



ST. JAMES' CHURCH

Invitations & Information

April 29, 2018



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Dear friends,

In the church, we frequently talk about our becoming disciples. I think this is a word that we tend to gloss over because either we assume we know its meaning or we realize that we don't really have any idea at all. In general terms, it means we follow Jesus. But how do we actually live that? Our tendency is to emulate what Jesus does. We gravitate to acts of kindness and justice and all the other things we might do if we make Jesus our example. There is nothing but good in this.

But Jesus desires that our connection with him and our gifts to others go deeper. He wants us to know that the true reality is that he is within us and we in him. He desires that we ever more move into union. This is the spring of mercy that propels our lives as disciples. Jesus tells his followers, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me bear much fruit." One of my favorite prayers describes discipleship this way:

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days.

—Book of Common Prayer, pg. 101

In Christ,
Matthew Leaycraft, Director of Finance and Lay Associate

Today at St. James'

Vestry Voting continues!

The leadership team that is our Vestry is *your* Vestry! Parishioners over the age of 18 should plan to vote by our Annual Meeting on May 6. Information about candidates is provided in the Parish House and at stjames.org/vestry2018. Polls are open before and after our worship services today.

Living Word: A Year with the Bible - final week!

Our parish-wide reading of *The Path* concludes with Chapter 24: "The Alpha and the Omega." 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.

Gifts of Performance: Acting Intensive 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Parishioner Sabra Jones invites you to an acting Intensive that will help you to develop your talents, encourage you to perceive those talents as gifts that God has given to you to celebrate your life, and to feel more clearly the presence of God. For more information, please contact sjones91@me.com.

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 downstairs

Nursery care is available during the 9:10 and 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, April 30

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 (Sundays through Fridays)	

Tuesday, May 1

St. Philip and St. James

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.
* Vestry Voting in reception area	12:30 - 1:00 p.m.
* Vestry Voting in reception area	6:00 - 7:00 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, May 2

Athanasius

Holy Eucharist	8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
* Vestry Voting in reception area	8:30 - 10:00 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, May 3

Morning Prayer	8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
12-24 month Playgroup	10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
* Vestry Voting in reception area	3:30 - 4:30 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, May 4

Monnica

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.
* Vestry Voting in reception area	6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Next Sunday: May 6

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:44-48, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17, Psalm 98

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor.

9:10 a.m. Children's Eucharist

Sermon by the Rev. Brenda Husson. The Canterbury, Junior, Youth, Primary, and Cherub Choirs offers music by Simon Lole and David Evans.

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Sermon by the Rev. Brenda Husson. The St. James' Compostela Choir offers music by Charles Villiers Stanford, John Ireland, and Roupen Shakarian.

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

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

Vestry Voting concludes

8:30 - 9:00 a.m., Sunderland Hall

The last opportunity to vote in our 2018 Vestry election is between the 8:00 and 9:10 a.m. services on May 6! Please plan to vote and look for more information about the candidates in the Parish House, Narthex, and online at stjames.org/vestry2018.

Annual Meeting & Book Fair

10:15 a.m., Donegan Hall

Come celebrate our year in ministry together! Hear reports from parish leadership, learn the results of the Vestry election, and pick up suggestions for summer reading.

Helping Hands Sunday

10:15 a.m., Coburn Hall

Our children and youth will have their own "Annual Meeting," with fun activities to end the year in Coburn Hall, including a service project, fun snacks, and games! Contact Vicki Hall to learn more.

Overnight Shelter Ministry - Open House

1:00 p.m.

St. James' Shelter offers hospitality to twelve homeless men and is dependent on volunteers. Learn more about how you can make a difference! Contact Sam Young to learn more.

Living Word: A Year With the Bible

Bible Memorization Project verse:

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God.

— 1 John 4:7

LEARN MORE AT STJAMES.ORG/LIVINGWORD

Recognition Sunday

May 20, 10:15 a.m.

Our Church School classes celebrate their year and present something special from their lessons (Primary Class: Lord's Prayer; 1st Grade: Ten Commandments; 2nd Grade: Psalm 23; 3rd Grade: Books of the Bible; 4th Grade: Psalm 100; 5th Grade: Beatitudes). Don't miss this special morning!

News & Notes

Church School Banner squares due **Tuesday**

All Church School students are invited to make a square for the 2017-2018 banner. Please contact Vicki Hall for instructions and for a felt square to work on.

Antiques & Treasures, Boutique Sales **Tuesday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Come shop with us at our annual Antiques & Treasures Sale with Pop-Up Boutique! All proceeds help those in need through our Grants Committee (\$25 admission).

Ascension Day Eucharist **Thu. May 10, 7:00 p.m.**

Celebrate the Ascension with a Sung Eucharist, including special music and guest preacher. Visit stjames.org/thykingdomcome to learn more. Preceded by supper at 6:00 p.m. and followed by an Intercessory Prayer Workshop at 8:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Bishop's Visitation **May 13, 9:10 and 11:15 a.m.**

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Dietsche, Bishop of New York, will make his annual visit. Be sure to welcome our bishop and celebrate our connection with nearly 200 parishes in New York.

The Psalms in Modern Poetry **May 13, 20, June 3, 4:30 p.m.**

The Psalms are ancient poems that have given voice to the prayers of generations. How have modern poets adapted the Psalmic impulses? Parishioner Brad Whitehurst will lead a special class. All are welcome!

Weekly Caregivers Support Group **Thu. May 17, 10:30 a.m.**

Are you a caregiver for a spouse, parent, friend, or family member? Join a new group, led by a professional facilitator, for discussion and encouragement. Contact the Rev. Eva Suarez to learn more.

Thursdays for Families: Picnic **Thu. May 17, 4:45 p.m.**

Immediately after We Love to Sing, Bible Stories & Legos, and Primary Choir, families will celebrate our closing Eucharist and Picnic in Central Park! Please contact Vicki Hall to learn more.

Second Time Around Sale **Fri. May 18, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Come shop with us at our Second Time Around Thrift Sale! All proceeds help those in need through our Grants Committee. Visit stjames.org/calendar for details.

20s & 30s Trivia Night **Sat. May 19, 6:00 p.m.**

Join Young Adults from around the Diocese to test your trivia and help raise funds for the Trinity Place Shelter for LGBTQ* Youth on the West Side. Visit stjames.org/trivia-night to learn more.

Register before summer vacation for our 2018 Weekend Away!

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.

2019 Holy Land Pilgrimage - sign up today

The Revs. Brenda Husson and Ryan Fleenor will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, May 21-June 3, 2019. To walk in the steps of Jesus can be a life-changing experience! Visit stjames.org/holy-land.

Stewardship Update: nearly at our 2018 goal!

We are pleased to share that we have reached nearly 70% of our stewardship goal for 2018. Our goal is within reach! To help us reach 100%, please visit stjames.org/2018commitment. Thank you!

Like to Bake? Desserts needed for Friday Dinner Program

Brownies, cookies, or pies...if you have a knack in the kitchen, your gifts are needed! Please contact parishioner Faith Fraser (fstf305@att.net) if you can help provide on a one-time or monthly basis.

Prayer List

Thanks be to God

- for our new members, Eleanor Adams, Gordon & Sophie Watkinson, Guilford Robinson & William Candelaria, Jeff Wentling & Laura Kszan, Maryn & Peter Tillman, Beth & Rob Elliott, Michael Connolly, Ray Vento, Judy, Eva, & Sophia McCoy.
- for the birth on April 24, of Theodore Milburn, son of parishioners Whit and Trey Milburn.
- 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 Eastertide, that we would be continually renewed and transformed as members of Christ's risen body, to be for each other and for the world, living signs of resurrection.
- 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 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, 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, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Hermie, Meshida & her children, Kevin, Greg, Paul, Betsy, Jeannette, Rodney, Bill & Gail, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Grace, Aris, Artemis, Mary, JoAnne, Pamela, Robert, Sue Ellen, Elizabeth, Dorothy, Elnora, Harriett, Martha, Alex, Marc, Travers, Mitties, Kathryn, Warren, Susan, Sean, Madge & Bill, Christian, Danny, James, Asafe, Norma, Christopher, George, Jodi, Margot, James, Earl, Peggy, Katharine, Jerry, Casey, John & Catherine, Alex, Theresa, Ruth, Filip, Sandy, Dick, John, George, Peter, Joan, Samuel, Steve, Sean, John, Barbara, Al, Jose, Laura, Pam, Deborah, Josefina, Jorge, Lillian, Vincent, Barb, Nick, Craig, Peter and Jana, Megan, Grace, Wayne, Bonnie, Matthew, Malcom, Jane, Shawn, Nicole, Richard, Gordon, Isabel, Babis, Kiley, Margaret, Norman, Nancy, Victims of California wildfires, Silvia, 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, John, Ben, Bryce, Christine, Elena, James, Rex, Elena, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Angelo, Isabel, Kathryn, Bruce, Mary & Wayne, Erin, Brad, Ray, Martha, Hilary, Samhita, Robin, Josue, Jake, Alec, Kreinek Family, Koshie, Suzie, Aamaneh, Jon and Michelle.
- for the Church of Christ the Redeemer, Pelham, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East, its ministries and people, and their Archbishop, the Most Rev. Suheil Dawani, 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 Meredith Brown and Charlotte Pierce Armstrong.

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



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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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