Dear friends,

Each year as Advent approaches and the long “green season” after Pentecost comes to a close, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. To call Jesus Kyrios (Lord or King) is as old as the earliest recorded writings we have. Take the opening salutation from Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians, “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Nevertheless, this Feast is relatively new. It was instituted in 1925. Consider for a moment that it was in 1925 that Joseph Stalin took control of the Soviet Union. And it was in early 1925 that Benito Mussolini disbanded the Italian Parliament and became a dictator. Adolf Hitler, while not yet solidly in control of Germany, was on the rise. It was in 1925 that he published his work, Mein Kampf.

We often hear Kyrios (Lord) as a religious title, appropriately affixed to the name of Jesus. But that is not how our brothers and sisters in Corinth in the first century heard Kyrios. Caesar had the title of Kyrios. To give the title to Jesus meant that Caesar had to lose it. Perhaps we need to hear it like this to get what Paul is after: “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Caesar/President/King Jesus Christ.”

Sometimes we do not like to hear that Christianity is political. This might be true for a couple of reasons. One good reason is that Christians have sometimes failed monumentally to walk in love as Christ loved us, and so we have caused great harm. Another reason is that we do not want the Gospel to challenge our political allegiances, so we tame Christianity and call it our religion. Friends, our celebration of the Feast of Christ the King needs to challenge us to encounter the Gospel for what it is: the good news that a crucified servant, who laid down his life out of love for the whole world, is Kyrios over all things in heaven and on earth. Serving this King with our whole lives, our souls and bodies, is a political choice. It was so in the year 125 and 1925, and so it is in 2018.

The Rev. Zack Thompson, Associate Rector

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Today at St. James’

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. Today, we’ll make desserts for the guests at the Overnight 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.

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.
**Next Sunday: December 2**

**The First Sunday of Advent**


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

9:10 a.m. Children’s Eucharist  
Sermon by the Rev. Eva Suarez. The Canterbury Choir, Cherub, Primary, Junior, and Youth Choirs offer music by Barry Rose and Paul O. Manz.

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist  
Sermon by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor. The Compostela Choir offers music by Daniel Roth, Charles Wood, and Bruce Saylor.

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion  
Sermon by Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries. Music for piano and oboe.

**Christmas Boutique** 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Coburn Hall  
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.

**The Sunday Forum** 10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Sunderland Hall  
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**Sister Corita Exhibit & Reception** 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., 5th Floor  
All are invited to an “Open House” in celebration of several pieces of artwork by Sister Corita, an artist, educator, social justice advocate, and religious sister. Eleven prints were generously donated by parishioner Juanita Dugdale for permanent exhibition and original prints are on loan from the Rt. Rev. Hays Rockwell.

**Afternoon Bible Study** 4:30 p.m., Sunderland Hall  
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**Bible Memorization Project**

_Challenge yourself to commit Scripture to memory, one bit per week!_

**FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25**

“Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’”

—John 18:37
Advent Wreath Workshop  Thursday, 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).

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.

Friday Friends: Messy Games Night  Fri. Dec. 7, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
5th, 6th, 7th Graders and their friends are invited to a Messy Game Night,
with prizes and festive holiday cheer! Dinner included.
Contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to learn more or RSVP.

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.

St. Nick’s Young Adult Party  Fri. Dec. 8, 7:00 -10:00 p.m.
Join with young adults from around the Diocese to celebrate the
Christmas season at Saint Thomas Church, Fifth Ave. Contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to learn more or to RSVP.

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 candletit 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,
Dec. 8 and 15. Learn more and register 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! A festive
reception will follow from 6:00 -7:00 p.m.

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
yourself or your family a copy to read each day in Advent.

Thank you, Consecration Sunday participants!
Thank you to all those made Consecration Sunday last week so special. More than 200 commitments were offered for the 2019 year
(57 of which were new and 87 of which were increases over 2018)!

News & Notes

Prayer List

Thanks be to God

• for the generosity of all who have made 2019 financial commitments.
• for the faithful volunteers who serve at the Lunch Program, Dinner Program, and Homeless Shelter ministry.

Your prayers are requested

• for our parish Church on this Feast of Christ the King, that we follow
Christ’s self-sacrificing example of serving all people in humility and love.
• 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, 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,
Izabel, Rick, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Bill, John, Prune, the Kirkpatrick
family, Martha, Tom, Douglas, Vicky, Ramon, Pelham, Anthony,
Nancy, Zoey, Nadine, Isabel & Viviane, Tracey, Kevin, Greg, Betsy,
Jeannette, Rodney, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Grace, Mary, JoAnne, 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, Joe, Laura, Pam, Josefina, Jorge, Barb, Nick, Craig, Peter and
Jana, Megan, Grace, Wayne, Matthew, Isabel, Babis, Killey, Margaret,
Paul, Blake, Barbara, MaryAnn, Bill, Carl Jandernoa family, Alida and
Martin, Dale, Wendy, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, John, Ben, Bryce,
Elena, James, Elena, Kelly, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Anglo, Kathryn,
Hilary, Jake, Laura, Nicholas & Nancy, Donna, Teresa, Ben & Juergen,
Liam, Ann, Aaron, Melotor, Emily, Madaline, Deborah, Andrew, Charlie,
Felicia & Alex, Roger & 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, Tony, Vicky, George, Ryan, Gopicka, Sandralec, Steve,
Peggy, Bill, Justin, Whitney, Kathleen, Roy, Diana & Hubert, Cheryle,
Robert, Erik, Marilyn, Thelma, May Dean, Dorothy, Peg, Nereida,
Andrea, Monica, Chris, Daniel & Katria, C.T., Devadas, Chase, Jean,
and Kimberly.

• for St. Mary’s Church (Castleton), Staten Island, according to the
Diocesan cycle of prayer.
• for the Lusitanian Church, its ministries and people, and the Rt. Rev.
Jorge Pina Cabral, 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.
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- Hugh Boston
- Gerlinde Brixius
- Tristan Bultman
- Stephen de Francesco
- Susanna Guffey
- Elizabeth Littlejohn
- Marcy Sendax
- Lisa Smith
- Anne Strassner
- George Wade
- Mary Malhotra,
  Vestry Officer for Stewardship
- Kathleen Connelly,
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our city and the world.

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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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