Dear friends,

Recently I had a conversation with a new parishioner who is making plans to baptize his child this fall. We went over some of the practicalities: baptismal preparation, scheduled dates for baptism, godparents, etc. Then the conversation moved to a discussion about whether baptism was fundamentally personal or communal. Is this primarily a private and familial event? If it is, then why do it on a Sunday in the middle of the service with hundreds of people gathered?

As our meeting went on, a light bulb went off—not in my office, but in his head! He recalled his wedding day in the church a decade ago. He remembered the deeply personal nature of making promises to his spouse and to God, but he also called to mind that many people in his local church gathered to pray for his marriage and they promised to support him. His wedding day called for a deeply personal vow to be made in the presence of God and in the midst of God’s people. The marriage was personal and communal.

This morning we will baptize several new members into the body of Christ. The families will gather around the baptismal font with their dearly beloved children. We will call them each by name. It will feel very personal for the families, because it is! But baptism is not a private family matter; it is the gateway to a life in Christ. Baptism binds us to one another in the church so that we can rejoice together and weep together.

During the liturgy, after personal vows are made, the celebrant will ask: “Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?” Our response: “We will.”

In Christ,

The Rev. Zack Thompson, Associate Rector
**This Week**

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**Next Sunday: October 7**

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - canceled**

We celebrate one service of Holy Eucharist today with the Rev. Craig Townsend, Priest Associate, while parishioners and clergy are in the Catskills for our Parish Weekend Away. The Canterbury Choir will offer music by Jean Berger and Elliot Z. Levine.

**6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion - canceled**

Please note that our regular Sunday offerings, including Church School, the 10:30 a.m. Adult Forum and 4:30 p.m. Bible Study will resume on October 14.

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**Parish Weekend Away: Next weekend!**

Oct 5-7

Next weekend, nearly 150 St. James’ parishioners, clergy, and staff will travel to Camp Iroquois Springs in the Catskill Mountains for our second Parish Weekend Away. Learn more at stjames.org/weekendaway.

For those unable to attend, there will be one 10:30 a.m. service of Holy Eucharist at St. James’ on Sunday, October 7.

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**This week in the Daily Office**

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 at home (BCP p. 137-140).
- Read and meditate on the Gospel lesson assigned for each day (noted in the ‘This Week’ calendar above).
A letter from the Rev. Craig Townsend
In Friday’s eNews, the Rev. Craig Townsend shared an update about his life and ministry since retiring from St. James’. Copies are available in the Narthex and online at stjames.org/eCommons.

Children’s programs Thursdays, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Little ones and their parents and caregivers are invited to join us 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., and supper at 5:30 p.m. Contact Vicki Hall to learn more.

Music for Children & Youth Thursdays, 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.

Annual Pancake Breakfast Sat. Oct. 13, 8:30 a.m.
Dads cook (and clean up!) breakfast for moms and kids during this fun morning of fellowship. Always a delicious meal and chance to make new friends! Contact Vicki Hall to learn more or get involved.

Osborne Aviator Sports Day Sat. Oct. 13, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Join the children of incarcerated parents for a day of fun! There will be rock-wall climbing, team-building activities, lunch, and time to enjoy the arcade. Please contact Susana Ferrer to learn more.

20s & 30s Fall Small Group beginning Mon. Oct. 15, 7:00 p.m.
Join other young adults for a 5-week reading of N.T. Wright’s “The Meal Jesus Gave Us” and discussion of the Eucharist and what it means. Books provided ($10 suggested donation; contact Jeremy Curtis to reserve yours). Snacks provided free!

“Lord, Teach Us to Pray” Workshop Sun. Oct. 21, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Experience how the Book of Common Prayer can be a guide for your daily spiritual practice, with the Rev. Zack Thompson and Matthew Leacyraft, Lay Associate. Lunch provided; $10 suggested donation.

Rediscovering the Treasures Tue. Oct. 23, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Join the Revs. Brenda Husson and Ryan Fleener for a special after-hours tour of the church and sacristies. Our evening will begin with a light supper and end with dessert and compline. Space for the first 20 to register. Please RSVP to Rosa Gentile.

“This Day Forward” Film Screening Wed. Oct. 24, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Inspired by the true story of the Jensen family and their faith journey as they face the ravages of brain cancer; followed by Q&A with Jennifer Jensen and Director Brian Ide. All are welcome!

All Saints Memorial names invited deadline October 26
Remember your loved ones this All Saints Day (November 1) by submitting their names for our service bulletins. Names of those who have passed in the last year may be sent to Rosa Gentile.

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.

Toiletries Drive: thank you! Toothpaste needed
Thank you to all those who have made contributions to our toiletries drive, which helps guests of our meals programs. Our drive continues, with special need for new, unused, travel-sized toothpastes.

News & Notes

Prayer List

Thanks be to God
• for our baptismal candidates and their families.
• for the births of Webb Lawton DeMeoester and Adrian Kimble Banks.
• for last week’s consecration and ordination of the Rt. Rev. Carly Hughes, as the bishop of Newark.
• for last week’s St. James’ 101 gathering, where we had the opportunity to welcome 20 newcomers to our parish.
• 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 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, Elona, Carol, Cynthia, Pam, Caroline & Michael, Walterene, James Edward, Joan, Lois, Brian, Sara, Michael, Janet, Eula Mae, Carol, Kathy, Jane, Lilly, Laura, Ann & Ben, Bob, Chris, Amanda, Blanche, Victor, Valli, 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, Betty, Jeanette, Rodney, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Grace, Mary, JoAnne, Sue Ellen, Dorothy, Elnora, Harriet, Alex, Marc, Travers, Susan, Madge & Bill, Christopher, Margot, James, Peggy, Katharine, Jerry, Casey, John & Catherine, Theresa, Ruth, Filip, Sandy, Dick, John, George, Peter, Samuel, Al, Jose, Laura, Pam, Deborah, Josefinia, Jorge, Barb, Nick, Craig, Peter & Jana, Megan, Grace, Wayne, Matthew, Isabel, Babis, Kyle, Margaret, Nancy, Silvia, Gabriella, Thomas, Chloe, Tom, Paul, Blake, Barbara, MaryAnn, Bill, Carl Jandernoo family, Don, Alida and Martha, Dale, Wendy, Brunilda, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, John, Ben, Bryce, Christine, Elena, James, Elena, Kelly, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Angelo, Isabel, Kathryn, Bruce, Brad, Hilary, Jake, Alec, Laura, Nicholas & Nancy, Dommie, Teresa, Ben & Juegen, Liam, Ann, Aaron, Molitton, Bonnie, Emily, Anne Marie, Tom, Rob and Kathy, Madaline, Paul, Karen, Deborah, Andrew, Lisa, Jerome & Marten, Charlie, Felicia & Alex, Roger & Jovie, Alex, Todd, John, Helen, Monique, Susie, Cilla, Rich, Karen, Helen, Hannah, Sharon, Verne, Janet, Julie, Behida, Dominik, Sarah, Ray, John, Forns, Diane, Frank, Karen & Craig, James, Tim, Gary, Alex, Kelly, Sarah, Vinod, Aaron & family, Anita, Dwain, Wayne, Elizabeth & April, Joe, Helen, Sharnice, Myra, Johannes, Caris & Blake.

• for Church of the Messiah, Rhinebeck, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
• for the Church of the Province of Uganda, its ministries and people, and their archbishop, the Most Rev. Stanley Ntagali, 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: Robert, Madeleine, Jackie, Mickey, Blanche, Diane, Betty, Myra, Sarah, Cilla, Rich, Karen, Helen, Hannah, Sharon, Verne, Janet, Julie, Behida, Dominik, Sarah, Ray, John, Forns, Diane, Frank, Karen & Craig, James, Tim, Gary, Alex, Kelly, Sarah, Vinod, Aaron & family, Anita, Dwain, Wayne, Elizabeth & April, Joe, Helen, Sharnice, Myra, Johannes, Caris & Blake.

To have your prayer requests printed in this space, or to provide an update, please e-mail the clergy at
The Clergy & Lay Staff

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- Sue Bennett
- Hugh Boston
- Gerlinde Brixius
- Tristan Bultman
- Stephen de Francesco
- Susanna Guffey
- Elizabeth Littlejohn
- Marcy Senda
- Lisa Smith
- Anne Strassner
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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. - 6:00 p.m.

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