Dear friends,

President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a proclamation recognizing Waterloo, N.Y., as the birthplace of Memorial Day, in recognition of the centennial of its first observance of the day. Waterloo claims it first celebrated Memorial Day on May 5, 1866, at which point businesses closed, flags flew at half-staff, and local residents decorated graves of the fallen with flowers. It turns out that nearly 25 towns across America claim to be the first to observe Memorial Day. And it makes sense that so many places would make the assertion, because remembering our dead with ritual expression—especially those who sacrificed their lives in service to others—is something that dates back well before May 5, 1866.

Among the ancient Greeks and Romans, the deceased were honored with feasts and funeral games. You could find early Christians in the catacombs of Rome celebrating the Eucharist at the burial site of a beloved brother or sister in Christ.

Etched into the stone of our altar in the Chapel are the words, “THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.” When we gather weekly to celebrate the Holy Eucharist we keep a memorial day to Jesus, remembering his life laid down for the life of the world, and during our shared ritual of memorial we audaciously proclaim his resurrection. Gathered around the altar, we do not simply remember an inspiring and heroic death, we worship and serve the one who trampled down death and lives. And because he lives we can remember our departed—not least those who laid down their lives for the sake of others—with grateful hearts in the assurance that nothing can separate us from the living God.

In Christ,

The Rev. Zack Thompson

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Today at St. James’

**Summer Sundays at St. James’**

Summer at St. James’ is chock-full of opportunities for fellowship, formation, and worship. Make sure you are subscribed to our weekly e-newsletter at stjames.org/enews and visit stjams.org/summer to learn more about summer offerings.

**“Seculosity” and summer reading suggestions**

Get your copy of our 2019 summer parish reading, *Seculosity*, by David Zahl, today! This wise, funny book explores some of the ways we seek to find meaning, identity, and purpose in life, from food and parenting to dating and voting. As Bishop Curry says, “you will find [in this book] rest from the relentless effort to be enough and encounter Jesus, who truly loves you as you are.” See a full list of summer reading suggestions from St. James’ clergy and staff at stjames.org/summer.

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Summer Sundays

**Fellowship**

- After the 10:30 a.m. service, coffee in Sunderland Hall

**Nursery Care available downstairs**

Nursery care is available from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., during the 10:30 a.m. services and the adult formation offerings.

**Formation for all ages! (Beginning June 16)**

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.

- **Summer Sundays for Children** 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **The Forum** 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 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 10:30 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 10:30 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: June 2**

**The Seventh Sunday of Easter**
Acts 16:16-34, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26; Psalm 97

* 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
  Homily by the Rev. Eva Suarez.
* 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
  Sermon by the Rev. Eva Suarez. The Canterbury Choir offers music by Philip Ledger, Mikhail Ippolitoff-Ivanoff, and Healey Willan.
* 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion
  Homily by Matthew Leaycraft, Lay Associate. Music for piano and flute.

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9:30 a.m., Library
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**Shelter Open House**
1:00 p.m., MAPC
St. James’ partners with Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church to shelter 12 men, 6 nights a week. Are you being called to a ministry of hospitality? Join us at MAPC to learn more or get involved.

**Offering our best gifts to God in 2019**
To date, more than 400 households have offered financial commitments for 2019, but 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.

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**This Week**

* special this week  Learn more at stjames.org/calendar

**Monday, May 27**

* Closed for the Memorial Day holiday
Overnight Shelter open (Sunday - Friday)

**Tuesday, May 28**

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**Holy Land Pilgrims traveling this week**
The Rector and Vicar, along with 22 parishioners are on pilgrimage from May 21 through June 1. Please keep the group in your prayers as they encounter the holy sites of Scripture.

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**Traveling this summer? Use #StJamesSummerSundays to share with us a picture of where you’ve been to church! Don’t use social media? E-mail Chris Veillon.**

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**Prayer List**

**Thanks be to God**

- for Church School teachers, Youth Advisors, and all who work to support our lifelong growth in Christian faith.
- for our high-school seniors and their many years of worship leadership as acolytes, readers, ushers, choristers, and chalice bearers at St. James.
- for the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy.
- for a successful Second Time Around Thrift Sale on May 17, and especially for those volunteers who worked tirelessly to raise money to support St. James’ Grants to small nonprofits doing God’s work in New York City.
- for the marriage here last weekend of Alex Armellini and Megan Forman.
- 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 those on the St. James’ pilgrimage to the Holy Land, that they may be renewed and strengthened in their discipleship.
- 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 members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble; Donald, Henry, Terry & Mary Jane, Mal, Elona, Cynthia, Pam, Caroline & Michael, Walerene, James Edward, Joan, Lois, Brian, Michael, Janet, Eula Mae, Carol, 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 & Sabha, Izakel, Rick, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Bill, John, Prune, the Kirkpatrick family, Tom, Douglas, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoe, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Kevin, Jeannette, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Dorothy, Elnora, Harriett, 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, Julie, 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, Ovville, Gabriele, Pamela, Paula, Elena, Allison, Jane & Peter, Emily Pat, Robert, Jorge, Shakiara, Brad, Connie, Ryan and the Malosh family, Jim, Karen, Olivia, Grace, Kim, Kenneth, Philip, Drew, Taylor, and Layla. Justin and Jennifer (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 Alexa Valiente, Terrence, Cooper, Caroline, Dan, Tony, Ward, Sophie, and Sharon.
- for Diocesan Council, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world, 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 contribution 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 Stephanie Argeros Magean, Edward Fowler, and Elsa Barthelmeys.

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**News & Notes**

**Thy Kingdom Come: an Invitation to Prayer**
**May 30-June 9**
Join in a 10-day global prayer movement between Ascension Day and Pentecost, praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit, and for more people to come to know Jesus. Learn more and download daily prayers at stjames.org/thykingdomcome.

**Ascension Eucharist**
**Thu. May 30, 7:00 p.m.**
Celebrate the Feast of the Ascension at a service of Holy Eucharist, Members of the Compostela Choir and organist Tyler Walker will offer music by Andrea Gabrieli, Michael Praetorius, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and J.S. Bach.

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

**20s & 30s at the Rectory**
**Wed. June 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**
Join your young adults and St. James’ clergy for nibbles and candid conversation around faith and the workplace. Contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to learn more. Friends welcome!

**Osborne Achievement Ceremony**
**Thu. June 6, 3:45-6:30 p.m.**
Celebrate the youth of the Osborne Association at a ceremony here at St. James’. Volunteers are needed to provide appetizers, desserts, and applause! Contact Susana Ferrer 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 (wear red!), followed by a parish BBQ picnic. Invite a friend! All are welcome.

**Thank you, Second Time Around volunteers!**

*Thank you* to all those who helped make last Friday’s thrift sale a huge success. All proceeds support the work of St. James’ Grants Programs, serving those in need throughout New York City.

**Exploring God’s Creation**
begins June 16, 9:30 a.m.
Children and friends are invited to spend summer mornings in Central Park! Meet in the Primary Room; children are encouraged to wear shorts and tennis shoes for rock climbing, exploring streams, and having fun! Friends are always welcome.

**Thank you, St. Jameilians and friends!**

St. James’ young adults and friends from neighboring parishes enjoyed great trivia, and had a fun time raising more than $1,550 for the International Rescue Committee last weekend. Thank you to all who supported the cause.

**Sabbatical for Ryan Fleenor**
The Rev. Ryan Fleenor will enjoy a sabbatical this summer, a well-earned period of personal development and rest after nine years at St. James’. He will be away from June 17 until Homecoming on Sunday, September 8. Please keep him in your prayers!

**Diaper Drive (and congratulations!)**
The cost of diapers is a tremendous burden on low-income families. Parishioner Audrey Symes has become an advocate for this cause and her hard work has resulted in a senate resolution in support of diaper banks. Please drop off any diapers (sealed or unsealed diapers) outside the nursery in Donegan Hallway. For more information, email Audrey.symes@gmail.com.
The Vestry

Jennifer Charriott, Sr. Warden · Missy Condo, Jr. Warden

Sue Bennett       Hugh Boston       Gerlinde Brixius       Richard Brown       Tristan Bultman       Stephen de Francesco

Dolly Geary       Susanna Guffey       Elizabeth Littlejohn       Marcy Sendax       Bob Stinson       Anne Strassner

Mary Malhotra,   Vestry Officer for Stewardship

Annika Gottfrid,   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

SUMMER SUNDAYS (BEGIN MAY 26th)
8:00 a.m. · Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
10:30 a.m. · Holy Eucharist (Church)
6:00 p.m. · Candlelight Communion

WEEKDAYS
M, T, Th 8:00 a.m. · Morning Prayer
Wed. 8:00 a.m. · Holy Eucharist
Mon., Tue. 6:00 p.m. · Evening Prayer

CENTERING PRAYER
Tue. 6:00 p.m.
Wed. 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. - Thu., 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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