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Dear friends,

“You’re such a saint!” Depending on your context, these words can mean radically different things. They might be a sign of admiration: “thank you for taking that on, you’re such a saint!” Alternatively, the same words might be used to dismiss someone as too naïve or unworldly: “you’re such a saint, you wouldn’t understand.” Either way, the phrase has a not-so-subtle effect of distancing ourselves: You are a saint, for better or worse, and I am not.

That, of course, is not what the New Testament means by “saint.” There the word is used to describe any and every member of the Church, each and every person who seeks to follow Jesus. We are all saints. Some follow better than others, of course, and in her wisdom the Church has chosen to remember some by name that we might be inspired by their stories.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whom we remember this weekend, was one of those saints. He wasn’t perfect; he had his flaws and weaknesses and blindspots like everyone else. But he had something else: he knew Jesus, and that relationship not only changed his life, it changed ours as well. King’s relationship with Jesus gave him a vision of the world as God would have it, and the faith and confidence to be bold in pursuit of that vision. The vision wasn’t his alone; the strength to pursue it wasn’t his alone either. These things came from God. May we, in our own day, catch God’s vision, receive God’s strength, and be the saints Christ has called us to be.

In Christ,
The Rev. Ryan Fleenor, Vicar

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**Today at St. James’**

**The Big Questions** 10:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
The Rev. Brenda Husson continues our “Big Questions” series with *Trinity, part 3: What is the Holy Spirit really?* Join us at the 10:30 a.m. Forum and 4:30 p.m. Bible study as we explore together some of the biggest questions Christians ask and are asked.

**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!

**Mexican Border Presentation** 12:30 p.m., Coburn Hall
Join us for a special presentation by the Revs. Brenda Husson and Eva Suarez about their recent trip to the U.S.-Mexico border, and learn more about how people of faith are seeking to respond to the humanitarian crisis on our southern border. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

**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 Nartex.
- 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: January 27**

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31;  
Luke 4:14-21

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Homily by the Rev. Zack Thompson.

9:10 a.m. Family Eucharist  
Sermon by the Rev. Zack Thompson. The Canterbury, Junior, and  
Youth Choirs offer music by Maurice Greene and Felix Mendelssohn.

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist  
Sermon by the Rev. Brenda Husson. The Compostela Choir offers  
music by Daniel Roth and Edward Elgar.

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion  
Sermon by Matthew Leaycraft, Lay Associate. Music for piano and  
cello.

**The Big Questions 10:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.**  
The Rev. Zack Thompson continues our “Big Questions” series with  
**Question 4: How are we meant to read the Bible now?** Join us at the  
10:30 a.m. Forum and 4:30 p.m. Bible study as we explore together  
some of the biggest questions Christians ask and are asked.

A special Epiphany performance 1:30 p.m., Church  
Next Sunday afternoon, members of our own congregation  
(supplemented with a few professionals) will present *Good King  
Wenceslas*, a play by noted author Katherine Paterson, author of the  
*Bridge to Terabithia*. The play, directed by parishioner Sabra Jones  
and performed in the church, reminds us that Chris is ever in our  
midst. Free and open to the public.

**Thank you! Thank you!**  
A huge thank you to everyone who gave so generously in 2018  
to support our mission and ministries. We reached 95% of our  
financial goal for the year. Your generosity makes possible the  
important work we share in this parish community.

**Epiphany 2019: Offering our best gifts**  
If you have not yet made a 2019 financial commitment, please  
consider doing so today. Visit [stjames.org/2019commitment](http://stjames.org/2019commitment)  
to make a commitment or [stjames.org/give](http://stjames.org/give) to set up a recurring  
weekly or monthly gift. By offering our best gifts to God, we invest  
ourselves in building God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

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**This Week**

* Special this week  
Learn more at [stjames.org/calendar](http://stjames.org/calendar)

**Monday, January 21**  
Mark 3:7-19

* Church & Parish House closed in observance of MLK, Jr. Day  
Overnight Shelter open (Sunday - Friday)

**Tuesday, January 22**  
Mark 3:19-35

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* The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

**Bible Memorization Project**

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 20  
Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.  
—1 Corinthians 12:4
**News & Notes**

**Movie Night: “The Way”**  Fri. Jan 25, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
The St. Jamesians host an all-ages, parish-wide screening of a film about a father who travels the Camino de Santiago to learn about his estranged son. Contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to learn more.

**The Catechumenate**  Thursdays, Jan. 31 - Apr. 11, 6:30 p.m.
Learn more about what it means to live as a Christian in 21st century New York. We’ll gather weekly for a meal, talk on a question of faith, discussion, and prayer. Visit stjames.org/catechumenate.

**Funeral: Steven P. Schinke**  Fri. Feb. 1, 11:00 a.m.
A funeral service will be held for Steven P. Schinke, former warden of St. James’ who died at his home in Connecticut on January 1.

**Middle School Game Night**  Fri. Feb. 1, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
All 5th - 7th Graders (and friends) are invited for dinner and Sleeping Bag Worm Races, Human Tic-Tac-Toe; Ready, Aim, Starburst; and much more! Contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to learn more.

**Winter Parish Supper**  Wed. Feb. 6, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
You’re invited to an evening of good food, festive drink, and lively conversation! Children and teens are welcome; nursery care is also available. Suggested $15 donation. Please RSVP to Grace Beacham.

**Absalom Jones Celebration**  Sat. Feb. 9, 10:30 a.m.
Join parishioners from around the Diocese for a special service at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in celebration of Absalom Jones, first African-American priest in the Episcopal Church. Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows of Indianapolis will be the preacher.

**Albion Prison visit**  May 2 - 3
Volunteer to chaperone children on a visit to see their incarcerated mothers upstate. Please contact Susana Ferrer to learn more about this exciting and transformative ministry.

**Join a small group this winter!**
Take a deep dive into the tenants of our faith in weekly, hour-long groups reflecting on Ben Myers’, The Apostles’ Creed: A Guide to the Ancient Catechism. Contact the Rev. Ryan Fleenor to learn more.

**Offering Envelopes available**
If you or your child use offering envelopes to make your weekly financial contribution, they may be picked up outside Sunderland Hall. Questions? Contact Sandra De La Cruz.

**Nominating a Vestry Member for election this May**
In May, the parish will elect four Vestry members and one Warden. David Andryc, Lisa Smith, and George Wade will complete their Vestry terms and are ineligible for re-election. Marcy Sendax will complete her first Vestry term and is eligible for re-election. Sam Hutcheson will also complete his term as Warden and is ineligible for re-election.

Help ensure that the 2019 Vestry slate reflects the breadth of our community. Nomination forms may be found on the website, as well as in the Narthex, outside Sunderland Hall, and in the Parish House. Please return forms to the box in the Parish House reception area, or email Lisa Smith at LimeSmith155@gmail.com

Feel free to speak to any member of the Nominating Committee as well: Lisa Smith (chair), Missy Condo, Stephen de Francesco, Joni Grossman, Justine Keithline, Giusi LaCarra, Andrew Lawton, George Wade, and Brenda Husson (ex officio).

**Prayer List**

**Thanks be to God**
- for the new life in Christ of Lea Cristin Giron-Garcia, baptized last Sunday
- for the birth of Henry Marne Obernauer, son of Caitlin and Mike Obernauer
- for the faith and witness of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- for the generosity of parishioners who have made pledges for 2019; and for all who share in the financial support of the parish.

**Your prayers are requested**
- for St. James’ this Epiphany season, that being illuminated by Word and Sacrament, we may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that his light may be known to the ends of the earth.
- for our ongoing work with St. Vincent’s Center for Children with Disabilities in the Diocese of Haiti, and for the members of our youth group and their chaperones preparing to visit St. Vincent’s in February.
- for members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Donald, Henry, David, 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, Ian, Rick, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Bill, John, Prune, the Kirkpatrick family, Tom, Douglas, Vicky, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoe, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Kevin, Greg, Betsy, Jeannette, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Grace, Mary, Joanne, Dorothy, Elorna, Harris, Alex, Marc, Travers, Madge & Bill, Christopher, Margot, James, Peggy, Katharine, Jerry, Casey, John & Catherine, Theresa, Ruth, Filip, Sandy, Dick, John, George, Peter, Samuel, Jose, Laura, Pam, Barb, Craig, Peter, and Jana, Megan, Grace, Wayne, Matthew, Isabel, Babis, Kiley, Margaret, Paul, Barbara, Mary Ann, Bill, Carl Jandernoa family, Dale, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, Ben, Bryce, Elena, James, Elena, Kelly, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Angelo, Kathryn, Hilary, Jake, Donniche, Teresa, Ben & Juergen, Liam, Ann, Aaron, Miltont, 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, Steve, Peggy, Bill, May Dean, Dorothy, Peg, Nereida, Andrea, Monica, C.T., Chase, Jean, Kimberly, Alice, Jeff, Claude, Matthew, Jada, Sarah, Steven, John, Paul, Blake & Pamela, Orville, Gabrielle, Pamela, Paula, Lauren, Jiji, The Varga Family, Elena, Allison, Lois, Jane & Peter, Emily, Ann, Judy, Lucita, Pat, Robert, Jorge, Jamal, Vera, Joyce, Stephanie, Steph, Shakiera, Brad, Connie, Tony, Ryan and the Malosh family, Angelene, Elissa, Angela, Lynette, and Jim.
- for the Church of South India Congregation of Hudson Valley, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the United Church of Bangladesh, its ministries and people, and the Most Rev. Paul Shishir Sarker, Moderator of the Church of Bangladesh & Bishop of Dhaka, 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 John Phillip Logun, George Welsh, John E. Merow, Mary Alyce Merow, and Jason Spindler.
The Clergy & Lay Staff

The Vestry
Sam Hutcherson, Sr. Warden · Jennifer Charrington, Jr. Warden

David Andryc
Sue Bennett
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,
Youth Representative

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.

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Wednesdays · 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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