Invitations & Information
February 17, 2019

Dear friends,

One of my favorite prayers in the Prayer Book comes near the end of Compline. Meant to be said shortly before falling asleep, it speaks of we who are “wearied by the changes and chances of life,” and asks that God might help us rest in God’s “eternal changelessness.” It is the perfect prayer to surrender the day past into God’s loving arms, and to find the courage to rest in the truth that God’s “got this,” whatever “this” is.

It’s one of my favorite prayers because, unfortunately, it’s one that speaks to me most consistently. We spend so much time and energy trying to manage our worlds and control the direction of our lives, and yet life is full of “changes and chances” beyond our control. Some are positive; many are not. Just last week, this letter was about our youth traveling to Haiti, and yet early this week we had to cancel the trip due to violent civil unrest in Port-au-Prince. (It almost goes without saying, but please keep our partners at St. Vincent’s in your prayers during this tense and scary time.) The illusion of control is a painful one to surrender, and yet life has a way of recalling us to the truth that we are not masters of the universe. God is. And while “changes and chances” may weary us, it is God who holds us—God’s love that never changes—God’s resurrection power that will bring us all through the long nights of this life into the blessed peace and joy of the kingdom.

In Christ, The Rev. Ryan Fleenor, Vicar

Today at St. James’

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 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. This week we make desserts for the men residing in our shelter. All ages are invited to the Primary Room to lend a hand. Contact Vicki Hall to learn more.

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!

Please take note that the Church and Parish House will be closed on Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents’ Day.

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, February 18**
Mark 11:1:11
* Church & Parish House closes for Presidents’ Day holiday
Overnight Shelter open (Sunday - Friday)

**Tuesday, February 19**
Mark 11:12-26
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.
Canterbury Choir rehearsal 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 20**
Mark 11:27 - 12:12
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.

**Thursday, February 21**
Mark 12:13-27
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.
Thursdays for Families 4:45 - 6:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
The Catechumenate 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Education for Ministry 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.

**Friday, February 22**
Mark 12:28-34
Men’s Group 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
24-36 month Playgroup 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Centering Prayer 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
Big Questions small group 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Evening Prayer 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Friday Dinner Program 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Next Sunday: February 24**

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

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

9:10 a.m. Family Eucharist
Sermon by the Rev. Zack Thompson. The Canterbury, Junior and Youth Choirs offer music by Martin How and Leo Sowerby.

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist
Sermon by the Rev. Eva Suarez. The Compostela Choir offers music by Jonathan Dove, Johannes Brahms, and David Goodenough.

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

**The Big Questions** 10:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
The Rev. Ryan Fleenor continues our “Big Questions” series with Question 8: Where do we go when we die? 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.

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.

**St. James’ 101 Newcomer Brunch** 10:30 a.m., Sunderland Hall
Are you new to St. James? Learn more from the Rector, clergy, lay staff, and active parishioners about our life of faith. Contact the Rev. Zack Thompson to learn more or to RSVP.

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**Epiphany 2019: Offering our best gifts**
We are delighted to share that over 375 households have offered financial commitments for 2019, helping us to reach 93% 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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**Bible Memorization Project**
Challenge yourself to commit Scripture to memory, one bit per week!

**FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17**
Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. —Luke 6:20-21
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.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Wed. March 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. $10 suggested donation. Don’t miss out on the Annual Pancake Race! We need everyone’s help to make this year’s Alleluia banner. Every adult and child will have the opportunity to decorate a small wooden cross that will then be incorporated into one large installation. Crosses and decorating supplies will be provided. 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.

Bingo Night Fri. March 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Join us for Family Friday Bingo Night March 8. We will make delicious sandwiches for NY Common Pantry, enjoy pizza for dinner, and have a fun evening of BINGO! $5 per person. Maximum of $20 for any family. Friends are always welcome.

Friday Friends Fri. March 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Join us for Karaoke and Music Games. 5th, 6th, 7th graders and friends. We will meet in the Atrium; dinner is included. Suggested donation $5 per person. To RSVP or for questions contact Jeremy at jcveillon@stjames.org.

Osborne Youth Outing Sat. March 9, 11:00-2:00 p.m.
Enjoy a movie outing in downtown Brooklyn with the children of incarcerated parents. A great way to get involved in this incredible ministry. For more information and to RSVP please email parishioner Elaine Connelly (connellyem@hotmail.com).

St. Jamesians Lenten Small Group Beg. Mon. March 11, 7 p.m.
Join other young adults, on Mondays in Lent, in reading “Being Disciples” by Rowan Williams. Snacks and books provided. To reserve your copy contact Jeremy Curtis. $10 suggested donation. Meet in the Crowder Youth Room.

NEW! St. James Church Audio and Video Offerings
We are excited to share that Sunday sermons and Forums are now available for download as podcasts. You can search for “St. James Church” in iTunes and on Google Play, as well as on Podbean, Stitcher and Tune-In. Like what you hear? Subscribe, rate or share with a friend.

Prayer List

Thanks to God
• for the birth of Lucy Joan Marie Veillon, daughter of Chris and Peter Veillon.
• 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 partners at St. Vincent’s School and in the Diocese of Haiti, during this time of conflict and civil unrest.
• 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, Michael, Janet, Eula Mae, Carol, Kathy, Jane, Lilly, Laura, Ann & Ben, Bob, Chris, Amanda, Blanche, Victor, Valli, Charles, Seth, Jeanette, Alice, Iris, Sophie, Maria & her parents, Frank, Lisa, Carmen, Milton, Alice Mary, Andy & Sabra, Izabel, Rick, Peter & Diianne, 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, Mary, JoAnne, Dorothy, Elnora, Harriett, Alex, Marc, Travers, Madge & Bill, Christopher, Margot, James, Peggy, Kartharine, Jerry, Cases, John & Catherine, Theresa, Ruth, Filip, Sandy, Dick, John, George, Peter, Samuel, Joe, Laura, Pam, Barb, Craig, Peter and Jana, Megan, Grace, Wayne, Matthew, Isabel, Babis, Kiley, Margaret, Paul, Barbara, MaryAnn, Bill, Carl Jardnowa family, Dale, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, Ben, Bryce, James, Elena, Kelly, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Angelo, Kathryn, Jake, Donnice, Teresa, Ben & Juergen, Liam, Ann, Aaron, Moliitor, 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, Shakiera, Brad, Connie, Ryan and the Malosh family, Lynette, Jim, Karen, Olivia, Homer, Grace, Kim, Joe & Serina, Tom, Kenneth, Philip, Drew, Taylor, and Layla, Kathlyn & Terrance, Missy, Ron, Mark, Joe, Justin & Jennifer.

• For St. John’s Church, South Salem, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
• for the Church of the Province of Central Africa, its ministries and people, and the Most Rev. Albert Chama, Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia, 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 Gregory Harvey.

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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.

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