



ST. JAMES' CHURCH

Invitations & Information

August 13, 2017



Dear friends,

Every week our clergy team gathers to discuss the upcoming week's gospel reading and preaching—you know, shop talk. Discussing this week's passage from Matthew, where Peter tries to walk to Jesus across the water, it was agreed that there are two basic sermons that can come from this text. The first argues that we are meant to be like Peter, always stepping out in faith and going beyond what we knew before. The second sermon would argue that we're not meant to follow Peter, who didn't understand that he was not Jesus, and needed this experience to really realize who God is. Listening to this discussion, I couldn't help feeling like many of us must land somewhere in the middle of it all—knee deep in muddy water, not sure if we're walking or swimming, hopeful that we could be a disciple, almost certain that what we see and feel is the Messiah and not a ghost.

*We may feel knee deep
in muddy water, but
Jesus reveals himself in
his glory to fearful and
uncertain friends.*

Here at St. James' we know that the journey of discipleship is a long one, that on some weeks it's smooth sailing, and on others you can't hardly see for the storm. It's telling, though, that not one of those disciples was in that boat alone, that community was needed to keep going. And no matter what you think of Peter this week, God was God—Jesus was there to reveal himself in his glory to his fearful and uncertain friends.

Thanks for getting in the boat with us this week.

In Christ,

The Rev. Eva Suarez, Rockwell Fellow

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

Summer Sundays for Children 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Nursery and Toddler care is available during worship all summer, and children are always welcome in worship. Dress is summer casual. Friends are always welcome!

iPhone Evangelism Workshop 12:00 - 2:00 p.m., St. George

Learn from filmmaker and St. James' Media Producer Andrew Filippone how to shoot, edit, and publish great video using only the smartphone in your pocket! Join us for an afternoon of creativity and fun. Contact Chris Dickler 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.

stjames.org/summer

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!

Traveling this summer?

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

About our worship

In today's liturgy, water is a major symbol. The Gospel reading from Matthew is the account of Peter's attempt to join Christ in walking on the Sea of Galilee. As Peter's faith fails and he begins to sink below the waters, he cries to the Lord for help and Jesus rescues him.

Today we continue to read the Epistle to the Romans. In this part of Romans, Paul is dealing with his sorrow that many of his fellow Jews have not accepted Jesus as Christ but he does not believe that God has rejected them. All who turn to God in faith belong to God and there is no distinction, for all are one in Christ who have called on the name of the Lord.

Water in the scriptures is not only a symbol of life, but also a symbol of death. As Israel passed from death into new life at the Red Sea, so we gather as a community that has passed with Jesus from death into resurrection in the waters of baptism.

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This Week { August 14 - 19 }

* **Special this week**

Learn more at stjames.org/calendar

Monday, August 14

Jonathan Myrick Daniels

Morning Prayer	8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
Evening Prayer	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Centering Prayer	6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Overnight Shelter open	

Tuesday, August 15

St. Mary the Virgin

Morning Prayer	8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
Tuesday Lunch Program	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Overnight Shelter open	

Wednesday, August 16

Holy Eucharist	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
* Coney Island Day with Osborne	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Centering Prayer	12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
Overnight Shelter open	

Thursday, August 17

Morning Prayer	8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
Centering Prayer	12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
Overnight Shelter open	

Friday, August 18

William Porcher Dubose

Church and Parish House closed for Summer Fridays
Overnight Shelter open

Next Sunday { August 20 }

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Romans 11:1-2, 29-31; Matthew 15:10-28

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Homily by the Rev. Brenda Husson.

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon by the Rev. Brenda Husson. The Canterbury Choir offers anthems by Orlando Gibbons and John Rutter.

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

Homily by the Rev. Zack Thompson. Music for piano and flute.

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What Is the Bible?

How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything

Rob Bell
New York Times Bestselling Author of Love Wins

Summer reading: What is the Bible?

New York Times bestselling author Rob Bell is one of the leading voices in American Christianity today. His new book, *What Is the Bible? How an ancient library of poems, letters, and stories can transform the way you think and feel about everything* (2017) is a wonderful reintroduction to the most read book of all time. Engaging, well researched, funny, and thought provoking, even longtime readers of the Scriptures will find themselves surprised as Bell engages with some of the most difficult passages of Scripture. In the end, Bell's book helps recapture the Good Book's magic and reaffirm its power and inspiration to shape and inspire our lives today. Visit stjames.org/summer to purchase a copy—and to check out other summer book suggestions from St. James' clergy and lay staff!

News & Notes

Coney Island Day with Osborne

Wed. Aug. 16, 11:00 a.m.

Enjoy a day with children of incarcerated parents at Luna Park, Coney Island! Please contact Susana Ferrer by August 14 to learn more or sign up; lunch and rides will be included.

Register now for the Parish Weekend Away

October 6-8

Register now for our Parish Weekend Away in the Catskills! Enjoy time to connect, have fun, and reflect on our faith. Visit stjames.org/weekend-away to learn more and download a registration form.

Fall trip to Haiti

November 10-13

St. James' friends at St. Vincent's School for Handicapped Children have moved into their new location just outside Port-au-Prince! Mark your calendar now and contact Susana Ferrer about signing up for the chance to meet the kids and faculty of St. Vincent's and to celebrate their new and long-awaited campus. It's a quick trip that will make a lasting impact!

Back to School Drive

If there is a school-aged child in your life, the expense of getting ready to go back to school will come as no surprise. Our partners at the Osborne Association estimate that one backpack of school supplies costs \$100. Help supply students with everything they'll need by donating checks (with "Back to School" in the Memo) or gifts online at stjames.org/give. Volunteers will pick up everything they'll need and assemble items into backpacks for the kids on Homecoming. Contact Susana Ferrer to learn more.

Donate your used computer!

Do you have a computer at home that isn't being used? Help youth from the Osborne Association get ready to go back to school by donating used computers that can be used for homework. Contact Susana Ferrer to learn more.

Traveling this summer? Toiletries needed!

Our collection of unused travel-sized toiletries for our meals and shelter guests is especially benefited by summer travel. **Sample-sized bar soap, hair conditioners, and toothpastes** are especially needed.

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 in our discipleship as well. How have you grown in your discipleship this year? Where might you like to be by the end of the year? And can you challenge yourself to grow a step or half-step in your giving of time, talent, and treasure? 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.

Save the Date: Homecoming Sunday is September 10!

Get ready to celebrate a new program year with Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. and parish-wide picnic on 71st Street! We'll have a Dixieland band, games and activities, tasty barbecue, and a celebration of Miss Vicki's 20 years at St. James'. Not a morning person? Our festivities will continue with the 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion and barbecue supper following. Contact Grace Beacham to get involved.

Pastoral Notes & Prayer Requests

Thanks be to God

- for the marriage of Katie Campbell & Michelle Myers.
- for the faithful volunteers who continue to serve at the Lunch Program, Dinner Program and Homeless Shelter ministry in the summer months.
- for the generosity of all who have made 2017 financial commitments.

Your prayers are requested

- for our parish Church 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: James Dunham & Kate Horner, Holly Milburn & Steve Smith, Amanda Meigher & Ted Mariner, and Chris Dickler & Peter Veillon.
- 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, Chris, Georgia, Alain & Stafford, Amanda, Koula, Blanche, Victor, Carolyn & David, Kari & Zoe, Valli, Casper, Seth, Jeanette, Alice, Iris, Sophie, Asher, Mady, Kate, Celeste, Marielle, Maria & her parents, Madison & Bryce, Lisa, Frank, Lisa, Carmen, Manny, Milton, Alice Mary, Maurice, William, Andy & Sabra, Izabel, Rick, Doug, Barbara, Peter & Dianne, Lewie's family, Ben & Juergen, Kell, Birgit & Kevin, Kunle, Peter, Bill, John, Prune, Lee McGee, the Kirkpatrick family, Gingi, Emi, Nathan & Nicholas, Martha, Tom, Maggie & Steve, Meredith, Allison, Hayden, Douglas, Elai, Vicky, Ramon, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoey, Lenore & Rutger, Bruce, Geraldine, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Hermie, Meshida & her children, Mimi, Kevin, Greg, Paul, Betsy, Jeannette, Walter, Rodney, LeRoy, Russell, Bill & Gail, Nicole, Alfred, Dominick, Mary Frances, Louis, Dorothy, Grace, Frank, Julia, Kate, Aris, Artemis, Mary, JoAnne, Ah, Mechelle, A.B., Pamela, Robert, Sue Ellen,

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- for the Trustees of the Diocese of New York, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the Diocese of Remo (Lagao, Nigeria), its ministries and people, and their Bishop, the Rt Revd Michael Fape, 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; all migrants and refugees who have died fleeing danger; and all those killed in the military service of our nation.
- all whom we love but see no more.

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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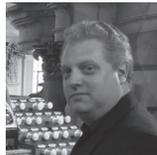
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Worship

SUMMER SUNDAYS

8:00 a.m. · Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
10:30 a.m. · Holy Eucharist (Church)
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.

Visit Us

PARISH HOUSE HOURS

Mon. - Thu. · 9:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesdays · 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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community that actively
shares the love of Jesus
Christ with each other,
our city and the world.*



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