Dear friends,

What is a sanctuary? In church architecture, it’s the name for the area around the altar. For most of us, however, the first thought that comes to mind is likely: a safe or soothing space is the more likely image. Some people combine the two definitions when they tell me that, for them, St. James’ is a sanctuary — a haven where they find their minds and spirits reordered and settled. And it is also a legal term with long historical roots: a place (originally always a church) where people could be protected from the reach of the state if the church deemed such protection warranted.

These last weeks, I found those varied definitions coalescing. I have just returned from Paris, where I was invited to preach at the American Cathedral while the Dean, the Very Rev. Lucinda Laird, was on vacation. It was a great treat in all the ways you imagine. However, my husband Tom and I were there in the days following the deadly shootings in Dayton and El Paso. While I share in the certainty that there is more bloodshed ahead, our time at the Cathedral reminded us who we can be as Americans — and of the gift that the Church is when it is most faithful to Jesus.

Many (but not all) American parishioners live here full-time, but happily share “where they’re from.” Those distinctions, if interesting, are not defining. One’s home state, race, culture, or native language doesn’t define anyone’s American-ness at the Cathedral. What binds them is their shared nationality and their over-arching identity as Christians.

Many parishioners are not, in fact, from the United States. Conversations with French congregants were especially enlightening — with an older gentleman who serves on the Altar Guild, a self-identified gay man, and a young woman who was baptized at the Cathedral and now serves as an acolyte. The Cathedral proclaims Christ with outstretched arms, eager to welcome all into his saving embrace. That Jesus “loves me” (as all our children learn at St. James’) was not just good news, but new news to those three. So, too, was the American ideal that where you come from doesn’t much matter: once you’re here, you’re one of us.

I believe that the time has come for us to consider how St. James’ may become a sanctuary in every sense of that word. It seems imperative to me, if we are to fulfill our identities as Americans and Christians — because Christ must be above all else. I look forward to our conversations about what that can mean for us together at St. James’.

In Christ,
The Rev. Brenda Husson, Rector

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**Today at St. James’**

**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.

**Nursery & Toddler Care** 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Nursery and toddler care is available from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today, during the 10:30 a.m. service.

**Coffee Hour** following the 10:30 a.m. service
Stick around after worship this morning for coffee, lemonade, and a breakfast treat with fellow parishioners. This is a great chance to meet new people, or to catch up after summer travel. All are welcome!

**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.

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**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

**Formation for all ages!**
At St. James’, we believe that if you come here, you will grow. Our Sunday formation programs for adults, children, and youth will resume September 15. Please visit stjames.org/summer for more opportunities.

**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.
Monday, August 26

**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.

**Tuesday, August 27**

**Mark 13:14-27**

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.

Summer Dinner Program
2:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Evening Prayer
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Centering Prayer
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, August 28**

**Mark 14:1-11**

Holy Eucharist
8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Centering Prayer
12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Evening Prayer
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday, August 29**

**Mark 14:12-26**

Men’s Group
7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer
8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Evening Prayer
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, August 30**

**Mark 14:27-42**

Closed for Summer Fridays

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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 Homecoming.

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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.

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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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Next Sunday: September 1

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Sirach 10:12-18; or Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14

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 Giuseppe O. Pitoni and Jack H. Ossewaarde.

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

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Homecoming: Festal Eucharist & Picnic  September 8
St. James’ celebrates the start of a new program year with a Festal Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. and a picnic lunch on 71st Street. Enjoy games and good food, fun for all ages! A festive supper will also follow the 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion. Bring a friend!

Education Sunday  September 15
Church School classes and the Adult Forum will resume after the 9:10 a.m. service. Please contact Vicki Hall if you would like to learn more or register your child for classes, or Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to learn more about Youth Group and Confirmation class.

Community at Prayer: Fall Retreat  September 20-22
Get away to Holy Cross Monastery for a weekend retreat on the theme of “Community at Prayer: The Daily Office and the Rule of St. Benedict.” Director of Finance and Lay Associate, Matthew Leacyraft, will lead. We will join the Brothers in prayer and worship, reflect on the Daily Office, and consider how the Benedictine precepts of chastity, poverty, obedience, and stability might guide our own spiritual journeys with Christ. Please contact Matt for more information; space is limited.

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 Sturm Trio. Mark your calendar now! Please RSVP to Grace Beacham.

Church School registration is open
Check off Church School registration from your fall To Do list by visiting stjames.org/cfmregistration to sign up for weekday activities and Sunday School. Payment can be made securely online.

Music for Children & Youth
Being a chorister at St. James’ is a wonderful way to experience music across the centuries, reinforce faith-based formation, and participate in church! Choristers gain musicianship skills through fun and varied activities. For information about each ensemble and a season calendar, visit stjames.org/music or contact Loraine Enlow.

Toiletry Ministry: Thanks and help
Thank you to all who have contributed to our toiletries ministry! We are still collecting new, unopened sample-size shampoo, conditioner, hand/body lotion, hand soap, shower gel, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Please leave donations at the reception desk.

Homeless Shelter Ministry: Summer Sabbatical
St. James’/MAPC’s overnight shelter ministry is on hiatus in August for maintenance and volunteer recruitment. If you would like to get involved with this vital ministry in the fall, please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez.

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. 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 generosity of parishioners who have made financial commitments 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, Elena, Cynthia, Pam, Caroline & Michael, Walterene, James Edward, Joan, Lois, Brian, Michael, Eula Mae, Carol, Lilly, Laura, Ann & Ben, Bob, Chris, Amanda, Victor, Valli, Jeanette, Alice, Iris, Sophie, Maria & her parents, Frank, Lisa, Carmen, Milton, Alice Mary, Izabel, Rick, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Bill, John, the Kirkpatrick family, Tom, Douglas, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoey, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Jeannette, Dorothy, Dorothy, Elhora, Harriett, Alex, Christopher, Margot, James, Peggy, Katharine, Casey, John & Catherine, Ruth, Sandy, Dick, John, George, Peter, Jose, Laura, Pam, Barb, Craig, Megan, Grace, Matthew, Isabel, Margaret, Barbara, MaryAnn, Bill, Dale, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, Ben, Bryce, James, Elena, Kelly, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Angelo, Kathryin, Teresa, Ben & Juanger, Liam, Ann, Emily, Andrew, Charlie, John, Monique, Cilla, Rich, Janet, Julie, Behida, Ray, John, Frank, Karen & Craig, Gary, Aaron & family, Anita, Dwain, Caris & Blake, Charlotte, Peter, Anne, Jason, Vicky, Bill, Dorothy, Peg, Chase, Kimberly, Alice, Claude, Matthew, John, Blake & Pamela, Gabrielle, Pamela, Paula, Elena, Allison, Jane & Peter, Emily, Pat, Robert, Jorge, Brad, Connie, Ryan and the Malosh family, Karen, Olivia, Grace, Kim, Kenneth, Philip, Drew, Taylor, and Layla, Justin & Jennifer, Joseph (JP), Florence, Phyllis, Ivan, Gene, Suzanne, Elizabeth, Thomas, Lorraine, Francis, Mary Beth, Annette, Terence, Caroline, Dan, Tony, Ward, Sophie, Sharon, Nate, Jim, Richard, Joseph, Anne, Darby, Susan, Mary, Armen, Vicki, Jimmy, Tom, Beth, Elizabeth, Christine, Rafa, and Alexander.
- for the Pastoral Missioner to the Deaf, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, its ministries and people, and the Most Rev. Thabo Makgoba, Archbishop of Capetown and Primate of Southern Africa, 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 Jim White.

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

Please note: this list is current as of August 6, and will next be updated on September 8. Thank you for your understanding.
The Vestry

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Richard Brown
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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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