Dear friends,

An image that has been helpful for me over the years as I reflect on the life of the Spirit is to picture a small flame, like the flicker from a handheld Christmas Eve candle. Made in the image of God, each person carries a divine flame inside of their souls and bodies. Perhaps an awareness of this reality helps us to make sense of the baptismal calling to respect the dignity of every human being. Before I am in relation to another person, or have anything at all to do with them, they are a carrier of the divine light. God is already present to the person around the corner before I arrive on the scene, so a posture of respect and reverence is called for when we encounter another person. That’s the first point: that we can more fully respect the dignity of every human being when we properly recognize our neighbor as made in God’s image and as a carrier of the light.

The next thing is that we have to fan the flame in our own hearts so that we might be filled with light. The primary way we do this is to stay close to the one who is Light from Light, the crucified and risen Christ. Never are we closer to him than in our celebration of the Holy Eucharist, when Christ makes himself sacramentally present to us and makes us one body with him.

The other ways that we stay close to Christ flow out from Holy Communion. We stay close to him in our daily prayer, our reading of the scriptures and other Spirit-filled books, in our shared life as a parish, and through our acts of loving service. All of this flows out from the Eucharist. These practices, flowing from our Eucharistic fellowship, also prepare us to come back to the Holy Table ready to receive again the greatest gift we could ever ask for or imagine: the sacramental presence of God, filling us with divine light, so that the small flicker in our hearts might swell until we become all flame.

In Christ,
The Rev. Zack Thompson, Associate Rector

Summer Sundays

**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. service and the adult formation offering.

**Formation for all ages!**
At St. James’, we believe that if you come here, you will grow.
- 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

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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: July 14**

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Homily by the Rev. Eva Suarez.

10:30 a.m. Festal Eucharist
Sermon by the Rev. Eva Suarez. The Canterbury Choir offers music by Gerald Near and S.S. Wesley.

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion
Homily by Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis. Music for piano and oboe.

**Summer Sundays at St. James’**

Summer at St. James’ is full of opportunities for fellowship, formation, and worship. Subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter at stjames.org/enews and visit stjames.org/summer to learn more.

**Summer Sundays for Children**

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Kids age 4+ meet in the Primary classroom to engage the Gospel lesson of the day through creative activities, and then join the service for Holy Communion. Dress is summer casual (shorts and sneakers). Friends are always welcome.

**Sunday Forum**

11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., Sunderland Hall
Join us to learn about some of the more unlikely heroes of scripture. These are people who came to play a part in God’s story that they never could have imagined. The Rev. Zack Thompson continues our series, with Mordecai and Esther.

**St. Jamesians Summer Dinner**

7:00 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.

**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?**

Follow us on Instagram STJAMESCHURCHNYC

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

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!

St. James’ 101 Newcomer Brunch  Sun. July 28, 11:30 a.m.
Are you new to St. James? Would you like to learn more about what being a member of this parish might mean in your journey of faith? Join us for an informal brunch to learn more.

School Supply Drive  deadline August 11
Help the children of incarcerated parents get ready to go back to school! Donations may be left at (or delivered to) the Reception desk, marked for Osborne: composition notebooks, pencils/erasers; glue sticks; calculators; binders; folders; markers; loose leaf paper; sharpeners; crayons; bookbags. Contact the Rev. Eva Suarez to learn more.

Toothpaste needed for outreach ministry
Are you traveling this summer? Please bring unused travel-size shampoos, conditioners, body soaps, lotion, and toothpaste to the Reception area. Donations will stock care kits for our meal programs guests. Toothpaste is especially needed at this time.

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. To learn more about getting involved, please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez.

Save the Date: Davis’s 20th Anniversary  Mon. Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m.
Please join us in Coburn Hall to celebrate Davis Wortman’s 20th Anniversary as Organist & Music Director of St. James’ Church, with music by the Ike Strum Trio.

Summer Reading: “Seculosity”
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.

Prayer List

Thanks be to God
• for our partnership with the International Rescue Committee, and for all who work to welcome and care for displaced persons.
• 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, Libby, 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, Elnora, Harriett, Alex, Travers, Madge & Bill, Christopher, Margot, Jason, Peggy, Katharine, Jerry, Casey, John & Catherine, Ruth, Sandy, Dick, John, George, Peter, Jose, Laura, Pam, Barb, Craig, Megan, Grace, Matthew, Isabel, Kiley, Margaret, Barbara, Mary Ann, Bill, Carl Janderena family, Dale, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, Ben, Bryce, James, Elina, 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, Shkiera, 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, Naim, Jim, Richard, Jennifer and Mary Ann, Anne, Darby, Susan, Mary, and Armen.
• for the Episcopal Church’s House of Deputies, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
• for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, its ministries and people, and for the Most Rev. Allan Migi, Archbishop of Papua New Guinea, 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 Judith Simonsen and Jean Battaglia.

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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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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