Dear friends,

Once a year on Thanksgiving many of us sit with family or friends around a table on which the centerpiece is that iconic turkey. The Norman Rockwell image lingers, though I enjoy seeing the ‘renewed’ versions that reflect our increasingly multi-ethnic country and reading articles about recent immigrants trying to figure out what to do with a turkey or exploring their own adaptations of the entire meal. In one such article, the woman preparing the feast said the holiday confused her because in her home country, all festive meals were religious.

Every Sunday, we gather with family, friends, and strangers, facing a table on which the centerpiece is a cup of wine, a plate of bread, and a basin of money. It is, of course, the Eucharist — the Greek word for thanksgiving. Indeed, the words recalling us to Jesus’ offering of the wine and the bread as his body and blood are named the Great Thanksgiving. Jesus’ words are at the center, but all that is on the table — bread, wine, and money — are symbols of our life and labor. Through Christ, they and we are consecrated and used to bring new life to us and the world.

Today, Consecration Sunday, that same gathering will happen. But on this Sunday, we will make our financial commitment for the year ahead, presenting those commitments at the altar. Through that shared act, we choose to say that we want the whole of our lives and each day to be consecrated to God, that every day in every season might be filled with thanksgiving.

The Rev. Brenda Husson, Rector

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**Today at St. James’**

**Consecration Sunday celebrations**
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? We will offer our 2019 financial commitments in worship at all services today, and hope that you will join us for celebratory meals following the 9:10, 11:15 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. services.

**Welcome, Carlye Hughes!**
The Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes, Bishop of Newark and a former Lilly Fellow here at St. James’, will be our guest preacher at 9:10, 11:15 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. We are thrilled to welcome her back to St. James’ for this festive occasion of Consecration Sunday.

**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!

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**This Sunday**

**Festive celebratory meals**
- After the 9:10 a.m. service, breakfast treats in Donegan Hall
- After the 11:15 a.m. service, lunch in Coburn Hall
- After the 6:00 p.m. service, supper in Coburn 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 celebratory meals.

**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) class & care 9:05 - 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 19

Luke 16:19-31

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 (Sunday - Friday)

Tuesday, November 20

Luke 17:1-10

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

Wednesday, November 21

Luke 11:19

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.
* Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 22

Matthew 6:25-33

* Closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Friday, November 23

Luke 18:1-8

* Church and Parish House remain closed
* Friday Dinner Program will be hosted as usual
5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Next Sunday: November 25

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4-8; John 18:33-37

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Homily by the Rev. Eva Suarez.

9:10 a.m. Family Eucharist
Sermon by the Rev. Brenda Husson. The Canterbury Choir offers music by Paul Isom, and Gerald Near.

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist
Sermon by the Rev. Eva Suarez. The Compostela Choir offers music by Francis Jackson, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Roland Martin.

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

Helping Hands
10:15 - 11:00 a.m., Primary Room
On Helping Hands Sundays we “Reach Out to Our Neighbors” through a variety of projects. Often we make desserts or meals for the Shelter. All ages are welcome to join us!

The Sunday Forum
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Coburn Hall
We begin a new 4-part Forum series, Journeying the Way of Love, to explore the spiritual practices for a Jesus-centered life. We will await the coming of Christ in Advent by moving through the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke. Luke’s gospel provides a pattern for understanding how we can live the Way of Love as individuals, as families and friends, as a community, and out in the world.

Baptism Prep
10:30 a.m., Library
Would you like to have your child baptized at St. James? Join fellow parishioners to learn more about this important sacrament. Contact the Rev. Zack Thompson to learn more or RSVP.

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 our complete Living Liturgy video series and get a behind-the-scenes view of the Eucharist.

Bible Memorization Project
Challenge yourself to commit Scripture to memory, one bit per week!

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18

“Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.”

—Hebrews 10:23
**News & Notes**

**Thanksgiving Eve Service**  
*Wednesday, 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.*  
A creative evening for ALL ages (small children require supervision)! We supply fresh greens, straw frame, red berries, and candles ($25). Seasonal music sets the mood and supper is also available ($5).

**Christmas Boutique**  
*Sun. Dec. 2, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.*  
Bring your Christmas list (and a friend!) and shop our unique vendors for clothing, candy, jewelry, gifts, and much more. 20% of sales support those in need through the St. James’ Grants Program.

**Family Friday: Gingerbread Houses!**  
*Fri. Dec. 7, 6:00-8:00 p.m.*  
Save the date and plan to make your family’s most festive Gingerbread House ($40/house) alongside other St. James’ families. More information to follow; contact Vicki Hall with questions.

**Christmas flower donations**  
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.

**Advent Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery**  
*December 7-9*  
Pause for centering silence, prayer, and reflection in a sacred, scenic, and nourishing space. Lay Associate Matthew Leaycraft, M.Div., will lead the group. $250 covers food and lodging; financial assistance is available. Contact Matt to learn more or reserve your space.

**Light in Darkness: Advent Quiet Evening**  
*Wed. December 12*  
Spend an evening in reflection and prayer, with meditations led by The Rev. Janet Vincent; with supper at 6:15 p.m., programming at 7:00 p.m., and a candlelit service of Compline at 8:15 p.m.

**Share the Joy Gift Drive**  
*through December 13*  
Help make Christmas extra magical for the children and youth of incarcerated parents through our partnership with the Osborne Association. Visit stjames.org/Advent2018 to make a personal gift.

**Children’s Christmas Pageant**  
*Sun. Dec. 16, 4:00 p.m.*  
The Christmas story comes to life for our youngest parishioners (ages 4-17)! Sign up now for the Christmas Pageant. With two rehearsals, December 8 and 15. Register online at stjames.org/pageant.

**Caroling on the Church Steps**  
*Tue. Dec. 18, 5:30 p.m.*  
Parishioners (and friends) young and old are invited to join Director of Music Davis Wortman for some old-fashioned caroling! Song A Festive Reception will follow from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Thank you, Second Time Around volunteers!**  
Thank you to all those who helped make Friday’s fall thrift sale a success. The sale earned more than $40,000 to support those in need through the St. James’ Grants Program!

**Advent Reading: The Jesse Tree, by Geraldine McCaughrean**  
Get ready to get ready for Christmas! The Jesse Tree is an Advent tradition that tells the stories of Jesus’s family tree — a great way to learn stories from the Bible each day! This Advent, join parishioners of all ages in this wonderful tradition. Geraldine McCaughrean’s *The Jesse Tree* brings the story to life especially for children. Buy your family a copy to read each day in Advent. Contact Vicki Hall.

**Prayer List**

Thanks be to God
- for the birth of Stephen Christopher Mariner, son of Ted and Amanda Mariner.
- for the faithful volunteers who made the Second Time Around Sale a great success, raising over $40,000 to help those in need in our city.
- for newcomers to our parish, and for last week’s St. James 101, which welcomed 17 newcomers.
- for the ministry of the Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes, the 11th Bishop of Newark.
- for the generosity of all who are consecrating their resources to the glory of God.

Your prayers are requested
- for St. James’, that our faith and ministries be guided and enlivened by the Holy Spirit throughout this season after Pentecost.
- 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, Feve, Rev. Edward James, Edward, Joan, Lois, Brian, Sara, Michael, Janet, Eula Mae, Carol, Kathy, Lilly, Laura, Ann & Ben, Bob, Chris, Amanda, Blanche, Victor, Vali, Charles, Seth, Jeanette, Alice, Iris, Sophie, Asher, Marielle, Maria & her parents, Frank, Lisa, Carmen, Milton, Alice Mary, Andy & Sabra, Izabel, Rick, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Bill, John, Prune, the Kirkpatrick family, Mark, Tom, Doug, Vicky, Robert, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoey, Nadine, Isabelle & Vivianne, Tracey, Kevin, Greg, Betsy, Jeannette, Rodney, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Grace, Mary, JoAnne, Sue Ellen, Dorothy, Ethnora, 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, Jose, Laura, Pam, Deborah, Josephina, Jorge, Barb, Nick, Craig, Peter and Jana, Megan, Grace, Wayne, Matthew, Isabel, Babis, Kiley, Margaret, Paul, Blake, Barbara, MaryAnn, Bill, Carl Jandernao family, Alida and Martin, Dale, Wendy, Brunilda, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, John, Ben, Bryce, Elena, James, Elena, Kelly, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Angela, Kathryn, Hilary, Jake, Laura, Nicholas & Nancy, Donnice, Teresa, Ben & Juergen, Liam, Ann, Aaron, Molitor, Emily, Madaline, Deborah, Andrew, Charlie, Felicia & Alex & Jovie, John, Monique, Susie, Cilla, Rich, Sharon, Janet, Julie, Behida, Sarah, Ray, John, Diane, Frank, Karen & Craig, Gary, Sarah, Aaron & family, Anita, Dwain, Helen, Caris & Blake, Charlotte, Josh, Peter, Nellie & Ray, Bill, Anne, Lisa, Jason, Jeffrey, Alexandra, Ed & family, Kenneth, Natalie, Tony, Vicky, George, Ken, Mrs. Beckman, Judy, Ryan, Copicka, Sandralee, Steve, Peggy, Bill, Justin, Whitney, Kathleen, Roy, Diana & Hubert, Cheryle, Robert, Erik, Marilyn, Thelma, Mary Dean, Charlotte, Dorothy, Peg, Nereida, and Andrea.
- for St. Mark’s Church (Nepera Park), Yonkers, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the Diocese of Bermuda, its ministries and people, and the Rt. Rev. Nicholas Dill, 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 Marvin Blakey.

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 Hutcherson, Sr. Warden · Jennifer Charrington, Jr. Warden

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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. · 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 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays - 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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