Dear friends,

In the life of St. James’, these summer months might have the feeling of vacation — our Sundays are a bit streamlined, our weekdays less scheduled. But in truth, they are fertile months! Intentions are set, programs designed, plans made, seeds sown and nourished. Some of the exciting background work of this summer is preparing us to flourish in ministry come fall.

Back in February and March, St. James’ Forums explored “spiritual gifts,” and we offered a survey to help parishioners identify some of their own particular spiritual gifts. Nearly 200 of you took that survey and received personalized reports identifying your “top three” gifts, along with suggestions about how you might exercise your gifts within existing ministries at St. James’. This is great good news! But our most recent Renewal Works survey results revealed that parishioners — especially relatively new parishioners — find it challenging to make their ways into some of some of those ministries. (That St. James’ has a strong base of dedicated and faithful volunteers carrying out the ministries of the parish is good news, too.) In truth, every person and every gift is precious and needed — and every ministry is blessed by new hands.

With the help of the spiritual gifts inventory and our committees, programs, and guilds, we are taking care to create meaningful opportunities for ministry. The fruits of our summer tending will invite and encourage new participation and share in God’s work at St. James’, to the benefit of all our parishioners and all whom we serve.

If you have not taken the spiritual gifts survey, please do! You can find it at stjames.org/spiritual-gifts.

In Christ,
The Rev. Zack Thompson, Associate Rector

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**Today at St. James’**

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**Fellowship**
- After the 10:30 a.m. service, iced tea and 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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**Can we count you “in”?**

We want every parishioner to be “all in” as we offer our best gifts for God’s work and our own growth in faith. 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 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.
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.

Hymn Sing & Potluck Supper Thu. July 25, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Celebrate the feast of St. James the Apostle at our annual Hymn Sing and Potluck Supper—one of the most festive and fun events of the year. Friends welcome!

Friday Dinner Program moves to Tuesdays in July
St. James’ Dinner Program operates in tandem with other meal programs in our neighborhood to ensure that our homeless and low-income neighbors have as much access as possible to good meals. Our Friday Dinner moves to Tuesdays in July and pauses in August, but our guests are never left hungry. If you would like to learn more about getting involved, please contact Susana Ferrer.

Wednesday Bible Study goes on hiatus until September
Join us this Wednesday for our last clergy-led Bible Study until after Labor Day. All are welcome; no preparation necessary. Plan to make this formation opportunity a part of your week come fall!

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.

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

Save the Dates:
- 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 the birth of Owen James Foster, son of Lucien and Kelli Foster.
- 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 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’ in this season 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, Elona, 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, Zoey, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Kevin, Jeannette, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Dorothy, Elnora, Harriett, Alex, Travers, Madge & Bill, Christopher, Margaret, James, Peggy, Katharine, Jerry, Casey, John & Catherine, Ruth, Sandy, Dick, John, George, Peter, Jose, Laura, Pam, Barb, Craig, Megan, Grace, Matthew, Isabel, Kelley, 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, Dwayne, 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, Shakiera, Brad, Connie, Ryan and the Malosh family, Karen, Olivia, Grace, Kim, Kenneth, Philip, Drew, Taylor, and Layla, Justin & Jennifer, Joseph (JP), Florence, Duncan & Katie, Phyliss, 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, Anne, Darby, Susan, Mary, and Armen.
- for the Community of St. John Baptist, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the United Church of North India, its ministries and people, the Most Rev. Dr Prem Chand Singh, Moderator of CNI & Bishop of Jabalpur, 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 Stella Baldauskas, Frederick Eaton, and Gloria Vanderbilt Cooper.

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.
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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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Wednesdays · 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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