Simon, Shannon, Robert, Diane, Chelsea, Casey, Jo-Anne, Jeff, Lisa, Patti N, Patricia, Ken Bee, and Martha.

For: Tarik and Pattie Wareh, as they make the Camino de Santiago. Learn more about the Camino at <https://santiago-compostela.net/>

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

The Departed: Barbara Todt, Eugene DeLong (10) Beatrice Fanella (13) Edward Barron (14)

Birthdays: Sam Hartz (10) Peter Hughes (11) Brian Taylor, Chris Kettles (12) Diane Hannahs (14)

Baptismal Anniversaries: Sullivan Graham, Simon Medina, Owen Medina (11)

Wedding Anniversaries: Paul Smigelski & Louisa Carr (16)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 10	THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: ROGATION SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — Lady Chapel 9:00 a.m. — Sunday School for 1st-6th grade students — Acolyte Vesting Room 9:15 a.m. — The Rosary — Lady Chapel 10:00 a.m. — Solemn High Mass — High Altar <i>Coffee Hour follows in the Great Hall</i> 5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer — Lady Chapel
Tuesday, May 12	8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer & Low Mass 5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer — Lady Chapel
Wednesday, May 13	8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer & Low Mass — Lady Chapel 5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer—Lady Chapel
Thursday, May 14	THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION 8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — Lady Chapel 5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer — Lady Chapel 7:00 p.m. — SOLEMN MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION <i>A light reception will follow in St. George's House</i>
Friday, May 15	8:30 a.m. — Morning Prayer — Lady Chapel 12:00 p.m. — Low Mass — Lady Chapel 5:30 p.m. — Evening Prayer — Lady Chapel

PARISH NOTICES

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 Sunday Mass is at 10am. Details are on our website, www.stgeorgesschenectady.org.

Parish Life and Beyond

ASCENSION DAY is Thursday, May 14th, the 40th day after Easter. St. George's will offer a Solemn High Mass on this night at 7:00 p.m.

ROSARY – Sunday, May 17 at 9:15 a.m. – The Society of Mary will offer the Rosary in the Lady Chapel. All are welcome to join in this devotional service.

MAY CROWNING – following Mass on May 17th. The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In honor and thanksgiving for the life and witness of the Blessed Virgin, we will crown an statue of her in the forecourt following Mass this day.

BOOK CLUB — (DATE CHANGE!!!) The All on the Same Page Book Club will be reading *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 after Mass on May 24th.**

Parish Outreach

LOAVES AND FISHES — The next opportunity to serve lunch to the community at St. Francis Mission will be Saturday, May 30th.

YWCA WOMEN'S SHELTER — The next collection of items for the YWCA Women's Shelter will be June 14th.

Looking Ahead

CORPUS CHRISTI WEEKEND - St. George's will host The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, a devotional society of the Episcopal Church dedicated to increasing reverence for the Holy Communion, the weekend of June 5th & 6th. The weekend begins with a Choral Evensong on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. featuring choral music all by local composers including our own Dr. Taylor. A reception will follow at the Rectory. On Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. the Confraternity will offer a Solemn High Pontifical Mass with The Right Rev'd Daniel Martins, Bishop of Springfield retired, celebrating and preaching. This Mass will conclude with a Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A garden luncheon in the backyard of the Rectory will follow. All are invited and encouraged to all the events.

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 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 for more information.