Dear friends,

On Wednesday night at the Winter Parish Supper I found myself in a conversation with a fellow parishioner about a mission trip he took with a group from St. James’ a little more than a decade ago. (I leave next week with a group of teenagers to visit our partners at St. Vincent’s School in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, so it was a timely conversation!) Among the many powerful experiences he shared, the one that stuck out to me was how he learned that the most important part of the trip was simply learning to be with those he thought he was going to serve. For while we may go having something to offer, we also have something to receive, something to learn. And the most important thing to learn is just to be, to be with, to be in relationship. Although he did not say it directly, I understood this as a way of saying it is not “us and them,” or “us serving them,” or even “them serving us,” but rather us just being us together.

Who is our community? Sure, there’s us as St. James’, and there’s us as New Yorkers. But there’s a bigger “us” too. As the youth are preparing for our trip to Haiti next weekend, I have been thinking about what these trips are really about. St. James’ has a partnership with St. Vincent’s in Haiti, and we return year after year because our goal is to build relationship. We are there not to have us and them, but to have us together, sharing this human experience as beloved children of God.

In Christ,
Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis
Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries
Next Sunday: February 17

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; 1 Cor. 15:12-20; Luke 6:17-26

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

9:10 a.m. Family Eucharist
Sermon by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor. The Canterbury Choir offers music by G.F. Handel and James Gossler.

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist
Sermon by the Rev. Brenda Husson. The Compostela Choir offers music by Charles V. Stanford and William H. Harris.

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

The Big Questions 10:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
The Rev. Eva Suarez continues our “Big Questions” series with Question 7: What does it mean to be “saved”? And what about other faiths? 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.

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. All ages are invited to the Primary Room to lend a hand. Contact Vicki Hall to learn more.

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

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10
Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”
And I said, “Here am I; send me!”
—Isaiah 6:8
**News & Notes**

**Spiritual Gifts Inventory underway!**
Throughout the month of February, parishioners will be encouraged to take an online, 20-minute spiritual gifts inventory. We will receive our results on March 10, beginning a Lenten Forum series on discovering, nurturing, and using our spiritual gifts. Visit stjames.org/spiritual-gifts to take the inventory!

**Youth Missioners depart for Haiti**
On Friday, 10 youth and 3 chaperones depart for a four-day mission trip to be with our partners at St. Vincent’s Center for Children with Disabilities in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Please keep the group in your prayers, and stay tuned for more opportunities to learn about their experience when they return.

**Interim Communications Director begins**
As Chris Veillon begins her maternity leave through April, St. James’ is pleased to welcome Sarah Vogwill as Interim Director of Communications. Sarah comes to us with a wealth of experience, and we are very glad to have her with us. She may be contacted at communications@stjames.org or by calling 212-774-4244.

**St. James’ hosts national clergy gathering**
This week, St. James’ hosted 25 clergy from around the country for a two-day conference about forming disciples of Jesus in a changing world and religious landscape, using Tod Bolsinger’s book, *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory.*

**Last chance! Catechumenate underway**
Thursdays, 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.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**
Tue. Mar. 5, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Join us for a “Fat Tuesday” feast with parishioners of all ages at the festive annual celebration before the start of Lent. Contact Grace Beacham to learn more or get involved.

**Ash Wednesday**
Wed. March 6
Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, our 40 day journey toward Holy Week and Easter. Services of Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes will be held at 8:00 a.m., 12:00, and 6:00 p.m. A Children’s Eucharist with Ashes will be held at 4:30 p.m. If you would like to participate in “Ashes to Go,” offering the imposition of ashes at nearby subway stations during the morning commute, please contact the Rev. Ryan Fleenor.

**Epiphany 2019: Offering our best gifts**
We are delighted to share that over 350 households have offered financial commitments for 2019, helping us to reach 88% of our financial goal for the year. Thank you!
If you haven’t yet made your commitment, please join us. We want to be “all in” as we offer our best gift for God’s work in this city. Visit stjames.org/2019commitment to make a commitment or 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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**Prayer List**

**Thanks be to God**
- for the births of Miller Ramsey Rominiecki (“Mills”), daughter of Ryan and Helen Rominiecki, and Louise Coolidge Gerard, daughter of Celia Gerard.
- 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: Susana Ferrer, Dan Noble, Jeremy Curtis, Caroline Baynard, Kathleen Connelly, William Connelly, Laura Lyle, Eva McCoy, Sophia McCoy, Nick Roker, Helen Scarborough, Baker Smith, and Lilly Smith.
- for members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Donald, Henry, David, Terry & Mary Jane, Mal, Elena, Cynthia, Pam, Caroline & Michael, Walterene, James Edward, Joan, Lois, Brian, Michael, Janet, Eula Mae, Carol, Kathy, Jane, Lilly, Laura, Ann & Bob, Bob, Chris, Amanda, Blanche, Victor, Valli, Charles, Seth, Jeanette, Alice, Iris, Sophia, Marie & her parents, Frank, Lisa, Carmen, Milton, Alice, Mary, Andy & Sabra, Isabel, Rick, Peter & Diane, Ben, Bill, John, Prune, the Kirkpatrick family, Tom, Douglas, Vicky, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoey, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Kevin, Greg, Betsy, Jeannette, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Mary, JoAnne, Dorothy, Elnora, Harriet, Alex, Marc, Travers, Madge & Bill, Christopher, Margot, James, Peggy, Katharine, Jerry, Casey, John & Catherine, Therese, 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, MaryAnn, Bill, Carl Jandernoa family, Dale, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, Ben, Bryce, James, Elena, Kelly, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Angelo, Kathryn, Jake, Donnice, Teresa, Ben & Juergen, Liam, Ann, Aaron, Molitor, 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, Jason, Jeffrey, Alexandra, Ed & family, Kenneth, Tony, Vicky, George, Ryan, Steve, Peggy, Bill, May Dean, Dorothy, Peg, Nereida, Andrea, Monica, Chase, Jean, Kimberly, Alice, Jeff, Claude, Matthew, Jada, Sarah, Steven, John, Paul, Blake & Pamela, Orville, Gabrielle, Pamela, Paula, Lauren, Elena, Allison, Lois, Jane & Peter, Emily, Ann, Pat, Robert, Jorge, Shakkiera, Brad, Connie, Ryan and the Malosh family, Lynette, Jim, Karen, Olivia, Homer, Grace, Kim, Joe, Serina, & Tom.
- for the Church of the Crucifixion, Manhattan, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the Anglican Church of Canada, its ministries and people, and the Most Rev. Frederick Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, 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 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 Polly Rodie (friend of Matthew Leaacyraft), Joan Chasik (aunt of Tom Keller), Rushia Sparks (mother of Terri Putt), and George Thomas.
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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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