Dear friends,

A friend once asked about the *weirdest* place I had ever celebrated the Eucharist. It’s not an easy question to answer, because priests often get to celebrate the Eucharist in wonderful and sometimes odd places: churches and chapels, of course, but also hospital rooms and psych wards, conference centers and summer camps, classrooms, living rooms, front porches, and sometimes even standing on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

‘Weirdest’ is hard, but a favorite memory is from Haiti. I was there with a group from St. James’, and after preaching at a service, I was asked to join the local priest at the Altar to concelebrate with him. Knowing that my broken French would never be edifying to God’s people, I did so silently, and simply by joining in the various “manual acts” priests do with and over the bread and wine. But I will never forget standing there, overawed at how many times, and with how many languages, and in how many places and situations this very thing had been done: Bread and wine offered in remembrance of Jesus, and in the faith that Jesus would in fact still be met here.

What a joy to have begun this parish-wide deep dive into the Eucharist this fall. Check out first two of our “Living Liturgy” videos. Join us in our weekly Forum conversations. But most of all let us never forget the promise that animates it all: that Christ lives, Christ is risen, and Christ longs to meet us, feed us, form us, equip us, empower us, and send us out in his love.

In Christ,

The Rev. Ryan Fleenor, Vicar

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**Today at St. James’**

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

- **The Adult Forum: The Eucharist** 10:30 a.m., Coburn Hall
  The Rev. Zack Thompson continues our 5-week series on the Eucharist with a dive into what our 1979 Prayer Book teaches about the Eucharist: what it is, who’s involved, and why it matters.

- **“Lord, Teach Us to Pray” Workshop** 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 Leaycraft, Lay Associate. Lunch provided; $10 suggested donation.

- **Afternoon Bible Study** 4:30 p.m., Sunderland Hall
  A Bible Study opportunity to explore the lectionary readings appointed for the week and how they relate to our lives. Join us when you are able!

**Love today’s Instructed Eucharist?**
Visit [stjames.org/eucharist](http://stjames.org/eucharist) to watch the first two videos in our weekly Living Liturgy series. A new video comes out in the eNews each week this fall.

**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 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 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, October 22**


- 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.
- 20s & 30s Small Group 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Overnight Shelter open (Monday - Saturday)

**Tuesday, October 23**

Matthew 10:16-22

- Morning Prayer 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
- Tuesday Morning Small Group 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday Lunch Program 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- 3-5 year old Playgroup 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
- Cherub Choir rehearsal 3:45 - 4:15 p.m.
- Junior Choir rehearsal 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- Evening Prayer 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
- Centering Prayer 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- Canterbury Choir rehearsal 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- ‘Rediscovering the Treasures’ 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 24**


- 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.
- *‘This Day Forward’ Film Screening* 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

**Thursday, October 25**

Luke 10:25-37

- Morning Prayer 8:00 - 8:30 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 - 4:45 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, October 26**

Luke 10:38-42

- 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.
- Evening Prayer 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
- Friday Dinner Program 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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/or 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).
News & Notes

20s & 30s Fall Small Group  Mondays, 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!

Rediscovering the Treasures  Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Join the Revs. Brenda Husson and Ryan Fleenor 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. A few spaces remain! Please RSVP to Rosa Gentile.

“This Day Forward” Film Screening  Wednesday, 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 Friday!
Remember your loved ones who have passed in the last year this All Saints Day (Nov. 1) by submitting their names for our service bulletins. Names may be sent to Rosa Gentile.

All Saints Festal Eucharist  Thu. Nov. 1, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Please join us for a festive service of Holy Eucharist on All Saints’ Day, with music led by the Compostela Chior. All are welcome.

3rd Graders read with the Rector  beginning Sun. Nov. 4, 3:00 p.m.
The Rev. Brenda Husson will lead a 5-part series of read-a-longs of C.S. Lewis’ classic, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, in her office (complete with cozy fireplace) for our third-graders. Join us!

Good, Bad, & a Little Scared: About Money  Wed. Nov. 7, 7:00 p.m.
20s&30s are invited to join the clergy at the Rectory for a fun conversation about all the questions we might have about money. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez to learn more or RSVP.

Diaper Drive hosted by Primary Class  through Nov. 11
Help our youngest parishioners collect diapers for our neighbors in need! Offer your own donations, ask friends to contribute, and bring in your diapers by November 11. Contact parishioner Audrey Symes (audrey.symes@gmail.com) with questions.

Quiet Day at St. James’  Sat. Nov. 17, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Explore what the Eucharist really means at this day-long retreat led by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor and Matthew Leaoycraft. Meals provided; $20 suggested donation. RSVP to Matthew Leaoycraft.

Save the Date for Consecration Sunday!  November 18
What might it mean for you, for St. James’, and for our world to give our best gifts to help build the kingdom of God? Join us for worship and celebratory meals on November 18.

SDG Grant awarded for work in Port-au-Prince, Haiti
St. James’ is grateful to have been awarded a $10,000 Sustainable Development Goal Grant by the Diocese of New York to support teacher training with our partner St. Vincent’s Center for Children with Disabilities.

A third year for the Rev. Eva Suarez!
The Rector was pleased to announce that she has asked our Rockwell Fellow to continue for a third year, as she shepherds our new Pastoring the Community task-force, created by the Vestry in response to our Renewal Works recommendations.

Prayer List

Thanks be to God
• for our Sunday and Wednesday Bible Studies, and for the opportunities to grow in our knowledge and love of the Lord.
• for the worship life we share at St. James’, and for the leadership of parishioners who have volunteered to officiate at daily Morning and Evening Prayer in the Chapel.
• for the generosity of parishioners who have made pledges for 2018.

Your prayers are requested
• for the Rev. Eva Suarez, that her faith and ministries be guided and enlivened by the Holy Spirit through this season of Pentecost.
• for those preparing for baptism on All Saints’ Sunday, including the Milburn, Wharton, Marr, Atkins, Tomenson, Pinckney, Buchanan, and Rakes families.
• 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, Mireya, Eric, Mary, Caroly, 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, Vicki, Ramon, Pelham, Andrew, Nancy, Zoye, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Kevin, Greg, Betsy, Jeannette, Rodney, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Grace, Mary, JoAnne, Sue Ellen, Dorothy, Elnora, Harriette, 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, Josefin, Jorge, Barb, Nick, Craig, Peter and Jana, Megan, Grace, Wayne, Matthew, Isabel, Babis, Kelly, Margaret, Nancy, Silvia, Gabriella, Thomas, Chloe, Tom, Paul, Blake, Barbara, MaryAnn, Bill, Carl Jandernoo family, Alida and Martin, 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, Alex, Laura, Nicholas & Nancy, Dinnice, Teresa, Ben & Jurgen, Liam, Ann, Anton, Molitor, Bonnie, Emily, Anne Marie, Tom, Bob and Kathy, Madaline, Paul, Ken, 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, Dominick, Sarah, Ray, John, Diane, Frank, Karen & Craig, Tim, Gary, Alex, Sarah, Aaron & family, Anita, Dwain, Wayne, Elizabeth & April, Helen, Myra, Caris & Blake, Charlotte, Marcela, Amanda, Kirsten, Karen & Pareish, P.J., Josh, Peter, Josh, John, Mireya, Sam & Lisa, Britney & Oliver, Rex, Nellie & Ray, Michael & Margaret, Bill, Bruce, Anne, Daniella, Lisa, Jason, Babu, Jeffrey, Alexandra, Eijimudo, Carol, and Maria.
• for Christ Church, Red Hook, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
• for the Church of the Province of West Africa, its ministries and people, and the Most Rev. Dr. Daniel Sarto, Primate & Metropolitan, and Bishop of Kumasi 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, including Don Topper.

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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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.

LECTIO DIVINA
Mon. 6:00 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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