



# ST. JAMES' CHURCH

## Invitations & Information

January 14, 2018



Dear friends,

*While the realization of justice can be comforting, it is not usually comfortable... or predictable.*

There was a famous letter written in Birmingham, Alabama, in April 1963. It was a religious appeal for common sense, peaceful dialogue, and constructive solutions to the challenge of racial unrest. I am speaking, of course, about the "Statement by Alabama Clergymen," a letter penned by eight white clerics of different denominations (including an Episcopal bishop!). This eminently hopeful and reasonable appeal had one primary contention — that peaceful protests by black citizens were wrong. They agreed that change was necessary, but these men of God were adamant that there were proper channels for racial debate. "We do not believe that these days of new hope are the days when extreme measures are justified in Birmingham," the clergymen wrote. In his Birmingham jail cell, a young Martin Luther King Jr. picked up his pen in response.

In today's world, we often assure ourselves that doing right will look right, and *feel* right. Listening to today's selection from the Gospel of John we think, 'Of course the disciples would want to follow Jesus! Of course Dr. King was right to take to the streets for equal rights!' Yet in the midst of those moments and movements, success was not somehow inevitable. Jesus promised Nathanael would "see greater things than these," but he didn't promise when. While the realization of justice can be comforting, it is not usually comfortable...or predictable.

In his letter of response, Dr. King challenged his fellow clergy, reminding them that we are all co-workers with God, who "must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right." One of the gifts of our church community is that we can attempt this hard work together.

In Christ,  
The Rev. Eva Suarez, Rockwell Fellow

## Today at St. James'

### Helping Hands Sunday 10:15 - 11:00 a.m., Primary Room

Children, youth, and parishioners of all ages are invited to help serve our neighbors in the spirit of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

### The Path — get a copy to share!

It is not too late to join our parish-wide reading of the Bible, using an edition called *The Path*. If you would like to join us, or would like to invite a friend to come along, contact the Rev. Ryan Fleenor to reserve a copy and learn more.

### The Forum 10:30 a.m., Coburn Hall

Our parish-wide reading of *The Path* continues, with discussion of Chapter 11: "A man after God's own heart." All are welcome! Learn more at [stjames.org/LivingWord](http://stjames.org/LivingWord).

### 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, January 15

\* Church and Parish House closed for MLK holiday  
Overnight Shelter open (Monday through Friday)

#### Tuesday, January 16

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, January 17

*Antony of Egypt*

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, January 18

*The Confession of Peter*

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 - Eucharist	4:45 - 6:00 p.m.
* Catechumenate begins	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Education for Ministry	6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

#### Friday, January 19

*Wulfstan*

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: Exotic Animals night	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
* Friday Friends	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, January 20

*Fabian of Rome*

\* Rings & Things: Premarital workshop 8:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## Next Sunday: Jan. 21

### The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

*Psalm 62:1-14; Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20*

#### 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, Primary, Junior, and Youth Choirs offer the music of R. Cox and K. Crunk and William Dawon.

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

Sermon by the Rev. Eva Suarez. The St. James' Compostela Choir offers music by Villiers Stanford, S.S. Wesley, and Godfrey Sampson.

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

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

#### The Forum

#### 10:30 a.m., Sunderland Hall

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#### Youth Choir Time Change

#### 11:00 - 11:45 a.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders who enjoy singing are invited to join the youth choir! Our rehearsals follow Sunday School to accommodate busy weekday schedules. Questions? Contact Loraine Enlow.

#### St. James' 101 Brunch

#### 12:30 p.m.

Are you new to St. James'? Learn more from the Rector, clergy, lay staff, and active parishioners about our life of faith. Contact the Rev. Zack Thompson to learn more or to RSVP.

#### Afternoon Bible Study

#### 4:30 p.m., Sunderland Hall

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#### 20s & 30s: Work/Life Balance

#### 12:45 - 2:00 p.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

As all young adults well know, it seems we are constantly asked to do more with less. Learn how your faith can help you deal with the epidemic of work/life imbalance. In a group e-course, Dr. David Gray will teach us how our faith can help us live a more balanced and fulfilling life. Contact Chris Harding with questions and to RSVP.

## Living Word: A Year With the Bible

### Reflecting on *The Path*:

#### Chapter 11: A man after God's own heart

The friendship between David and Jonathan, which we read about this week, is legendary. Read the story of their friendship in 1 Samuel 18-20. Reflect on some of the central friendships in your life. This week, take some time to give thanks for those friendships, remembering them in your prayers. Write your friends a note, telling them what they have meant in your life.

### Bible Memorization Project verse:

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

—Psalm 139:13

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

## News & Notes

### **The Catechumenate** begins Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Do you have questions about what Christians believe? Wonder about what it means to live as a Christian in 21<sup>st</sup> century New York? The Catechumenate is for you. We gather each week for a meal, a talk on a central question of Christian faith, small-group discussion, and prayer. Visit [stjames.org/catechumenate](http://stjames.org/catechumenate) to learn more.

### **Family Friday: Exotic Animals night** Friday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Serve our neighbors by making sandwiches for NY Common Pantry and enjoy Mr. Zelenka and his suitcases full of exotic animals! Pizza dinner for \$5/person; \$20/family. Contact Vicki Hall to learn more.

### **Friday Friends: TV Game Show night** Friday, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Graders are invited for a night of fun and service: assemble school kits for kids at St. Vincent's in Haiti, have supper, and play games! \$5/person; friends welcome. RSVP to Chris Harding.

### **"Rings & Things" Workshop** Saturday, 8:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Are you engaged or considering a wedding here? Join the clergy and other couples to begin preparing! Required for those marrying at St. James', but open to all. Learn more from the Rev. Zack Thompson.

### **Confirmation Lock-In** Jan. 26, 7:00 p.m. - Jan. 27, 12:00 p.m.

Confirmands will gather for 18 hours of fun and formation, including a scavenger hunt in the church! We will begin with dinner on Friday and end with lunch on Saturday. Please contact Christ Harding.

### **Partners in Mission: Children** Sat. Jan. 27, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

St. James' volunteers are heading to the New York Hall of Science with the children of incarcerated parents for a day of interactive learning. Will you join us? Contact Susana Ferrer to get involved.

### **Winter Parish Supper** Wed. Jan. 31, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

"In the bleak mid-winter," join fellow parishioners for a festive evening of good food, drink, and spirited conversation over dinner about our faith. Older children and teenagers are encouraged to attend. Nursery care available. RSVP to Grace Beacham by Jan. 26.

### **Volunteers invited to Albion Correctional Facility** April 5-6

Believe it or not, visiting those in prison is as central to Christian practice as rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep. Help a child visit his or her mother this spring and begin a transformation. Contact Susana Ferrer to learn more or sign on.

### **Vestry Nominations accepted**

Would you like to nominate a fellow parishioner to stand for election to the Vestry in May? Contact the Rev. Brenda Husson and Nina Huffman, chair, to place a name into consideration.

### **An update on stewardship**

We're still crunching the numbers, but we know for certain it's not too soon to say *thank you* to all those who made gifts to St. James' in 2017. Every gift made a difference in supporting the mission and ministry we share.

As we enter this new year, your continued financial support is essential so that St. James' can continue to grow and thrive. Visit [stjames.org/stewardship](http://stjames.org/stewardship) to make a 2018 financial commitment or to set up recurring online gifts. Thank you!

## Prayer List

### **Thanks be to God**

- for the life, ministry, and witness of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- for the marriage Friday at St. James' of Zack Moir and Reggie Hora.
- for the generosity of parishioners who have made pledges for 2018, including dozens of new and increased financial commitments.

### **Your prayers are requested**

- for St. James' this Epiphany season, that being illumined by Word and Sacrament, we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that his light may be known to the ends of the earth.
- for our ongoing work with St. Vincent's Centre for Handicapped Children in the Diocese of Haiti, and for the members of our youth group and their chaperones preparing to visit St. Vincent's in February.
- 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, 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, Casey, John & Catherine, Alex, Theresa, Anne, Ruth, Marcus, Filip, Sandy, Dick, John, Catherine, George, Mary Kate and Peter, 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, Meredith, Bonnie, Matthew, Malcom, Jane, Shawn, Nicole, Richard, Arom, Gordon, Isabel, Luis, Babis, Jay, Carmelo, James, Joy, Kiley, Margaret, Alma, Cynthia, Shane, Julie, D, Noah, Norman, Nancy, Victims of California wildfires, Babu, Sarala, Joe & Jen, Ruth and Petteri, Florence, Silvia, Larry, Holly, Tom, Gabriella, Thomas, Chloe, Tom, Pam, Vani, Michelle, Rosario, Paul, and Blake.
- for St. Ambrose Church, Harlem, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the Diocese of Kyushu in Japan, for its people and ministries, and for the Rt. Rev. Luke Ken-ichi Moto 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 Phillida Viest, Fraser Lee Hunter, Marcia Cappel, Maurice Peress, and Frank Hall.

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), or visit [stjames.org/prayer](http://stjames.org/prayer).





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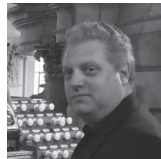
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*St. James' Church is a community that actively shares the love of Jesus Christ with each other, our city and the world.*

## 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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