Dear friends,

Jesuit priest and poet Gerard Manley Hopkins once wrote to a friend: “You do not mean by a mystery what a [Christian] does. You mean an interesting uncertainty... But a [Christian] by mystery means an incomprehensible certainty.” The world considers a mystery to be something to study, ponder, consider at arm’s length, and put down when we’ve finished or got bored. But for Christians a mystery is something that, by faith, we hold to be absolutely true and yet has unsearchable depths of meaning for us.

This weekend, we celebrate the mystery at the heart of our faith: that God is one and yet three, one God made known to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Absent a life of faith, it might seem the ultimate example of the first kind of mystery. But for we who have discovered something of God in a life of prayer, it is the second — a mystery that only deepens the more we engage.

Of course, real mysteries take time and space to unfold. As you most likely know by now, I will be away on sabbatical this summer after nine years serving among you. I am incredibly grateful to the parish and to Brenda for this time, and I look forward to a season of rest, reflection and recommitment to the great mysteries at the heart of our faith. (And I really hope each of you is able to find — or to carve out! — some space for yourself to do the same this summer.) For it is a wondrous thing that the God of all the universe should long to be known in Christ. More wondrous still that God should pour out his life for love of us, and give his Spirit to guide and strengthen and cheer. Wherever we find ourselves this summer, may that mysterious truth connect us deeply to the Triune God, to this place, and to one another.

In Christ,
The Rev. Ryan Fleenor, Vicar

Today at St. James’

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Summer Sundays

Fellowship
• After the 10:30 a.m. service, coffee in Sunderland Hall
• After the 6:00 p.m. service, lemonade on the church steps

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!
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.

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**This Week**

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*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.*

**Next Sunday: June 23**

**Corpus Christi**
Deut. 8:2-3; Psalm 34:1-8; Revelation 19:1-2, 4-9; John 6:47-58

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

**10:30 a.m. Festal Eucharist**

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

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**Can we count you “in”?**
We want every parishioner to be “all in” as we offer our best gifts for God’s work in this city! When everyone is committed, we count more than 500 households that set aside a portion of their income for God’s work through St. James’. More than 400 households have made financial commitments for 2019 so far! If you haven’t yet done so, please visit stjames.org/2019commitment to make a commitment or stjames.org/give to set up a recurring weekly or monthly gift.

**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. (Search “St. James’ Church Manhattan”)

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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News & Notes

St. Jamesians Happy Hour
Thu. June 27, 6:30 p.m.
Meet at Rosa Mexicano (E. 18th Street) to join other parishioners and friends in their 20s & 30s for fellowship and fun. Contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to learn more.

St. Jamesians Summer Dinner
Sun. July 14, 6:00 p.m.
Join parishioners and friends in their 20s & 30s for a casual no-host dinner in the neighborhood following the 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion. Contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to learn more.

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!

Pride Month events in the Diocese
Congregations throughout Manhattan have posted a growing list of Pride 2019, WorldPride NYC, and Stonewall 50 services and other events on the diocesan website. Take a look at dioceseny.org/pride-events-june-2019.

St. James’ awards nine grants to local agencies
St. James’ Vestry approved awards totaling $48,000 to nine agencies in our city this spring, funded through the work of the Parish Life Committee’s Second Time Around Sales. Thank you to the Grants Committee for reviewing applications and recommending grant awards, and to everyone who has donated to, shopped at, volunteered with, or spread the word about St. James’ sales.

Summer Reading: “Seculosity”
It’s not too late to get your copy of our 2019 summer parish reading, Seculosity, by David Zahl! 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.

Save the Dates:
• Hymn Sing and Potluck Supper Thu. July 25
• The Feast of St. James and Ice Cream Social Sun. July 28
• Homecoming: Festal Eucharist & Picnic Sun. September 8
• Parish Weekend Away Right Here! Sat. October 5

Prayer List

Thanks be to God
• for last Sunday’s baptisms of Lucy Joan Marie Veillon, Catherine Elizabeth Heath, Giuliana Ryan Heath, Eric Francis Bassett Heath, Henry Hayes Baldwin Fall, Deane McCloud Reade, Jeanne Anna Marie Reade, Nathaniel Willis Browne, Lara Ataker, Zoe Keeley Ataker, John Paul Ataker, Philip Joseph Ataker, Audrey Lucille Rutledge, and Madison Victoria Volchonok.
• for the work of the Grants Committee and the Second Time Around Sale, and for the ministries of those who administer St. James’ grants, and all the donors, volunteers, and shoppers who made last month’s sale possible, generating more than $50,000 for grants supporting services to those in need throughout NYC.
• 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’ in this after Pentecost, that the Holy Spirit would move powerfully in our lives and through our ministries.
• 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, Walterene, James Edward, Joan, Lois, Brian, Michael, 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, Isabel, Rick, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Bill, John, Prune, the Kirkpatrick family, Tom, Douglas, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoe, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane; Tracey, Kevin, Jeanette, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Dorothy, Eleanor, 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, John, Monique, Susie, Cilla, Rich, 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, Peggy, Bill, 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, Shakiara, Brad, Connie, Ryan and the Malosh family, Karen, Olivia, Grace, Kim, Kenneth, Philip, Drew, Taylor, and Layla, Justin & Jennifer, Joseph (JP), Florence, Duncan & Katie, Phyllis, Jennifer, Ivan, Gene, Suzanne, Elizabeth, Thomas, Lorraine & Paula, Francis, Mary Beth, Annette, the family of Alexa Valiente, Cooper, Terence, Caroline, Dan, Tony, Ward, Sophie, Sharon, Nate, Jim, Richard, Joseph and Mary Ann, and Anne.
• for the Diocesan Social Concerns Commission, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
• for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), its ministries and people, and the Most Rev. Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon, 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-falling care
• victims of war and violence throughout the world, including all victims of terrorism; all immigrants 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 Joan Dischner Clark and Gordon Taylor.

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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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
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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