Dear friends,

Every week I send out a Quote For the Week to parishioners interested in the Daily Office and Centering Prayer at St. James’. This Monday I quoted St. Catherine of Siena, who said:

He will provide the way and the means, such as you could never have imagined. Leave it all to Him, let go of yourself, lose yourself on the Cross, and you will find yourself entirely.

Now it’s one thing to rationally understand that this statement is true. It’s another to live your life with this as your certain and continuous guiding principle. I find this a challenge — as I think many of us do. First of all, we are prone to be forgetful. We might be fully present to this divine bounty one minute and in the next be utterly distracted by something else that has captured our attention. Lest we be too hard on ourselves, it is important to remember that much of the world and many of our own inner assumptions conspire against this way of faithful living. We feel it’s all up to us alone to navigate in a world where fear, scarcity, and competition seem the only operative directives.

But here at St. James’, we try to follow Jesus — whose message and example claim self-offering love and trust as the ground for wholeness and complete freedom. We are here to worship, pray, give, and serve so we can grow into the divine reality that is almost too wonderful to contemplate.

Today we hold our Annual Meeting, a time when we gather as a community of disciples to mark the year that is past and to welcome what is to come. It’s a time for us to remember, too, that we don’t grow in love, trust, and faith on our own. We travel to this wondrous realm together.

In Christ,
Matthew Leaycraft, Director of Finance & Lay Associate for Adult Formation
This Week

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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.
Overnight Shelter open (Sunday - Friday)

Tuesday, May 7  Luke 4:31-37
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, May 8  Luke 4:38-44
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.
* Parents’ Luncheon 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Centering Prayer 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
Evening Prayer 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 9  Luke 5:1-11
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.
* Spring Parents’ Party 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Education for Ministry 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, May 10  Luke 5:12-26
* Men’s Breakfast with Ray Suarez 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.
Friday Dinner Program 5:00 - 9:30 p.m.
Evening Prayer 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

* Confirmation Rehearsal 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Next Sunday: May 12

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

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

9:10 a.m. Confirmation & Holy Eucharist
Sermon by the Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool. The Canterbury, Junior & Youth Choirs offer the music of Gordon Jacob and Edward C. Bairstow.

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist
Sermon by the Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool. The Compostela Choir offers the music of Dean Meyers, Grayston Ives, and Charles Wood.

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion
Homily by the Rev. Eva Suarez. Music for piano and violin.

Bishop’s Visitation & Confirmation
Celebrate our life together as a member of the Episcopal Diocese of New York during our annual bishop’s visitation. This year we welcome the Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool, Assistant Bishop, at the 9:10 and 11:15 a.m. Eucharists, with a festive reception at 10:15 a.m.

Afternoon Bible Study 4:30 p.m., Sunderland Hall
Join us for this weekly, clergy-led Bible study; no preparation necessary! The Rev. Zack Thompson will continue our study of the Acts of the Apostles as Peter and Paul wrestle with the question of the Gentiles: who’s in, who’s out, and what does it mean?

Offering our best gifts to God in 2019

Thank you!

To date, more than 390 households have offered financial commitments for 2019, helping us to reach 95% of our financial goal for the year. Thank you! Those households are listed on the back of today’s announcements. We want every parishioner to be “all in” as we offer our best gift for God’s work in this city. Have you made a financial commitment for the year? Please visit stjames.org/2019commitment to make a commitment or stjames.org/give to set up a recurring weekly or monthly gift.

Bible Memorization Project

FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 5
“Worthy is the lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”—Revelation 5:12

Challenge yourself to commit Scripture to memory, one bit per week!
### News & Notes

**2019 Parents’ Luncheon**  
Wed., May 8, 12:00 p.m.  
We are pleased to host Jenna Bush Hager to share her insights into the most important aspects of parenting. Drop-in to the Children’s Thrift Sale for gently-used designer clothes from 11:00 a.m. until lunch, and again afterward. Proceeds go to help those in need.

**Spring Parents’ Party**  
Thu., May 9, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
Don’t miss the chance to enjoy the company of other St. James’ parents and get to know some new friends. Childcare provided in the Nursery. Contact Vicki Hall to learn more or RSVP.

**Men’s Breakfast**  
Fri., May 10, 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.  
Ray Suarez, a celebrated and award-winning journalist and author who is also active as a lay leader in the Episcopal Church, will speak on issues especially pertinent to men of faith.

**Family Picnic in Central Park**  
Thu., May 16, 4:45 p.m.  
Thursdays for Families concludes for the season with a service of Eucharist and picnic in the park! After We Love to Sing, Bible Stories & Legos, and Primary Choir, we’ll all go over to the park.

**Osborne Outing**  
Sat. May 18, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Every month, parishioners chaperone children of incarcerated parents to special events around the city. Join us for our Annual Basketball Event in Brooklyn! Contact Susana Ferrer for more info.

**20s & 30s Trivia Night**  
Sat. May 18, 6:00 p.m.  
Join Young Adults from around the Diocese to test your trivia and help raise funds for the International Rescue Committee. Contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to RSVP or to learn more.

**Recognition Sunday**  
Sunday, May 19  
Join us at 9:10 a.m. to give thanks and honor our high school seniors, some of whom will offer prayers, readings, and the sermon. We also recognize the teachers who have led children and youth. At 11:15 a.m., we will recognize our 2019 Education for Ministry graduates.

**Education for Ministry Open House**  
Thu. May 23, 6:30 p.m.  
Join us to learn more about this transformative adult formation opportunity, restarting in September 2019. Visit stjames.org/efm or contact Chris Veillon to learn more.

**20 & 30s host the Dinner Program**  
Fri., May 31, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Join the St. Jamesians in serving a seated, three-course meal for our homeless and low-income neighbors. Contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to RSVP or to learn more.

**Pentecost Sunday & Parish BBQ**  
Sunday, June 9  
Celebrate the Day of Pentecost and the end of the Easter season with a special 10:30 a.m. Festal Eucharist, followed by a parish BBQ picnic. Save the date; invite a friend! All are welcome.

**Is your child ready to join or move up in choir?**  
This time of year is a great opportunity to assess whether your chorister is ready to move up a level...or whether your child (4 - 18 years) would like to begin a choir involvement. Choir is fun, and everyone is welcome! If you have any questions about your child’s participation, progress, readiness, or schedule, please contact Loraine Enlow.

### Prayer List

#### Thanks be to God
- for last week’s baptism of Joshua Younan Ataker.
- for the Easter Vigil baptism of Mindy Oh-Moser.
- for our Catechumens who faithfully engaged in study and prayer throughout Lent to prepare with joy for Easter.
- 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 Eastertide, that we would be continually renewed and transformed as members of Christ’s risen body, to be for each other and for the world, living signs of resurrection.
- for the Grants Committee as they discern how God is calling us to share our resources with agencies providing direct services to meet the needs of under-served communities across New York City.
- for our Confirmands, as they prepare for their Confirmation next week.
- 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, Janer, Eula Mac, Carol, Lilly, Laura, Ann & Ben, Bob, Chris, Amanda, Blanche, Victor, Vally, Charles, Seth, Jeanette, Alice, Iris, Sophie, Maria & her parents, Frank, Lisa, Carmen, Milton, Alice Mary, Andy & Sabra, Izabel, Rick, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Bill, John, Prune, the Kirkpatrick family, Tom, Douglas, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoey, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Kevin, Jeannette, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Dorothy, Elvora, Harriet, Alex, Travers, Madge & Bill, Christopher, Margot, James, Peggy, Katharine, Jerry, Casey, John & Catherine, Ruth, Sandy, Dick, John, George, Peter, Jose, Laura, Pam, Barb, Craig, Megan, Grace, Matthew, Isabel, Kiley, Margaret, Barbara, MaryAnn, Bill, Carl Jandernoa family, Dale, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, Ben, Bryce, James, Elena, Kelly, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Angelo, Kathryn, Teresa, Ben & Juergen, Liam, Ann, Aaron, Emily, Andrew, Charlie, Roger & Jovie, John, Monique, Susie, Cilla, Rich, Sharon, Janet, Julia, Behida, Ray, John, Diane, Frank, Karen & Craig, Gary, Aaron & family, Anita, Dwain, Helen, Caris & Blake, Charlotte, Peter, Nellie & Ray, Bill, Anne, Jason, Vicky, Ryan, Peggy, Bill, May Dean, Dorothy, Peg, Andrea, Monica, Chase, Jean, Kimberly, Alice, Claude, Matthew, Sarah, Steven, John, Blake & Pamela, Orville, Gabrielle, Pamela, Paula, Elena, Allison, Jane & Peter, Emily, Pat, Robert, Jorge, Shakiera, Brad, Connie, Ryan and the Malosh family, Jim, Karen, Olivia, Grace, Kim, Kenneth, Philip, Drew, Taylor, and Layla, Justin & Jennifer, Joseph (JP), Alexander, Florence, Duncan & Katie, Eleanor, Phyllis, Jennifer, Ivan, Gene, Uncle Bill and family, Suzanne, Elizabeth, Thomas, Lorraine, Paula, Francis, Mary Beth, Annette & Richard, the family of Alesa Valiente, Terrence, Cooper, and Caroline.
- for the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellors of the Diocese, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the Anglican Church of Kenya, its ministries and people, and the Most Rev. Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate and Archbishop of Kenya, 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 Keith Dean, William Arthur Flint, Jr., John William Lowe, Luis Meda, and John Dudley Crouchley Jr.
Thank you to all those who have made financial commitments for the 2019 year! If you haven’t yet done so, can we count you in? Visit stjames.org/2019commitment or contact Sandra De La Cruz.