Dear friends,

Perhaps it’s just me, but Labor Day has always felt…sleepy. I don’t mean in church, though the pews will likely be less crowded this Sunday than just about any other. Rather, it’s something about the end of the Summer—the temperature usually reaches its zenith just as we know the party is almost over. Very few of us are happy to be hurrying back to business as usual, to the end of vacation times or days at the beach, back into the arms of deadlines and that “back-to-school” feeling. As this Sunday slides into Monday, time has always seemed to slow to a languorous crawl, almost as though the rhythms of a more “normal” life can’t see us if we’re moving slowly, won’t take us back. Might I invite you to come to a complete stop?

Labor day is for all of us. Whether working within the office or within the home, retired or still in school, unemployed or “funemployed,” all of us work, and often too hard. So this Monday, I invite you to stop and take stock. Does your work give you joy? Does your work take over your life? And how does your work—for a paycheck, or for your family—feel like it relates to your work for the Kingdom, your work for God?

I feel like most of us can feel a disconnect between what we do on Sundays, and what we do the rest of the week. It happens to me sometimes, and I work at a church! When we find ourselves stuck in a problem or frustrated, we don’t often think back to what happened last Sunday. I don’t think it’s because we’re bad listeners, or bad believers—I just think all too often, we have a hard time imaging our “other” work as something that matters to God, that all our labor could be holy.

When we gather on Sundays to talk about God, and the powerful love made real to us in Jesus, we don’t just mean for the duration of the service. God is at work in you, and through you, for the sake of the World.

In Christ,
The Rev. Eva Suarez, Associate 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

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

**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?**
STAY 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.
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.

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

Baptismal Preparation September 15 and 22
Are you interested in having your child baptized at an upcoming service? Please join us for this important and dynamic series of preparatory conversations about the meaning of baptism and the logistics of the service. Contact the Rev. Zack Thompson to learn more.

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 Leaycraft, 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.

St. James’ 101 Newcomers Brunch September 22
Are you “new” to St. James? Learn more about membership here at an informal brunch with clergy and parishioners. Please contact the Rev. Zack Thompson to learn more.

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.

Homeless Shelter Ministry: Starting back up
St. James’/MAPC’s overnight shelter ministry was on hiatus in August for maintenance and volunteer recruitment. If you would like to get involved with this vital ministry when we start up again this month, 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 Sturm Trio.

Save the Dates:
- Parish-wide Pancake Breakfast Sat. October 26
- 20th Anniversary Party for Davis Wortman Mon. October 28

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, Elona, 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, Isabel, Rick, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Bill, John, the Kirkpatrick family, Tom, Douglas, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoey, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Jeannette, Dorothy, Dorothy, Elzona, Harriet, Alex, Christopher, Margot, James, Peggy, Katharine, Casey, John & Catherine, Ruth, Sandy, Dick, John, George, Peter, Joe, 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, Kathryn, Teresa, Ben & Juergen, 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, Fat, 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, 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-falling 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.

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.
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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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