



# ST. JAMES' CHURCH

## Invitations & Information

May 13, 2018



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### Dear friends,

A few times each year, I am asked to preside over a service for the renewal of marriage vows. Most often it's around a significant anniversary—10, 15, or 20 years and so on. Sometimes though it is just because the couple feel like they have come through or are in a particularly significant time in their family story. Those reasons can be as diverse as the recent birth of a grandchild, a serious illness that the couple is facing into, a change in career, or a difficult passage in the marriage. Yet despite those variations, the form of this very brief service is always the same, because the promises a couple make at their wedding and reaffirm in this service are vows that can sustain them through all that can (and often does) occur.

Several times a year, including today at confirmation, we reaffirm our baptismal promises. They don't change either, but just like those married couples, we baptized and confirmed Christians can find ourselves in seasons of life when remembering those first promises (which are really first principles of the faith), can be particularly important. Reassuring perhaps, as we recall that at our baptism we were marked as Christ's own forever. No exceptions. Sobering perhaps, as we admit how hard it is to persevere against evil or repent and return to the Lord. Challenging perhaps, when we realize that seeking and serving Christ in all persons sometimes demands more than we wish to give or do. Although the promises don't change, they can change everything for us. May it be so.

In Christ,  
*The Rev. Brenda Husson, Rector*

### Today at St. James'

#### **Bishop's Visitation** 9:10 and 11:15 a.m.

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Dietsche, Bishop of New York, makes his annual visit to St. James'. At 9:10 a.m., he celebrates confirmations of youth and adults, and at 11:15 a.m. he preaches and celebrates. Be sure to welcome our bishop and celebrate our connection with nearly 200 parishes in New York.

#### **Celebratory Coffee Hour** 10:15-11:00 a.m.

We gather in Coburn Hall to welcome the Bishop and celebrate our confirmands—not to mention all our moms on Mother's Day! Join us.

#### **The Psalms in Modern Poetry begins** 4:30-5:30 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 (May 13, May 20, June 3). All are welcome!

### 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](http://stjames.org/calendar)

### Monday, May 14

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 15

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, May 16

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, May 17

Morning Prayer	8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
* Caregiver Support Group	10:30 - 11:30 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 & Picnic	4:45 - 6:00 p.m.

### Friday, May 18

Men's Group	7:00 - 8:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer	8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
* Second Time Around Thrift Sale	9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.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.

### Saturday, May 19

* Osborne Youth Basketball Game	11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
* 20s & 30s Trivia Night	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## Next Sunday: May 20

### THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:25-35, 37, Romans 8:22-27, John 15:26-27; 16:4-15

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

Sermon by the Rev. Eva Suarez.

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

Sermon by Will Kingham, graduating senior. The Canterbury, Junior, Youth, and Primary Choirs offer music by William Dawson, Peter Hurford, and J.S. Bach.

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

Sermon by the Rev. Zack Thompson. The St. James' Compostela Choir offers music by Jonathan Dove, Howard Goodall, and Thomas Tallis.

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

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

#### Don't forget your prayer for St. James' (and to wear red!)

On Pentecost, we will offer our prayers for St. James' as part of the Thy Kingdom Come prayer challenge. Please write your prayer on the card found in today's bulletin and in the Narthex.

#### Recognition Sunday

10:15 a.m.

Join us to celebrate the end of the year for our Church School, Youth Group, and Children's Choirs! Our Church School classes will present something special from their lessons (Primary Class: Lord's Prayer; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Ten Commandments; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Psalm 23; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Books of the Bible; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Psalm 100; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Beatitudes). Don't miss this special morning!

#### The Psalms in Modern Poetry

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#### Mark your calendar! Summer Sundays begin Sun. May 27

Please note that our Summer Sunday schedule begins over Memorial Day Weekend, with services at 8:00, 10:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

There is programming for kids every Sunday of the summer! Dress is summer casual. Please come when you're in town:

- Primary Room, 10:30 a.m. - noon 5/27, 6/3, 6/10, 7/15-9/2
- Central Park (wear tennis shoes), 9:30 a.m. - noon 6/17 - 7/8

## Living Word: A Year With the Bible

### Bible Memorization Project verse:

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

—Psalm 73:26

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

## News & Notes

### Help, thanks, wow! Spring sales are a success

Many thanks to all those who donated, volunteered, and shopped at this week's Antiques & Treasures and Pop-Up Boutique Sales. St. James' grossed more than \$17,000 from these three events—a record! Our next sale is this Friday, May 18. Visit [stjames.org/calendar](http://stjames.org/calendar) or contact Grace Beacham to learn more.

### Weekly Caregivers Support Group begins **Thursday, 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 **Thursday, 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 **Friday, 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](http://stjames.org/calendar) for details.

### Basketball for Osborne Youth **Saturday, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Volunteers are needed to help out at the "Balling for Change" event to support the Osborne Association. Contact Susana Ferrer to learn more or get involved.

### 20s & 30s Trivia Night **Saturday, 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](http://stjames.org/trivia-night) to learn more.

### Summer Parish Supper **June 6, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Join fellow parishioners for a festive evening of good food, drink, and spirited conversation about our faith. Older children and teenagers are encouraged to attend (nursery care available). RSVP to Grace Beacham.

### May Challenge: Help us reach 85% of our goal by Memorial Day!

As of May 1, St. James' parishioners have committed more than 70% of our total stewardship goal for 2018! Having these commitments secured before summer break is a huge gift to our parish as we enjoy the summer and gear up for fall programming. Help us to hit 85% by Memorial Day by visiting [stjames.org/MayChallenge](http://stjames.org/MayChallenge) to make your commitment. Thank you to all who have offered their support!

### Vestry Results

Thanks to all those who voted in our 2018 Vestry election! We are delighted to announce that Jennifer Charrington was elected as Warden; Sue Bennett, Hugh Boston, Susanna Guffey, and Elizabeth Littlejohn were elected to the Vestry. Dick Dunham, Katharine Fleming, and Gordon Smith complete their service with the parish's utmost gratitude. We celebrate and give thanks for the ministries of all those who stood for election this year, including Elaine Connelly, Bob Stinson, and Nina Whiting. The resolution to approve fixed slate elections of Vestry members was also passed by a large majority.

### 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](http://stjames.org/weekendaway).

## Prayer List

### Thanks be to God

- for the ministry among us of the Rt. Rev. Andrew M.L. Dietsche, and for the faith and ministries we share with tens of thousands of Episcopalians as the Diocese of New York.
- for the growing faith of those confirmed at this morning's 9:10 a.m. service.
- for the birth on May 3, of Hannah Simonsen Atkins, daughter of parishioners Charles Atkins and Lisa Simonsen.
- for the faithful service of our Senior Warden, Dick Dunham, and for Katharine Fleming and Gordon Smith, as they complete their Vestry term.
- for the leadership of all who stood for election to the Vestry last Sunday: Hugh Boston, Sue Bennett, Elaine Connelly, Susana Guffey, Elizabeth Littlejohn, Bob Stinson, and Nina Whiting.
- for the faithful discernment of the Grants Committee and their work of determining how best to share our resources to meet the needs of under-served communities across New York City.
- 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 those to be baptized on the Day of Pentecost: Luke Brueggen, James William Douglas, James Croll Failing, and Winston Lyford Porterfield Bohannon Schroeder.
- 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, Valli, Charles, Seth, Jeanette, Alice, Iris, Sophie, Asher, Mady, Marielle, Maria & her parents, Lisa, Frank, Lisa, Carmen, Milton, Alice Mary, Maurice, Andy & Sabra, Izabel, Rick, Doug, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Peter, Bill, John, Prune, the Kirkpatrick family, Martha, Tom, Douglas, Vicky, Ramon, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoey, Lenore, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Hermie, Meshida & her children, Kevin, Greg, Paul, Betsy, Jeannette, Rodney, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Grace, Mary, JoAnne, Pamela, Sue Ellen, Dorothy, Elnora, Harriett, Alex, Marc, Travers, Susan, Sean, Madge & Bill, Christopher, George, Jodi, Margot, James, Peggy, Katharine, Jerry, Casey, John & Catherine, Theresa, Ruth, Filip, Sandy, Dick, John, George, Peter, 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, Gordon, Isabel, Babis, Kiley, Margaret, Norman, Nancy, Victims of California wildfires, Silvia, Gabriella, Thomas, Chloe, Tom, Paul, Blake, Barbara, Chetram, MaryAnn, Bill, Carl Jandernoa family, Don, Alida and Martin, Georgia, Dale, Wendy, Brunilda, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, John, Ben, Bryce, Christine, Elena, James, Rex, Elena, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Angelo, Isabel, Kathryn, Bruce, Erin, Brad, Hilary, Jake, Alec, Suzie, Aamaneh, Jon and Michelle, Ray, Laura, Joey, Nicholas & Nancy, Donnice, Yamina, Teresa, Ben & Juergen, Liam, Ann, and Aaron.
- for our Church, St. James', according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the work of the Anglican Center in Rome, its ministries and people, 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 Kathleen Fitzgerald, Sallie Gallatin, and Mitties DeChamplain.





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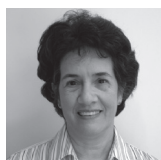
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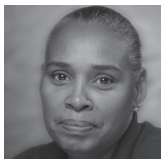
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*St. James' Church is a community that actively shares the love of Jesus Christ with each other, our city and the world.*

## 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.*

## 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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