Dear friends,

Welcome home! We love seeing everyone after summer vacation. Kids are a little taller. Adults look a little more rested. The fall back-to-school season often has parents wondering, “Does my child have the foundation necessary for thriving?” Academically and socially, many feel fairly confident; but what about spiritual grounding?

Foundations have to be laid gradually and continuously — academically, socially, and spiritually. We want our kids to have faith, and to know God. To do that, we need to parent for faith ... even if we ourselves are not parents, but rather adult figures in our youngest parishioners’ community of faith. What disciples of all ages need most is to see what a real working relationship with God looks like up close and in the everyday: When good things happen and bad. When life is boring and exhilarating. How we live, react, and love is what children and youth see and learn from.

In her book, *It Takes a Church to Raise a Parent*, author Rachel Turner calls us to recognize that we “are on the front lines of [our] children’s spiritual journeys.” If you are the parent of a young person, please let us know how we can help you on your family’s journey. Our Sunday Forums, Parenting Forums, Baptism Prep, Thursdays for Families, and Small Groups are here to support you as you live into your calling of raising faithful children. And if you are not a parent yourself, we hope that you will discern this year your role in the spiritual lives of St. James’ children and teenagers.

In Christ,

The Rev. Ryan Fleenor
Vicar

Vicki Hall
Dir. Children’s & Family Ministries

Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis
Dir. Youth & Young Adult Ministries

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**Today at St. James’**

- **Church School Orientation** after the 9:10 a.m. service
  Students and families are invited to Coburn Hall for Church School Orientation. Please contact Vicki Hall if you would like to learn more or register your child for Church School.

- **Youth programs resume** after the 9:10 a.m. service
  Students in the Confirmation Class will meet in the Kinsolving Room; the Middle and High School Youth Groups will kick-off a new year in the Youth Room. Contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to learn more.

- **Baptismal Preparation** 10:15 a.m., St. George
  Interested in having your child baptized? Come learn more! Contact the Rev. Zack Thompson with questions.

- **Festive Coffee Hour** 10:30 a.m., Sunderland Hall
  Enjoy a cup of coffee and learn more from the Rev. Ryan Fleenor about what’s to come in Adult Formation this year, with Book Sale and copies of our fall issue of the Camino!

- **Afternoon Bible Study** 4:30 p.m., Sunderland Hall
  A Bible Study opportunity for regulars of the 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion! Join us whenever you are able.

**Register for Church School and children’s programs today!**
Visit stjames.org/cfmregistration to sign up for weekday activities and Sunday School. Payment can be made securely online.

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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 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, September 17**  
*John 11:55-12:8*

- Morning Prayer  8:00-8:30 a.m.
- Caregivers Playgroup  10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Evening Prayer  5:30-6:00 p.m.
- Lectio Divina  6:00-6:30 p.m.
- Overnight Shelter open (Monday - Saturday)

**Tuesday, September 18**  
*John 12:9-19*

- Morning Prayer  8:00-8:30 a.m.
- Tuesday Lunch Program  9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 3-5 year old Playgroup  3:30-4:45 p.m.
- Evening Prayer  5:30-6:00 p.m.
- Centering Prayer  6:00-6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 19**  
*John 12:20-26*

- 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.
- Evening Prayer  5:30-6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, September 20**  
*John 12:27-36*

- Morning Prayer  8:00-8:30 a.m.
- Bible Stories & Legos  4:00-4:45 p.m.
- We Love to Sing  4:00-4:45 p.m.
- * Primary Choir rehearsal  4:00-4:45 p.m.
- Thursdays for Families  4:45-6:00 p.m.
- Evening Prayer  5:30-6:00 p.m.
- Education for Ministry  6:30-8:45 p.m.

**Friday, September 21**  
*Matthew 13:44-52*

- * The Feast of St. Matthew*
  - Men’s Group  7:00-8:00 a.m.
  - Morning Prayer  8:00-8:30 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.
  - Evening Prayer  5:30-6:00 p.m.
  - * 20s & 30s Met Kick-off  6:30-9:00 p.m.

**Saturday, September 22**  
*John 12:44-50*

* Carly Hughes installed as Bishop of Newark (offsite)

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**Next Sunday: Sept. 23**

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8; Mark 9:30-37

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**
Homily by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor.

**9:10 a.m. Holy Eucharist**
Sermon by the Rev. Zack Thompson. The Canterbury Choir offers music by Indra Hughes and Herbert Howells.

**11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist**
Sermon by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor. The Compostela Choir offers music by Herbert Howells and John Tavener.

**6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion**
Homily by the Rev. Eva Suarez. Music for piano and oboe.

**Baptismal Preparation**  
* 10:15 a.m., St. George
Interested in having your child baptized? Come learn more! Contact the Rev. Zack Thompson with questions.

**St. James’ 101 - Newcomer Brunch**  
* 10:15 a.m., Sunderland Hall
Are you new to St. James'? Come learn more about our life of faith from the clergy, lay staff, and active parishioners. Contact the Rev. Zack Thompson to learn more or RSVP.

**The Forum**  
* 10:15 a.m., Coburn Hall
Last winter, the parish participated in a Spiritual Life inventory as part of the RenewalWorks process. Join the Revs. Brenda Husson and Ryan Fleenor for a two-part forum on what we learned about where we are as a parish and where we are headed.

**Afternoon Bible Study**  
* 4:30 p.m., Sunderland Hall
A Bible Study opportunity for regulars of the 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion! Join us whenever you are able.

It's not too late to register for children’s programs!  
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**Setting aside some time for Daily Prayer**

Daily fixed-hour prayer has long been part of the Christian tradition, a continuation of Jewish prayer practice. Morning and Evening Prayer stand at the heart of the Episcopal spiritual tradition and frame our days in prayer and the assurance of God’s loving care.

**What step might you take toward a richer practice of daily prayer?**
- Join fellow parishioners (Weekdays, 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.)
  - Use the Daily Devotions for Individuals & Families at home (**BCP** p. 137-140).
  - Read and meditate on the Gospel lesson assigned for each day (noted in the ‘This Week’ calendar above).

Setting aside time each day to be with God doesn’t have to be long and elaborate, but starting there can make all the difference.
News & Notes

Overnight Shelter volunteers invited to join our ministry
Help St. James’ keep our overnight shelter open for the twelve homeless gentlemen who rely on our beds and light meals. Early and overnight shifts available; contact Susana Ferrer to get involved.

Download the ACS ChurchLife app today
Get easy access to the parish directory, calendar, and more! When using the app, enter site # 001379, or swipe to the login screen to use your MySt.James’ credentials. If you need assistance creating a login, please contact Sandra De La Cruz.

Wednesday Bible Study
Wednesdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Make Bible Study a part of your weekly routine at this clergy-led morning session following the Eucharist. All are welcome!

Children’s programs
Thursdays, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Little ones and their parents are invited to join us every Thursday for We Love to Sing, Bible Stories & Legos, or Primary Choir rehearsal at 4:00 p.m., Thursdays for Families at 4:45 p.m. (this week, we make ‘The Wall’ in Donegan Hall), and supper at 5:30 p.m. Contact Vicki Hall to learn more.

Music for Children & Youth
resumes Thursday, 4:00 p.m.
Being a chorister at St. James’ is a wonderful way to experience music across the centuries, reinforce faith-based formation, and participate in church! To learn more, contact Loraine Enlow.

20s & 30s Kick-off at the Met
Friday, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Kick off the new year at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Meet on the steps for a guided tour by parishioner Brad Whitehurst and the Rev. Eva Suarez, followed by refreshments on the roof.

Parents of Young Children Coffee
Sept. 25, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
If you have a child who is 0-36 months old, please come meet other parents of young children and learn about our Playgroups and other programs specifically for this age! Contact Vicki Hall to learn more.

First fall Parenting Forum
Sept. 30, 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Blessing of the Animals
Sept. 30, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
In the spirit of Saint Francis, bring your feathered, furry, scaly friends and companions (real or stuffed!). Meet on the front steps of the church; latecomers can join near the East 72nd Street entrance of Central Park.

Register now for our 2018 Parish Weekend Away
Oct. 5-7
We’re going back to camp! Will you come, too? St. James’ second Parish Weekend Away will be held over Columbus Day weekend. Learn more and register at stjames.org/weekendaway.

An Invitation to Volunteer: Albion Prison Visit
Nov. 29-30
Help the children of incarcerated parents visit their moms in upstate New York this holiday season. Contact Susana Ferrer to learn more or to get involved. Deadline extended to September 19.

Last chance to sign up for the Holy Land!
May 21-June 3, 2019
Deepen your faith, enlarge your understanding of issues, and walk in the footsteps of Jesus’ disciples. Visit stjames.org/holy-land or contact Rosa Gentile to learn more.

Prayer List

Thanks be to God

• for last week’s homecoming of our parish and for the opportunity to grow together as we seek to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
• for the faithful volunteers who served at the Lunch Program, Dinner Program and Homeless Shelter ministry in the summer months,
• for the generosity of parishioners who have made pledges for 2018.

Your prayers are requested

• for St. James’ in this season after Pentecost, that the Holy Spirit would move powerfully in our lives and through our ministries.
• for our children and youth as they begin a new school year.
• for those affected by Hurricane Florence.
• 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, Elena, Carol, Cynthia, Pam, Caroline & Michael, Walterine, James Edward, Joan, Lois, Brian, Sara, Michael, Janet, Eula Mae, Carol, Kathy, Jane, Lilly, Laura, Ann & Ben, Bob, Chris, Amanda, Blanche, Victor, Vally, Charles, Seth, Jeanette, Alice, Iris, Sophie, Asher, Marielle, Maria & her parents, Frank, Lisa, Carmen, Milton, Alice Mary, Andy & Sabra, Isabel, Rick, Doug, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Peter, Bill, John, Prune, the Kirkpatrick family, Martha, Tom, Douglas, Vicky, Ramon, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoey, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Kevin, Greg, Betsy, Jeannette, Rodney, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Grace, Mary, JoAnne, Sue Ellen, Dorothy, Elnora, Harriet, Alex, Marc, Travers, Susan, Madge & Bill, Christopher, Margot, James, Peggy, Katharina, Jerry, Casey, John & Catherine, Theresa, Ruth, Filip, Sandy, Dick, John, George, Peter, Samuel, Al, Jose, Laura, Pam, Deborah, Josephina, Jorge, Barb, Nick, Craig, Peter and Jana, Megan, Grace, Wayne, Matthew, Isabel, Babis, Kiley, Margaret, Nancy, Silvia, Gabriella, Thomas, Chloes, Tom, Paul, Blake, Barbara, MaryAnn, Bill, Carl Jandernoa family, Don, Alida and Martin, Dale, Wendy, Brunilda, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, John, Ben, Bryce, Christine, Elena, James, Elena, Kelly, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Angelo, Isabel, Kathryin, Bruce, Brad, Hilary, Jake, Alec, Laura, Nicholas & Nancy, Donnice, Teresa, Ben & Juergen, Liam, Ann, Aaron, Mollitor, Bonnie, Emily, Anne Marie, Tom, Rob and Kathy, Madaline, Paul, Adrian, Ken, Deborah, Andrew, Lisa, Jerome & Marten, Charlie, Felicia & Alex, Roger & Jovic, Alex, Todd, John, Helen, Monique, Susie, Cilla, Sally, Rich, Karen, Helen, Michael, Hannah, Sharon, Verne, Janet, James, Julie, Barbara, Behida, Dominic, Bruce, David, Sarah, Ray, John, Forns, Diane, Frank, Glory, Jean, Karen & Craig, Jim, Timin and Matt, Gary, Alex, Kelly, Sarah, Vinod, and Aaron & family.
• for St. John’s Church (Tuckahoe), Yonkers, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
• for the Province of the Episcopal Church in Sudan, its ministries and people, and their Archbishop, the Most Rev. Ezekiel Kumir Kondo, 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.

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.
The Vestry
Sam Hutcheson, Sr. Warden · Jennifer Charrington, Jr. Warden

David Andryc
Sue Bennett
Hugh Boston
Gerlinde Brixius
Tristan Buitman
Stephen de Francesco

Susanna Guffey
Elizabeth Littlejohn
Marcy Sendax
Lisa Smith
Anne Strassner
George Wade

Mary Malhotra,
Vestry Officer for Stewardship
Kathleen Connelly,
Youth Representative

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. · Family Eucharist
11:15 a.m. · Choral Eucharist
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. - Fri. 5:30 p.m. · Evening Prayer

CENTERING PRAYER
Tue. 6:00 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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