



ST. JAMES' CHURCH

Invitations & Information

March 11, 2018



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Dear friends,

I was reminded of a favorite story this week. It's about an Anglican priest in nineteenth century Ireland who also happened to be a landlord with rather sizable holdings. During a particularly devastating potato famine, a number of families wrote the priest saying that they had no way to pay their rent and asking that their debt be forgiven. The priest wrote that he could not forgive their debt, fearful of the precedent it might set, and that the rent was still due. You can imagine how their hearts must have sunk. "But," he wrote, "enclosed is something that may help." Enclosed was a check worth far more than the rent due.

"But." It's sometimes the most important word of all. One of my favorite prayers is the Prayer of Humble Access, written by Thomas Cranmer and often said just before Communion: "We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness...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..." (Prayer Book, p. 337).

We are now over halfway through our Lenten journey toward Holy Week and Easter. Today is Laetare Sunday, Latin for "rejoice." And we rejoice because of that word "but." For in Lent we come face to face with our own sin and failure, but God's grace abounds nonetheless. We face the stark truth of our mortality, but are embraced by God's free gift of eternal life in Christ. We come up short, unable to make ourselves right with God, but God, by Christ's self-offering on the cross, has forever set us free. Like that Irish priest, God does for us what we cannot do for ourselves. So let us rejoice and be glad, trusting in God's mercy, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast.

In Christ,
The Rev. Ryan Fleenor, Vicar

Today at St. James'

This week in *The Path* stjames.org/LivingWord

Our parish-wide reading of *The Path* continues, with discussion of Chapter 19: "Crucify him!" All are welcome at our 10:30 a.m. Forum in Coburn Hall or 4:30 p.m. Bible Study in Sunderland Hall. Learn more at stjames.org/LivingWord.

Baptismal Preparation Seminar **10:30 a.m., 3rd Floor**

Interested in having your child baptized? Come learn more in the second of this three-part series on the sacrament of Baptism. Contact the Rev. Zack Thompson to learn more.

"Communion in the Bible" Small Group **12:30 p.m.**

Join parishioners in their 20s & 30s after the 11:15 a.m. Eucharist Sundays in Lent to learn more about how God uses the Living Word and the Bread of Life to shape us into who we are called to be. Contact Chris Harding to RSVP.

St. James' 101 Lunch **12:30 p.m., 3rd Floor**

Are you new to St. James'? Learn more from the Rector, clergy, lay staff, and active parishioners about our life of faith. Please join us for lunch in the St. George Room in the Parish House or contact the Rev. Zack Thompson for more information.

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 the 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

Monday, March 12

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.
* IRC Refugee Panel	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Overnight Shelter open (Sundays through Fridays)	

Tuesday, March 13

Gregory

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, March 14

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, March 15

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.
The Catechumenate	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Education for Ministry	6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Friday, March 16

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.

Next Sunday: March 18

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33, Psalm 51:1-13

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon by the Rev. Brenda Husson.

9:10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon by the Rev. Brenda Husson. The Canterbury Choir offers music by Leo Sowerby and John Rutter.

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Sermon by the Very Rev. Tracey Lind. The St. James' Compostela Choir offers music by Dean Meyers, Paul Halley, and Benjamin Britten.

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

Homily by the Rev. Eva Suarez. Music for piano and cello.

Welcome, The Very Rev. Tracey Lind

11:15 a.m.

We are delighted to welcome the newly retired Dean of Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland, and one of the most dynamic leaders and speakers in the church, to preach and lead a lunch forum.

"Dementia from the Inside Out" Lunch Forum

12:30 p.m.

What wholeness is possible as our mental and physical capacities diminish? Our guest, the Very Rev. Tracey Lind, will share insights about early-stage dementia. Contact the Rev. Zack Thompson.

Next week in *The Path*: Chapter 20 "Crucify him!"

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Helping Hands Sunday

10:30 a.m., Donegan Hallway

Our Church School students, their parents, and parishioners of all ages are invited to share God's love with our neighbors by helping to make treats for the guest of our overnight shelter.

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Living Word: A Year With the Bible

Reflecting on *The Path*:

Chapter 19: Crucify him!

In church, we share Holy Communion as a way to remember and connect to Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples. What connections do you hear between the stories we read and your church's celebration of Holy Communion? How do worship and communion nourish you for your journey with God?

Bible Memorization Project verse:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

—John 3:16

LEARN MORE AT STJAMES.ORG/LIVINGWORD

News & Notes

International Rescue Commission Panel **Monday, 6:30 p.m.**

Join us for a panel discussion with staff of the IRC about the reality of refugees and displaced persons, and how people of faith can support and advocate for them. Contact Susana Ferrer to learn more.

Easter Memorial Flowers **deadline Monday**

Would you like to honor or remember a loved one this Easter? Visit stjames.org/altarguild to make a gift to St. James' Flower fund. Names received by March 12 will be included in the service bulletin.

Holy Week Schedule & a note about Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, our 9:10 and 11:15 a.m. services will combine, with a Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Central Park. Visit stjames.org/lent for more information.

Parents Luncheon **Wed. April 11, 11:00 a.m.**

We will welcome NBC's Savannah Guthrie for a luncheon discussion on career, family, and faith. Friends welcome! Visit stjames.org/parentsluncheon to learn more or register today.

Stewardship Update: 2/3 of the way there!

Last Sunday, we were delighted to share that we have reached 66% of our stewardship goal for 2018, with 63% participation. Those who increased their commitments did so at an average of 15% above their previous support. Our goal is easily within reach. To help us reach 100%, please visit stjames.org/2018commitment. Thank you!

Spring cleaning?? Remember our Thrift sales!

Donations are needed for our May 18 thrift and antiques sales. Please bring clothing, accessories, housewares, and more. Contact Grace Beacham with questions (including about furniture).

St. James' Toiletries Ministry: Thank you for your donations!

Please help us collect new unused sample-size toiletries for our Meal Program guests. Especially needed are: bath gel, toothpaste, and conditioner. Donations can be left at Reception.

Parish-wide Reading in Lent: "Wearing God" by Lauren Winner

In *Wearing God*, Lauren Winner explores lesser-known names for God, reflecting on how they can deepen our spiritual lives. Visit stjames.org/lent to learn more or buy your copy.

Save the Date: 2018 Stillman Lecture **Wed. April 25, 6:30 p.m.**

We are thrilled to welcome Lauren as our 2018 Stillman Lecture guest. Please mark your calendar!

2018 Parish Weekend Away registration is live!

We're going back to camp! Will you come, too? St. James' second Parish Weekend Away will be held over Columbus Day weekend (Oct. 5 - 7). Learn more and register at stjames.org/weekendaway.

2018 Vestry Nominees announced—and a ballot question for 2019

We are pleased to announce that the following parishioners will stand for election: Jennifer Charrington for Warden; Sue Bennett, Hugh Boston, Elaine Connelly, Susanna Guffey, Elizabeth Littlejohn, Bob Stinson, and Nina Whiting. The Vestry has recommended a move in 2019 from contested to fixed slate elections; please learn more at stjames.org/2019slate and keep the candidates in your prayers.

Prayer List

Thanks be to God

- for last Sunday's faithful witness and preaching of our youth missionaries who recently visited Saint Vicent's Centre for Handicapped Children in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.
- for our newcomers participating in today's St. James 101 luncheon.
- for the generosity of parishioners who have made pledges for 2018, including dozens of new and increased financial commitments.

Your prayers are requested

- for the observance of a holy Lent at St. James', that in self-examination and repentance, we may receive the Gospel message of pardon and absolution, and celebrate with joy the Easter feast.
- for the Grants Committee as they discern how God is calling us to share our resources with agencies providing direct services to meet the needs of under-served communities across New York City.
- for parishioners participating in the Catechumenate and Baptismal Classes at St. James' as they seek to deepen their faith in preparation for baptism, confirmation, or a renewed commitment to Christ.
- 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, Andy & Sabra, Izabel, Rick, Doug, Barbara, Peter & Dianne, Lewies family, Ben & Juergen, Birgit & Kevin, Kunle, Peter, Bill, John, Prune, Lee McGee, the Kirkpatrick family, Martha, Tom, Hayden, Douglas, Vicky, Ramon, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoey, Lenore, Bruce, 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, Travers, Mitties, Kathryn, Warren, Susan, Sean, Madge & Bill, Christian, Danny, Kathleen, James, Tate, Asafe, Norma, Christopher, George, Jodi, Margot, James, Earl, Peggy, Katharine, Jerry, Casey, John & Catherine, Alex, Theresa, Ruth, Filip, Sandy, Dick, John, Catherine, George, Mary Kate and Peter, Joan, Samuel, Steve, Sean, John, Barbara, Alicia Raquel, Adrian, Selma, Hedwig, Al, Jose, Laura, Pam, Dmitri, Deborah, Jane, Josefina, Jorge, Lillian, Vincent, Barb, Nick, Craig, Peter and Jana, Megan, Grace, Wayne, Meredith, Bonnie, Matthew, Malcom, Jane, Shawn, Nicole, Richard, Gordon, Isabel, Babis, Kiley, Margaret, Julie, Norman, Nancy, Victims of California wildfires, Ruth and Petteri, Silvia, Holly, Tom, Gabriella, Thomas, Chloe, Tom, Paul, Blake, Barbara, Ann, Chetram, MaryAnn, Bill, Florence, Carl Jandernoa family, Don, Alida and Martin, Georgia, Dale, Wendy, Page, Brunilda, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, Tyquan, John, Zach, Ben, Bryce, Dean & family, Christine, Jill, Kathleen, Tim & Stacy, Elena, James, Alexandra, Rex, Leah & Philip, Elena, Mackenzie, and Kate.
- for Christ Church of Ramapo, Suffern, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the Church of England, its ministries and people, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. Justin Welby, 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

- 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, especially John Hatcher, Nancy Mullan, Lloyd W. Bowers, and Ellen Choffin.



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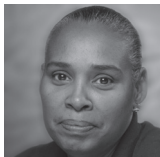
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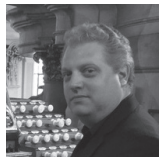
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St. James' Church is a community that actively shares the love of Jesus Christ with each other, our city and the world.

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.*

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