



ST. JAMES' CHURCH

Invitations & Information

June 18, 2017



Dear friends,

My husband and I recently moved into a new apartment. Andrew knew he wanted the place when he saw the private deck. I knew I was in love with the place when I saw the jacuzzi tub. Folks, we are living the dream!

We're at that stage where we've lived here for a few weeks now, and we're discovering that the initial way we'd set it up might not be the most ideal. We thought the chairs would work by the windows, but it turns out they look nicer by the hutch. We thought we'd keep the table a bit back from the coat closet, but it ends up feeling better when we center it between the closet and the spiral staircase.

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In many ways, life with Jesus is like this. We invite him into our lives. We're excited. It's all fresh and new and full of possibility. And then it turns out the furniture of our hearts needs rearranging. Jesus reveals desires that need to be moved, and shows us gifts that need to be given more space. He also points out some decor that's simply got to go, even if it's well-worn and favored: bitterness, fear, pride, or greed.

Letting Jesus rearrange the furniture of our hearts is a life-long process. It can be tiring, scary, and uncomfortable. But we know that God's work is for our good, and that this rearranging serves to make more room for Jesus. A heart more and more full of Jesus — that's truly living the dream!

In Christ,

Chris Harding, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Today at St. James'

Fellowship

- After the 8:00 a.m. service, coffee in Sunderland Hall
- After the 10:30 a.m. service, coffee in Sunderland Hall
- After the 6:00 p.m. service, lemonade on the front steps

Explore God's Creation in Central Park 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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Summer Forum with Craig 11:30 a.m., Sunderland Hall

Grab a cup of coffee and join us for the first of a two-part look at the English Reformation. (2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation in Europe!) The Rev. Craig Townsend will introduce the upheaval of the times and explore the ways our religious experience was transformed by the translation of the Bible and Prayer Book into English.

20s/30s Lunch & Bible Study 11:30 a.m., Coburn Hall

We all know that we are meant to read the Bible, but many of us also wonder how it connects with our lives. In an e-course we'll watch and discuss together, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby provides context and strategies for applying scriptural wisdom in our lives. Contact Chris Harding to learn more.

» **START HERE** TO BEGIN YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST

Welcome to St. James'

- **Pick up a "Start Here" brochure and return the welcome card to provide or update your address.**
- **Introduce yourself to any of the clergy.**
- **First Steps**
Meet next to the bell at the back corner of the church after the 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. services for an informal conversation with a member of the clergy about what led you to St. James' and where you might be called to go in your spiritual life.

About today's celebration

The readings today provide us with insight into who we are as the people of God. The Gospel reading is the account of the calling and commissioning of the twelve apostles. They are sent forth with the message of God's Kingdom. Later Jesus will send larger groups to proclaim the good news and after his resurrection, he sends all of us into the world to bear the message.

The first reading continues the story of Abraham and Sarah. Many years have passed; still God's promise to give them a son has not been fulfilled and Sarah is now too old. However, God comes to them and renews the promise. Sarah laughed at the idea but in the twenty-first chapter, we learn the son was born. He was called Isaac, which is Hebrew for "a laughing matter."

Today's reading from Romans tells us something else about our identity. We are a people who have been reconciled with God through Jesus' death. As Paul states in the chapter that follows, we have been incorporated into that death by baptism and thus our reconciliation with God is complete.

As a people called to proclaim good news, to live lives reconciled to God, and to be the holy priesthood of the new covenant, we gather to celebrate the mysteries of that covenant. The Eucharistic meal also reveals us as a people, like Abraham and Sarah who meet God in holy meals and find ourselves called by God into community with God.

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This Week

{ June 19 - 24 }

* Special this week

Learn more at stjames.org/calendar

Monday, June 19

Morning Prayer	8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
Caregiver Playgroup (0-36 months)	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Centering Prayer	6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Overnight Shelter open	

Tuesday, June 20

Morning Prayer	8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
Tuesday Lunch Program	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Playgroup (3-5 years)	3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
Overnight Shelter open	

Wednesday, June 21

Holy Eucharist	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Playgroup (0-12 months)	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Centering Prayer	12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
Overnight Shelter open	

Thursday, June 22

St. Alban

Men's Small Group	7:00 - 8:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer	8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
Playgroup (12-24 months)	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Centering Prayer	12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
Overnight Shelter open	

Friday, June 23

Church and Parish House closed for Summer Fridays	
Friday Dinner Program	5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Overnight Shelter open	

Saturday, June 24

The Nativity of John the Baptist

* St. Jamesians 20s/30s Progressive Supper	5:00 p.m.
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Next Sunday

{ June 25 }

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 6:1-11; Psalm 69:8-11, 18-20; Matthew 10:24-39

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Homily by the Rev. Brenda Husson.

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon by the Rev. Craig Townsend. The Canterbury Choir offers anthems by Martin Shaw and Gerald Near.

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

Homily by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor. Music for piano and oboe.

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There's lots going on at St. James' this summer! Visit stjames.org/summer to learn more about summer reading; forums; parish-wide celebrations; opportunities to volunteer; and more!



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Traveling this summer?

Use #StJamesSummerSundays to share with us a picture of where you've been to church! Don't use social media? Email Vicki Hall.

News & Notes

20s/30s Progressive Supper

Sat. June 24, 5:00 p.m.

A midsummer evening of fun, food, and fellowship for our young adults, including dinner and a tour of the iconography and symbolism of the Church. Contact Chris Harding to learn more.

Men's BBQ at the Rectory

July 10, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

The Rev. Brenda Husson welcomes the men of the parish for a mid-summer BBQ at the Rectory! Enjoy an evening of fellowship together, and meet our new clergy: Zack Thompson, Associate Rector, and Eva Suarez, Rockwell Fellow. Please RSVP to Rosa Gentile, if possible.

The Wisdom Jesus Small Group

begins July 13, 6:30 p.m.

Join Lay Associate Matt Leycraft in a discussion of *The Wisdom Jesus* by Cynthia Bourgeault. Approaching Jesus as a teacher of transformation, Bourgeault offers a variety of contemplative practices to deepen our life in Christ. Books can be ordered online or purchased from Matt. Contact Matt Leycraft to learn more, register, and receive reading assignments (*July 13, 20, 27, Aug. 3, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.*).

The Rev. Carlye Hughes to lead Weekend Away!

October 6-8

Don't miss our first-ever Parish Weekend Away in the Catskills! Enjoy time to connect, have fun, and reflect on our faith. We are thrilled that former Lilly Fellow and current Rector of Trinity, Fort Worth, Carlye Hughes will lead our time together. Visit stjames.org/weekend-away to learn more and download a registration form.

Traveling this summer? Toiletries needed!

Our collection of travel-sized toiletries for our meals and shelter guests is especially benefited by summer travel. Please donate **sample-sized bar soap, hair conditioners, and toothpastes** at Reception.

A season of growth

Did you know that children grow more quickly during summer months than they do in any other season? In this season of Pentecost, we are challenged to grow as well. Jesus' disciples grew into their roles as apostles in the weeks and months after they received the gift of the Holy Spirit, and Christ calls us to grow in our discipleship even still.

- How have you grown in your discipleship this year? Consider how your life of faith has fed you so far!
- Where would you like to be at the end of this year? Reflect on areas that feel like they could use extra nourishing in the next six months.
- Can you challenge yourself to grow a step or half-step in your giving? Begin to think about where you would like to be this time next year.

If you haven't yet committed a percentage of your income to God's work at St. James', please join with the hundreds of parishioners who have by visiting stjames.org/2017commitment.

Pastoral Notes & Prayer Requests

Thanks be to God

- **For the births** of Agnes Wren and Lenora Shea McCrillis (twin daughters of Danielle and Ryan McCrillis), and of Emmitt Jalonzo Ramirez (son of Jennifer and Emil Ramirez).
- **For the marriages** at St. James' this week of Kate Pickett & Andrew Davis, Tyler Walker & Ben Thomas, and Phil Barker & Barkley Hickox.
- **For the ordination** to the priesthood yesterday at the Washington National Cathedral, of our next Rockwell Fellow, the Rev. Eva Suarez.
- **for the generosity** of all who have made 2017 financial commitments.

Your prayers are requested

- **for St. James'** in this season after Pentecost, that the Holy Spirit would move powerfully in our lives and through the ministries to which God calls us.
- **for couples preparing for marriage** this summer: Candice Harley & Stefan Sabo, Jon Simonian & Inna Djanians, Katie Campbell & Michelle Myers, and James Dunham & Kate Horner.
- **for the new members of our clergy staff** as they prepare to begin their ministries on July 1: the Rev. Zachary Thompson, called as Associate Rector, and the Rev. Eva Suarez, called as Rockwell Fellow.
- **for former clergy members Will Peyton and Sarah Stewart**, as Will prepares for his Institution as Rector of St. Paul's Memorial Church in Charlottesville, Va., on June 23, and Sarah as she prepares to become Associate Rector of St. James' Episcopal Church in Wichita, Kansas, in July.
- **for members and friends** of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Donald, Henry, David, Susan, Terry & Mary Jane, Mary Cary, Mal, Elona, Carol, Lydia, Cynthia, Pam, Caroline & Michael, Walterene, James Edward, Joan, Lois, Brian, Sara, Michael, Jen & Ulrik, Norman, Janet, Eula Mae, Carol, Kathy, Jane, Lilly, Richard, Laura, Sallie, Ann & Ben, Bob, Nick, Chris, Georgia, Alain & Stafford, Amanda, Koula, Sara, Blanche, Victor, Carolyn & David, Kari & Zoe, Casper, Valli, Seth, Jeanette, Alice, Iris, Sophie, Asher, Mady, Celeste, Kate, Marielle, Maria & her parents, Madison & Bryce, Lisa, Frank, Otto, Lisa, Carmen, Manny, Milton, Alice Mary, Maurice, William, Andy & Sabra, Isabel, Rick, Doug, Barbara, Richard, Peter & Dianne, Lewie's family, Ben & Juergen, Chuck, Lynn, Kell, Jackie, Birgit & Kevin, Kunle, Peter, Bill, John, Joanne, Prune, Lee McGee, Gingi, Emi, Nathan & Nicholas, the Kirkpatrick family, Martha, Tom, Becky, Martha, Meredith, Maggie & Steve, Allison, Hayden, Douglas, Elai, Vicky, Amy, Patricia, Ramon, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Lenore & Rutger, Zoey,

Geraldine, Bruce, Kate, Shari, Paige, Jacqueline, Charles, Evan, Francesca, Amalie, Allegra, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Mimi, Hermie, Meshida & her children, Kevin, Paul, Greg, Jeannette, Betsy, Walter, Sarah's dad, Emanuel, Rodney, LeRoy, Russell, Bill & Gail, Daphne, Nicole, Alfred, Agnes, Manidipa, Dominick, Mary Frances, Louis, Dorothy, Sam, Grace, Linda, Mary Ann, Frank, Artemis, Julia, Kate, Aris, Gregory, Mary, JoAnne, Ah, Mechelle, A.B., Robert, Margie, Elizabeth, Pamela, Sue Ellen, Dorothy, Stewart and Family, Kit, Adie, Elnora, Harriett, Polly, Martha, Alex, Marc, Rob, Travers, Nathan, Kathryn, Mitties, Warren, Winnie, Brian, Susan, Sean, Madge & Bill, Christian, Jackie, Danny, Kathleen, Tom, Margot, the McCarthy family, James, Melida & family, Jim, Agnes and Lenora, John, Reiko, Tate, Funmi, Asafe, Norma, Christopher, George, and Margot.

- **for the Chapel of St. John the Divine, Tomkins Cove**, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- **for the Diocese of the Northern Territory in the Anglican Church of Australia**, its ministries and people, and their Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Greg Anderson, according to the Anglican cycle of prayer.
- **for our work as stewards of God's creation**, that we may use the earth's resources rightly in the service of others, and be mindful of our connection to all living things.
- **for the United States of America**, for wisdom and grace for our leaders in the exercise of their duties, that the rights and dignity of all may be protected, and our nation be a blessing to other nations of the earth.
- **for justice and peace in this city and nation**; for those who serve the common good in law enforcement and the courts; and for the victims of racism, injustice, and police brutality.
- **for all who are persecuted for their faith**, including Christians in the Middle East; for all refugees and all who welcome and serve those in need.
- **for members and friends** of the parish serving in the Armed Forces, in the Diplomatic Corps, and with the U.N.: Tracy, Christian, Mads, Michael, Mark.

We commend to God's never-failing care

- **victims of war and violence** throughout the world, including all victims of terrorism; migrants and refugees who have died fleeing danger; and Robert Melson, executed last week by the State of Alabama.
- **all whom we love but see no more**, including Carol Lorich Goodman (Kim Goodman O'Connell's mother) and Laura Aldrighetti.

To have your prayer requests printed in this space, or to provide an update regarding someone for whom you have already requested prayer, please e-mail the clergy at pastoralcare@stjames.org, visit stjames.org/prayer.



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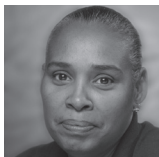
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Worship

SUMMER SUNDAYS

8:00 a.m. · Chapel Eucharist
10:30 a.m. · Holy Eucharist
6:00 p.m. · Candlelight Communion

WEEKDAYS

M, T, Th 8:00 a.m. · Morning Prayer
Wed. 8:00 a.m. · Holy Eucharist
Mon. 6:00 p.m. · Evening Prayer

CENTERING PRAYER

Mon. 6:30 p.m.
Wed. 12:00 p.m.
Thu. 12:00 p.m.

Open for prayer and meditation
Sunday, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tue. - Thu., 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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our city and the world.*



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