Dear friends,

Memory can be a funny thing. When I saw this week’s reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Silas singing hymns while shackled in a Roman prison, the words of a choir anthem from my childhood instantly came to mind. It was a song called *Saints of God*, which talked about all the ways we could join in with the “friends of God” by reading the Bible. I’m pretty sure I had never heard of Paul or Silas, but I learned to sing, “When I am tired of feeling stale, I sit with Paul and Silas, singing in jail!” Our own primary choir finished the story when they sang a song called *Trust in God* a few weeks ago, “soon an earthquake opened the doors, and the jailer came to faith.”

So many of us have learned so much about our faith through music and song, let alone the other prayers we regularly say together in our worship, or scripture readings that come up regularly in our lectionary. The Greek word *Anamnesis* is used in theology to describe the special kind of memory we use in, and through, worship—we remember Christ’s sacrifice and love of us through the Eucharist, and remember God’s faithfulness to us throughout time when we read, and pray and sing. I still know every word to *Saints of God* (don’t test me, or you will have to listen to me sing it!), and over the years I have thought a lot about what all those remembered childhood anthems taught me about God—what it meant to love God, what it meant that God loved me. How teaching a song to a 7 year old could turn into a lifetime of memory, the kind of memory that still makes me want to be a friend of God.

What, from your life, helps you to remember God?

In Christ,
The Rev. Eva Suarez, Rockwell Fellow

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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.

**Baptismal Preparation**

9:30 a.m., Library

Would you like to have your child baptized at St. James’? Join fellow parishioners to learn more about this important sacrament. Questions? Contact The Rev. Zack Thompson to learn more.

**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.

**“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. See a full list of summer reading suggestions from St. James’ clergy and staff at stjames.org/summer.

**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.
This Week

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

Monday, June 3  Luke 9:51-62
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, June 4  Luke 10:1-17
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.

Wednesday, June 5  Luke 10:17-24
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.
* 20s & 30s Rectory event  6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 6  Luke 10:25-37
* Men’s Group  7:00 - 8:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer  8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
12-24 month Playgroup  10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
* Osborne Achievement Ceremony  3:45 - 6:30 p.m.
Evening Prayer  5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Friday, June 7  Luke 10:38-42
* Closed for Summer Fridays
Friday Dinner Program  5:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 8  Luke 11:14-23
* St. James’ Youth Coney Island Day  9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

A note about our calendar: St. James’ Church and Parish House close on Fridays during the summer months as a cost-saving measure. Our regular weekday schedule resumes following Labor Day.

Traveling this summer?

Keep up with the conversation while you’re away! Find St. James’ Sermons and Sunday Forums on your favorite podcast platform: iTunes, Podbean, Stitcher, and Google Play.

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

Next Sunday: June 9

The Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:25-35, 37; Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17, (25-27)

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

10:30 a.m. Holy Baptism & Festal Eucharist
Sermon by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor. The Canterbury Choir offers music by William Dawson and Jeffrey Rickard. It is tradition to wear red for Pentecost, if you wish!

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion
Homily by the Rev. Brenda Husson. Music for piano and oboe.

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Pentecost Parish Barbecue following the 10:30 a.m. service
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 barbecue. Invite a friend! All are welcome. Please RSVP to Grace Beacham to help us plan the feast.

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 gift.
Thy Kingdom Come: an Invitation to Prayer through 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.

Prayer List

Thanks be to God

- for the marriage here yesterday of Daniel Leonard and Abigail Olson.
- 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 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 Easteride, 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 preparing for baptism next week.
- for those on the St. James’ pilgrimage to the Holy Land, that they may be renewed and strengthened in their commitment to follow Jesus.
- 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 underserved communities across New York City.
- 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, Welte, James Edward, Joa, Lois, Brian, Michael, Janet, Eula Mae, 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 & Sahra, Isabel, Rick, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Bill, John, Prue, the Kirkpatrick family, Tom, Douglas, Pilia, Anthony, Nancy, Zoe, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Kevin, Jeanette, 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, Kyle, Margaret, Barbara, MaryAnn, Bill, Carl, Jardeno family, Dave, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, Ben, Bryce, James, Elena, Kelly, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Angelo, Kathryn, Teresa, Ben & Juergen, Liam, Ann, Aaron, Emily, Andrew, Charlie, 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, 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 Alexa Valiente, Terence, Cooper, Caroline, Dan, Tony, Ward, Sophie, David, and Nate.

- for the Diocesan Standing Committee, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico, its ministries and people, and the Most Rev. Francisco Moreno, Presiding Bishop of La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico & Bishop of Northern Mexico, 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 Philip Edward McCarthy, Shirley Bledsoe, and May Dean Eberling.

News & Notes

20s & 30s at the Rectory Wed. June 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Join other 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.

Coney Island Youth Day Sat. June 8, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Grades 5-12 will head to Coney Island to start the summer off right! $80 plus metro and food; meet at 8:45 a.m. in front of the Parish House. Please contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to RSVP.

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.

Pastoral apartment update
St. James’ is proud to continue a meaningful partnership with the International Rescue Committee, educating ourselves about their work and supporting the resettlement of refugees in a variety of ways. After a short break this summer for construction work, St. James’ will continue offering its on-site apartment to participants in the IRC’s Intensive Case Management program. The IRC provides 12 months of case management services to refugees and asylees who are considered especially vulnerable. We’re excited to continue this partnership. Stay tuned for more details or contact Susana Ferrer to learn more about St. James’ partnerships in mission.

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 Homcoming 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 Syms 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.syms@gmail.com.

Save the Dates:
- The Feast of St. James’ and Ice Cream Social Sun. July 28
- Hymn Sing and Potluck Supper Thu. July 25
- Homcoming Sun. September 8

To have your prayer requests printed in this space, or to provide an update, please e-mail the clergy at pastoralcare@stjames.org, or visit stjames.org/prayer.
The Vestry

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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. - Thu. 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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