Invitations & Information

February 24, 2019

What is repentance, if not an opportunity to change our lives in ways that could bring us relief, and even joy?

Today at St. James’

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.

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.

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 to RSVP.

Last chance for Spiritual Gifts Inventory!
Throughout the month of February, parishioners have been 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.

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.

Dear friends,

I was making announcements at our 6pm service this past Sunday, going down the list I had half-scribbled in my bulletin. Welcome? Check. Start here card? Check. I kept my voice cheerful and bright, hoping people would feel welcome to come and join us. Just as chirpy, just as excited, I then told the assembled congregation, “Just remember, Lent is coming!” It immediately sounded funny to my ears, and I can admit that I felt a little embarrassed.

The exhortation that “Lent is coming!” isn’t usually declared with lots of pep and a big goofy smile. Lent has a reputation as a solemn season, when our “alleluias” are put away, our music may take on a minor key, and the confession of our sins in worship can take on a new feeling of prominence. The season begins when we mark our face with ashes, remembering that we are but dust, and to dust we shall return. It’s not exactly cheerful stuff—or is it? What is repentance, if not an opportunity to change our lives in ways that could bring us relief, and even joy? When worship can take a more solemn tone, isn’t that an opportunity to even more treasure our praise, to savor our alleluias while we may, and cheer them out once more when Christ is risen? Yes, I am excited to observe a holy Lent! Excited for the chance to reset, to examine my relationships and my priorities, even to remember my own mortality—and to give thanks for my “one wild and precious life”, in the words of poet Mary Oliver. So mark your calendars for our pancake supper on March 5th, and Ash Wednesday services on March 6th—it’s time to get excited about Lent!

In Christ,
The Rev. Eva Suarez, Rockwell Fellow
**This Week**

Learn more at stjames.org/calendar

**Monday, February 25**

Matthew 5:1-12

- 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.
- Big Questions small group: 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Overnight Shelter open (Sunday - Friday)

**Tuesday, February 26**

Matthew 5:13-20

- 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.
- Cherub Choir rehearsal: 3:45-4:15 p.m.
- Junior Choir rehearsal: 4:30-5:30 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 27**

Matthew 5:21-26

- 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 28**

Matthew 5:27-37

- 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.
- Primary Choir Rehearsal: 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, March 1**

Matthew 5:38-48

- 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.

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**Next Sunday: March 3**

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany


**8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

Homily by Matthew Leaycraft, Lay Associate.

**9:10 a.m. Family Eucharist**

Sermon by the Rev. Eva Suarez. The Canterbury, Junior and Youth Choirs offer music by Christopher Hogan and W.A. Mozart.

**11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist**

Sermon by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor. The Compostela Choir offers music by Benjamin Britten, G.F. Handel and Larry Moore.

**6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion**


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**The Big Questions**

**10:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.**

The Rev. Ryan Fleenor concludes our “Big Questions” series with “Question 9: If all this is true, how then shall I live? (AKA Why is my life important?)” 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.

**Parenting Forum**

**10:30 a.m., Sunderland Hall**

Lent is around the corner! Join the Rev. Eva Suarez for a look at creative ways to observe the season of Lent together as a family.

**Budget Q&A**

**10:30 a.m., 5th fl**

The Rector, Wardens and Treasurer will be available next week between the 9:10 and 11:15 a.m. Eucharists to give an update and answer questions about the 2019 parish budget.

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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 24**

“I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you...Do to others as you would have them do to you.” —Luke 6:27-28, 31
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
**Tue. March 5, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**
Join us for a “Fat Tuesday” feast with parishioners of all ages. We need everyone’s help to make this year’s Alleluia banner. All decorating supplies will be provided. $10 suggested donation. Contact Grace Beacham to learn more or get involved.

Ash Wednesday  
**Wed. March 6**
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.

Family Friday 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 Diakonov-Curtis at jcurtis@stjames.org.

Osborne Youth Outing  
**Sat. March 9, 11:00-2:00 p.m.**
Join us in a movie outing in downtown Brooklyn with the children of incarcerated parents. Movie and exact time will be announced a few days in advance. Please RSVP by March 6 to parishioner Elaine Connelly at 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.

Lenten organ concert  
**Fri. Mar. 15, 7:00 p.m.**
Stephen Tharp will offer Marcel Dupré’s “Stations of the Cross,” based on the traditional 14-station Way of the Cross, with readings offered by parishioner Stephen de Francesco. An evening of amazing music and powerful poetry, not to be missed!

Lenten Quiet Day  
**Sat. Mar. 16, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.**
Parishioner Brad Whitehurst and the Rev. Ryan Fleenor will lead a Quiet Day in reflection on the mystical vision of the great 17th century Anglican poet and priest, George Herbert. To reserve a spot, RSVP to Ryan by March 10.

Vestry Nominations Announced  
On Feb. 19, the Nominating Committee presented its slate of candidates to be elected to the Vestry at the Annual Meeting on May 5. Missy Condo has been nominated for a 2-year term as Warden; Richard Brown, Dolly Geary, Marcy Sendax, and Bob Stinson have been nominated for 3-year terms. Additional nominations by petition, signed by 20 eligible parishioners, may be made until March 12. Many thanks to those who submitted nominations and especially to those who were willing to be considered for Vestry service. Additional information is available on the Vestry bulletin board in the Parish House and at www.stjames.org/vestry.

**Thanks be to God**
- for the births of Lucy Joan Marie Veillon, daughter of Christine & Peter Veillon; Avery Clementine Demichyk, niece of Jennifer & Peter Charrington; and Wesley Scott Curtis, nephew of Daria & Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis.
- 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 illumined 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; Janina, Ciana Mac, Carol, Kathy, Jane, Lily, Laura, Ann & Ben; Bob, Chris, Amanda, Blanche, Victor, Valli, Charles, Seth, Jeanette, Alice, Iris,Sophia, Maria & her parents; Frank, Lisa, Carmen, Milton, Alice Mary, Andy & Sabra, Isabel, Rick, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Bill, John, Prune, the Kirkpatrick family, Tom, Douglas, Vicky, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoey, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Kevin, Greg, Betsy, Jeanette, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Mary; JoAnne, Dorothy, Elnora, Harriet, Alex, Marc, Travers, Madge & Bill, Christopher, Margot, James, Peggy, Katharine, Jerry, Casey, John & Catherine, Ruth, Flipp, 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 & Juengen, Liam, Aiden, Kellen, Aaron, Molitor, Jaden, Emily, Madaline, Deborah, Andrew, Charlie, Felicia & Alex, Roger & Jovie, John, Monique, Susie, Cilla, Rich, Sharon, Janet, Julie, Bchida, 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, Tony, Vicky, George, Ryan, Steve, Peggy, Bill, May Dean, Dorothy, Pef, Nereida, Andrea, Monica, Chance, Jean, Kimberly, Alice, Jeff, Claude, Matthew, Jada, Sarah, Steven, John, Paul, Blake & Pamela, Oriville, Gabrielle, Pamela, Paula, Lauren, Elena, Allison, Jane & Peter, Emily, Ann, Pat, Robert, Jorge, Shalkira, Brady, Greggie, Ryan and the Malosh family, Jim, Karen, Olivia, Grace, Kim, Jose & Serina, Kenneth, Phillip, Drew, Taylor, and Layla, Kathy & Terrance, Missy, Ron, Mark, Joe, Justin & Jennifer, Deepa, Colin, Mimi, John, & Evangeline, Kevin, Paul and Sage, Vahé and family, Clare & David, Miriam, JF; Alexander, Florence, Louise, Duncans & Sarah, Molly & Frank.

- For St. Paul’s Church, Staten Island, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, its ministries and people, and the Rt. Rev. Julio Murray Thompson, Primate of IARCA and Bishop of Panama, 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 Margot Coslett, and Judith Andrews.

News & Notes

Prayer List
The Clergy & Lay Staff

The Vestry

Sam Hutcheson, 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

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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