Invitations & Information

November 4, 2018

Dear friends,

Last December, a personal letter arrived in the mail from Brenda addressed to our nine year-old daughter Nora, thanking her for making a 2018 financial contribution to St. James. Other than putting money in the Sunday offering plate, I had never talked to Nora about giving money to St. James. I thought there must be a mix-up, so I visited Sandra De La Cruz in Stewardship and she showed me the commitment card written out in my daughter’s familiar handwriting.

Nora’s intentions were good. She didn’t understand pledging because I never told her about stewardship or how I financially support St. James. After clarification, Nora explained how, during Consecration Sunday last year, another chorister had passed her a card and she thought, “Oh, what’s this? I can give money to St. James? Why not?” Nora admits she didn’t exactly know what she was doing. But, in her eyes, “there was no better cause.” To explain her devotion to St. James, Nora dictated the following:

I’ve been at St. James’ Church for most of my life. And I love the people who work here. All of them have helped me on this journey and I am grateful to them. I have always liked being in the church. I know that God protects me when I am in this church. I enjoy singing in the church choir and being an acolyte at the 9:10 a.m. service. I like discussing the Bible with my Sunday School teachers and classmates and I try to understand the connections between the Book and everyday life. I have learned to pray at St. James and speak my mind there. It is an honor to be part of the church and participate in all the things that are going on. Sundays are always a joy.

During our time at St. James’, I have deepened my faith alongside Nora. For so many reasons, I am thankful for St. James and all the good it does for my family. On November 18, Consecration Sunday, I expect Nora and I will both be filling out commitment cards. I plan to review the process and the expectations with Nora. I recommend that other families consider doing the same.

Parishioners Justine (mother) and Nora (daughter) Keithline

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Today at St. James’

The Adult Forum: The Eucharist 10:30 a.m., Coburn Hall

Parents’ Forum 10:15 a.m., Sunderland Hall
Join Vicki Hall and the Rev. Zack Thompson for a special forum on Worshipping as a Family. This will be part two of our conversation, but all are welcome! Come and join the discussion.

Shelter Orientation 1:00 p.m., MAPC
Would you like to learn more about St. James’ ministry with homeless men in the neighborhood? Come to an Open House at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church (73rd Street) or contact Emilie Han to get involved.

3rd Grade “Story time” with the Rector 3:00 p.m., Rector’s Office
The Rev. Brenda Husson will read C.S. Lewis’ classic, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe for our third-graders. Join us, whether you’ve read them or not (reading not required!)

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!

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, November 5  Luke 12:49-59

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 - 8:30 p.m.
Overnight Shelter open (Sunday - Friday)

Tuesday, November 6  Luke 13:1-9

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.

Wednesday, November 7  Luke 13:10-17

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.
* 20s & 30s event at the Rectory  7:00 - 8:30 p.m.


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.
* Fall Parents Party  6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Education for Ministry  6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

Friday, November 9  Luke 13:31-35

Men’s Group  7:00 - 8:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer  8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
* The 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.
Evening Prayer  5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Friday Dinner Program  5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Next Sunday: November 11

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 17:8-16, Psalm 146, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Homily by the Rev. Brenda Husson.

9:10 a.m. Family Eucharist
Sermon by the Rev. Brenda Husson. The Canterbury, Junior, and Youth, Choirs offer the music of Mark A. Miller and Malcolm Archer.

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

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

The Adult Forum: The Eucharist 10:30 a.m., Coburn Hall
The Rev. Ryan Fleenor concludes our 5-week series on the Eucharist with an exploration of “why” and “how.” Why, ultimately, do we participate in the Eucharist, and how is God at work in our lives through it?

St. James’ 101 Newcomers Brunch 10:15 a.m.
Are you new to St. James’? Save the date and join the clergy and a few parishioners to learn more about St. James’ over brunch. Contact the Rev. Zack Thompson to learn more or RSVP.

3rd Grade “Story time” with the Rector 3:00 p.m., Rector’s Office
The Rev. Brenda Husson will read C.S. Lewis’ classic, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, in her office (complete with cozy fireplace) for our third-graders. Join us, whether you’ve read them or not (reading not required)!

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!

Check out our “Living Liturgy” video series
Visit stjames.org/eucharist to watch the first four videos in our weekly Living Liturgy series and get a behind-the-scenes view of the Eucharist. A new video comes out in the eNews each week this fall.

Bible Memorization Project
FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4

“I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.”  —Revelation 21:1
**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!

**Good, Bad, & Scared: About Money**  
Wednesday, 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 Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to learn more or RSVP.

**Fall Thrift Sale is here!**  
Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Support St. James’ Grants Program and shop a great selection of clothes, housewares, shoes, accessories, and more for men, women, and children—including boutique items! $5 admission before noon; contact Grace Beacham with questions.

**Youth Group returns to Haiti in 2019!**  
Sign up by November 15  
Teens ages 15-19 are invited to visit our partners at St. Vincent’s Center in Port-au-Prince over Presidents’ day weekend 2019. Space is limited; to learn more, contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis.

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

**Consecration Sunday is coming!**  
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. The Rev. Carly Hughes will be our guest preacher throughout the day.

**Civic Engagement Project**  
Sat. Nov. 17, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Help the children of incarcerated parents and volunteers of the Osborne Association paint a mural at a women’s shelter! Learn more or RSVP to Susana Ferrer by November 14.

**Thanksgiving Eve Service**  
Wed. Nov. 21, 5:00 p.m.  
Begin the Thanksgiving weekend in gratitude for God’s blessings at a special service of Holy Eucharist. All are welcome!

**Advent Wreath Workshop**  
Thu. Nov. 29, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
Our first festive event of the Advent/Christmas season is a creative evening for ALL ages (small children require supervision). We supply the makings for your wreath, including beautifully fresh greens, a straw frame, red berries, and an Advent candle set. Seasonal music sets the mood. $25 reserves your wreath. Supper is served at an additional $5 cost.

**Christmas flowers now collected**  
due December 7  
Remember or honor a loved one at Christmas by making a gift to the Altar Guild Christmas Flower fund between now and Dec. 7. Visit stjames.org/altarguild to submit names for print in the bulletin.

**Christmas Pageant sign-up begins today!**  
The Nativity story comes to life on December 16 at 4:00 p.m. in this festive offering of our youngest parishioners! Children will receive their packets in Church School today. Contact Vicki Hall to learn more or get involved.

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**Prayer List**

**Thanks be to God**

- for the marriage of Cathryn Collins & Kinchen Bizzell.
- for the baptisms of Theodore K. Milburn, Weston Aletha Wharton, Ethan Thomas Buchanan, Hannah Simonsen Atkins, Walter Scott Tomenson IV, Adams August Pinckney, Jr., and Joseph Andrew Rakos.
- for the generosity of parishioners who have made pledges for 2018.

**Your prayers are requested**

- for St. James’ on this Feast of All Saints, that the example of the Saints would encourage us to follow in the way of Christ and spread the good news of the Kingdom of God.
- 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, Miron, Alice Mary, Andy & Sabra, Izabel, Rick, Doug, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Peter, Bill, John, Prune, the Kirkpatrick family, Martha, Tom, Douglas, Vicky, Ramon, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoe, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Kevin, Greg, Betsy, Jeannette, Rodney, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Grace, Mary, John, Sue Ellen, Dorothy, Elnora, Harriett, 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, Joe, Laura, Pam, Deborah, Josefina, Jorge, Barb, Nick, Craig, Peter and Jana, Megan, Grace, Wayne, Matthew, Isabel, Babis, Kiley, Margaret, Nancy, Silvia, Gabriella, Thomas, Chloe, Tom, Paul, Blake, Barbara, MaryAnn, Bill, Carl Jandernou family, Alida and Martin, Dale, Wendy, Brunilda, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, John, Ben, Bryce, Christine, Elena, James, Elena, Kelly, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Ángelo, Isabel, Kathryn, Bruce, Brad, Hilary, Jake, Alec, Laura, Nicholas & Nancy, Donnice, Teresa, Ben & Juerian, Lin, Ann, Aaron, Molitor, Bonnie, Emily, Anne Marie, Tom, Rob and Kathy, Madaline, Ken, Deborah, Andrew, Charlie, Felicia & Alex, Roger & Jovie, Alex, Todd, John, Monique, Susie, Cilla, Rich, Karen, Helen, Hannah, Sharon, Verne, Janet, Julie, Behida, Dominic, Sarah, Ray, John, Diane, Frank, Karen & Craig, Tim, Gary, Alex, Sarah, Aaron & family, Anitra, Dwain, Wayne, Elizabeth & April, Helen, Myra, Caris & Blake, Charlotte, Kirsten, Karen & Paresh, P.J., Josh, Peter, Josh, John, Mireya, Sam & Lisa, Britney & Oliver, Rex, Nellie & Ray, Michael & Margarett, Bill, Bruce, Anne, Daniella, Lisa, Jason, Babu, Jeffrey, Alexandra, Ejimudo, Maria, Susan, Ed & family, Kenneth, Natalie, Tony, Vicki, George, Ken, Mrs. Beckman, Judy, Ryan, Gopicka, and Sundralee.
- for All Saints’ Church, Manhattan, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the Church of Ceylon, its ministries and people, and the Rt. Rev. Dhiroraj Ranjit Canagasabey, 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-falling 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.
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.

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.

Visit Us

PARISH HOUSE HOURS
Mon. - Fri. 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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