



# ST. JAMES' CHURCH

## Invitations & Information

December 3, 2017



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to the practice of joy.*

### Dear friends,

Welcome to the season of Advent. Traditionally, Advent has been a time of preparation and penitence — not too unlike Lent! — as we ready ourselves to celebrate the birth of Christ, the incarnation of God in the world. The beginning of Advent also marks a new year in our church calendar, a shifting in the scriptures we read and the prayers we say. For that reason, many Christians find Advent a ripe time to adopt a new spiritual practice.

When I was younger, I was always intrigued by the idea that church had its own New Year, which would come at the beginning of December rather than the end. As an adult, however, I find the prospect of New Year's slightly less exciting. It usually means trying and failing some new resolution, and feeling the pressure to do everything better, or at least better than the last time. Another New Year, on top of the stress of holiday planning? Oh, brother.

But this is the funny thing about church. Despite being the source of so much of our culture (Christmas, anyone?), our beliefs stand in opposition to it. To live a Christian life on Madison Avenue in December is actually deeply counter-cultural. When every other message you get is rush rush and buy buy buy, our practice is to slow down and reflect on what we already have. In the stillness of prayer or the revelry of caroling, we can pause to listen for what God has to say to us, and even simply to enjoy the world of love and light God has made for us. After a year of striving to see God at work in the world around us, we get the chance to slow down and celebrate that incredible gift. To mark the season of Advent is to rededicate ourselves to the practice of joy.

Happy new year!

*The Rev. Eva Suarez, Rockwell Fellow*

## Today at St. James'

### **Christmas Boutique** 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Coburn Hall

Bring your Christmas list and shop for clothing, homemade candy, jewelry, holiday gifts, cashmere wraps, the Vintage Christmas area, and more! 20% of all sales benefit those in need in NYC.

### **Baptismal Preparation** 10:15 a.m., St. George's Room

Interested in having yourself or your child baptized? Come learn more from clergy and fellow parishioners. Contact the Rev. Zack Thompson or join us this morning.

### **The Forum** 10:30 a.m., Sunderland Hall

Our parish-wide reading of *The Path* continues, with discussion of Chapter 7: "The wall fell down flat." All are welcome! Learn more at [stjames.org/LivingWord](http://stjames.org/LivingWord).

### **Overnight Shelter Open House** 1:00 p.m., MAPC

Learn more about St. James' overnight shelter ministry and how you can get involved. Meet at Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church (73<sup>rd</sup> and Madison) or contact Sam Young to learn more.

### **Reading with the Rector** 3:00 p.m., 5<sup>th</sup> floor

All 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders are invited to the Rector's office to read C.S. Lewis's, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* (snacks provided!).

### **Afternoon Bible Study** 4:30 p.m., Sunderland Hall

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## Every Sunday

### **Fellowship**

- After the 9:10 a.m. service, coffee outside Coburn Hall
- After the 11:15 a.m. service, coffee in Sunderland Hall

### **Nursery Care available**

Nursery care is available downstairs during the 9:10, 11:15 a.m. services, and adult formation offerings.

### **Formation for all ages!**

At St. James', we believe that if you come here, you will grow. To learn more, visit the First-time Families podium in the Narthex.

- Toddler (ages 2-3) and Primary (ages 4-6) 9:05 - 11:00 a.m.
- Church School, Youth Group (grades 1-12) 10:15 - 11:00 a.m.
- The Forum 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
- Afternoon Bible Study 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

### **Healing Prayer**

Is there something you would like prayer for — a joy or a concern, for yourself or someone else? Join our Healing Prayer ministers in the Chapel following worship at 9:10, 11:15 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

## **New? START HERE TO BEGIN YOUR LIFE IN CHRIST**

- **Pick up a "Start Here" brochure and return the welcome card.**
- **"Meet me at the bell" (after 9:10, 11:15 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.)**  
Meet next to the bell at the back corner of the church for an informal conversation with a priest about what led you here and where you might be called to go in your spiritual life.

## This Week

### \* Special this week

Learn more at [stjames.org/calendar](http://stjames.org/calendar)

#### Monday, December 4

John of Damascus

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| Morning Prayer                                 | 8:00 - 8:20 a.m.        |
| Caregivers Playgroup                           | 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 (Monday through Friday) |                         |

#### Tuesday, December 5

Clement of Alexandria

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| Morning Prayer              | 8:00 - 8:20 a.m.      |
| Tuesday Morning Small Group | 8:45 - 9:45 a.m.      |
| Tuesday Lunch Program       | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. |
| 3-5 year old Playgroup      | 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.      |
| Cherub Choir rehearsal      | 3:45 - 4:15 p.m.      |
| Junior Choir rehearsal      | 4:35 - 5:40 p.m.      |
| Evening Prayer              | 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.      |
| Lectio Divina group         | 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.      |
| Canterbury Choir rehearsal  | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.      |

#### Wednesday, December 6

Nicholas of Myra

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| Holy Eucharist        | 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.        |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.        |
| 0-12 month Playgroup  | 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. |
| Centering Prayer      | 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.      |

#### Thursday, December 7

Ambrose of Milan

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| Morning Prayer          | 8:00 - 8:20 a.m.        |
| 12-24 month Playgroup   | 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. |
| Bible Stories & Legos   | 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.        |
| We Love to Sing         | 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.        |
| Primary Choir rehearsal | 4:00 - 4:40 p.m.        |
| Thursdays for Families  | 4:45 - 6:00 p.m.        |
| Education for Ministry  | 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.        |

#### Friday, December 8

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| Men's Group                              | 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.        |
| Morning Prayer                           | 8:00 - 8:20 a.m.        |
| 24-36 month Playgroup                    | 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. |
| Centering Prayer                         | 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.      |
| Friday Dinner Program                    | 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.        |
| * Family Friday: Gingerbread House night | 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.        |

#### Saturday, December 9

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| * 20s & 30s St. Nick's party | 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. |
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## Next Sunday: Dec. 10

### The Second Sunday of Advent

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

#### 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon by the Rev. Eva Suarez.

#### 9:10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon by the Rev. Brenda Husson. The Canterbury, Junior, and Youth Choirs offer the music of Paul Manz and John Carter.

#### 11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Sermon by the Rev. Eva Suarez. The St. James' Compostela Choir offers music by G.F. Handel and Stanford Scriven.

#### 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

Homily by Chris Harding, Dir. Youth & Young Adult Ministries. Music for piano and guitar.

### Welcoming New Members

Today is one of several occasions throughout the year when we welcome and acknowledge new members in the parish. To learn more about what it means to be a member of St. James', please reach out to Zack Thompson.

### Formation for all ages!

From nursery care through high school youth group, there are Sunday morning opportunities for formation at every age. Visit the First Time Families station in the Narthex to learn more.

### Baptismal Preparation

10:15 a.m., St. George's Room

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## Living Word: A Year With the Bible

### Reflecting on *The Path*:

#### Chapter 7: The wall fell flat down

The Collect for Peace in *The Book of Common Prayer* says, "O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom..." How might serving God, instead of the gods of this world, bring you deeper freedom?

### Bible Memorization Project verse:

Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.  
—Mark 13:32-33

LEARN MORE AT [STJAMES.ORG/LIVINGWORD](http://STJAMES.ORG/LIVINGWORD)

## News & Notes

### Christmas Altar Guild flowers

**deadline: Thursday**

Remember and honor loved ones this Christmas by making an Altar Guild gift in their names. Visit [stjames.org/altar-guild](http://stjames.org/altar-guild) to submit. Names received before Dec. 7 will be listed in the Christmas bulletin.

### Family Friday: Gingerbread Houses

**Friday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Come fill stockings for the children of incarcerated parents, enjoy a pizza supper, and decorate your own gingerbread house! Reservations required; contact parishioner Justine.Keithline@gmail.com.

### 20s & 30s St. Nick's Party

**Saturday, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Join other young adults from around the Diocese for a fun evening honoring St. Nick and his faithfulness to Christ and generosity of spirit! Contact Chris Harding to learn more.

### Christmas Caroling

**Tue. Dec. 12, 5:30 p.m.**

Enjoy some old-fashioned caroling on Madison Avenue as we sing to passers-by from the front steps of the church. A festive reception follows. Friends and families welcome!

### "Share the Joy" Annual Gift Drive

**deadline: December 12**

Help make our Christmas gift drive a magical holiday for children and youth with an incarcerated parent. Visit [stjames.org](http://stjames.org) and click the banner to contribute. Contact Susana Ferrer to learn more.

### Advent Retreat at Holy Cross

**December 15-17**

Pause for prayer and reflection in the sacred, scenic, and nourishing space of Holy Cross Monastery during what can otherwise be a hectic and bustling season. Visit [stjames.org/retreats](http://stjames.org/retreats) for more information.

### High School Mission Trip

**deadline: December 17**

High Schoolers are heading back to Haiti! There are only nine spots left and they are filling fast. Visit [stjames.org/YouthMissionTrip](http://stjames.org/YouthMissionTrip) or contact Chris Harding for further details. Register by Dec. 17.

### Christmas Pageant

**Sun. Dec. 17, 4:00 p.m.**

All children ages 4+ are invited to participate (in age-appropriate roles)! Rehearsals will be held Dec. 9 and 16, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. To learn more and register, please contact Vicki Hall for a form.

### Make a Clergy Discretionary Fund gift this Christmas

The CDF makes financial assistance available to those in need in moments of crisis, both within our parish and in our neighborhood. Please visit [stjames.org/CDF](http://stjames.org/CDF) and select "Clergy Disc. Fund" to make a gift in this special season.

### What is the gift of St. James' in your life?

If you haven't offered your support for St. James' in 2017, we invite you to make that gift as soon as possible so that we can end the year on strong financial footing. Already giving? Please consider making a 13<sup>th</sup> monthly gift or 53<sup>rd</sup> weekly gift! Visit [stjames.org/give](http://stjames.org/give) to make a gift to the 2017 Commitment Fund. Thank you!

## Prayer List

### Thanks be to God

- for the generosity of all who have made 2018 financial commitments.
- for the faithful volunteers who serve at the Lunch Program, Dinner Program, and Homeless Shelter ministry.
- for Thursday's trip with Osborne to Albion Correction Facility, and for our volunteers Barbara Chapman, Mark Connelly, Brenda Husson, Cathy McAleer, Ken Oehlkers, Nancy Smith, and Anne Strasser.

### Your prayers are requested

- for our parish Church in this Season of Advent, that by God's grace we might become a people who make room for the light of Christ to shine forth in the world.
- for members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Donald, Henry, David, Susan, Terry & Mary Jane, 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, Alain & Stafford, Amanda, Koula, Blanche, Victor, Carolyn & David, Kari & Zoe, Valli, Casper, Seth, Jeanette, Alice, Iris, Sophie, Asher, Mady, Kate, Marielle, Maria & her parents, Lisa, Frank, Lisa, Carmen, Manny, Milton, Alice Mary, Maurice, William, Andy & Sabra, Izabel, Rick, Doug, Barbara, Peter & Dianne, Lewies family, Ben & Juergen, Kell, Birgit & Kevin, Kunle, Peter, Bill, John, Prune, Lee McGee, the Kirkpatrick family, Gingi, Emi, Nathan & Nicholas, Martha, Tom, Hayden, Douglas, Vicky, Ramon, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoey, Lenore, Bruce, Geraldine, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Hermie, Meshida & her children, Kevin, Greg, Paul, Betsy, Jeannette, Rodney, LeRoy, Bill & Gail, Dominick, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Grace, Aris, Artemis, Mary, JoAnne, Mechelle, A.B., Pamela, Robert, Sue Ellen, Elizabeth, Dorothy, Kit, Elnora, Harriett, Martha, Alex, Marc, Rob, Travers, Nathan, Mitties, Kathryn, Warren, Susan, Sean, Madge & Bill, Christian, Danny, Kathleen, Margot, James, Tate, Asafe, Norma, Christopher, George, Jodi, Margot, James, Earl, Peggy, George, Frances, Katharine, Jerry, Kimberly, Casey, Damaris, John & Catherine, Alex, Theresa, Anne, Ruth, Marcus, Filip, Rita, Sandy, Dick, John, Rob & Shivana, Catherine, George, Mary Kate and Peter, Eunice, Elie, Joan, Samuel, Steve, Camilla, Sean, John, Barbara, Alicia Raquel, Adrian, Selma, Jeffrey, Bryce, Hedwig, Al, Jose, Laura, Pam, Dmitri, Doroteo, Deborah, Jane, Josefina, Jorge, Lillian, Vincent, Barb, Nick, Craig, Reena, Peter and Jana, Megan, Grace, Wayne, Cesar and Joel, Dolmaine, Meredith, Li, Maxwell, Bonnie, Tayler, Matthew, Malcom, Jane, Shawn, Nicole, Richard, Arom, Gordon, Isabel, Timoty, Luis, Babis, Jay, Carmelo, and James.
- for St. Martha's Church, Bronx, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the Diocese of West Buganda, in the Province of Uganda, its ministries and people, and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Henry Katumba, 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 intolerance.
- 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

- all whom we love but see no more, especially Dana Glander, David Ball, Peter Lord, Ann Daniels, Vincente Rivera, John Cushman, and Michael Danziger.
- 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.

To have your prayer requests printed in this space, or to provide an update, please e-mail the clergy at [pastoralcare@stjames.org](mailto:pastoralcare@stjames.org), visit [stjames.org/prayer](http://stjames.org/prayer).





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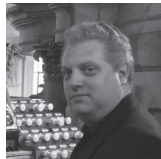
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*St. James' Church is a community that actively shares the love of Jesus Christ with each other, our city and the world.*

## Worship

### SUNDAYS

8:00 a.m. · Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
9:10 a.m. · Holy Eucharist (Church)  
11:15 a.m. · Choral Eucharist (Church)  
6:00 p.m. · Candlelight Communion

### WEEKDAYS

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

### CENTERING PRAYER

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

*Open for prayer and meditation  
Sunday, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Mon. - Fri., 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

## Visit Us

### PARISH HOUSE HOURS

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

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