Dear friends,

Unintended consequences. It’s a phrase I first associate with legislative policies and environmental decisions, which have unforeseen (and often negative) repercussions. Yet I started thinking about unintended consequences in a new way when I began to consider our Homecoming Sunday and the reasons people come to church. I invite you to consider what first brought you in the doors of St. James’. Here are a few of the reasons I’ve heard over the years: A Church School for my children; the community; the worship; the music; to pray; to be quiet; for the sermons; to find some peace in the week; to find God; to see if religion makes any sense for me; to meet a possible spouse. It’s a pretty varied list, and incomplete at that. The good news is that we don’t ask and, without meaning to sound callous, we don’t much care either.

We don’t much care because we believe that whatever brings you in the door, if you stick around a bit God will use it. Come for the church school, and find yourself asking questions about faith right alongside your children. Come for community, and get intrigued when someone talks about where they have encountered Jesus in their own life. On it goes, because the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives, seeking to draw us into relationship with Christ and one another. We on the staff just get to help a bit until we all find our home with God, which is what God has always intended.

In Christ,
The Rev. Brenda Husson, Rector

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Today at St. James’

**Confirmation Orientation** 9:30-10:15 a.m., Coburn Hall
All 8th grade Confirmands and their parents are invited to meet other Confirmation families, clergy, and teachers. Get a sense for the direction of our Confirmation Program. Contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis for more information.

**Homecoming Sunday celebrations**

Celebrate the start of a new program year and catch up after the summer months at a parish-wide picnic on 71st Street following the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist. Enjoy delicious barbecue and family-friendly activities, or a barbecue dinner after the 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion. All are welcome! No RSVP necessary.

Please note that our programs for children and youth, including choir, will resume next week. Full schedule inside and online at stjames.org/calendar!

Beginning next Sunday

**Fellowship**
- After the 9:10 a.m. service, coffee outside Coburn Hall
- After the 11:15 a.m. service, coffee in Sunderland Hall

**Nursery Care available downstairs**
Nursery care is available during the 9:10 and 11:15 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.
- Toddler (ages 2-3) and Primary (ages 4-6) 9:05-11:00 a.m.
- Church School, Youth Group (grades 1-12) 10:15-11:00 a.m.
- The Forum 10:30-11:00 a.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 9:10, 11:15 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 9:10, 11:15 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.

Next Sunday: Sept. 15

Education Sunday · The Feast of the Holy Cross
Isaiah 45:21-25; Philippians 2:5-11; John 12:31-36; Psalm 98

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Homily by the Rev. Zack Thompson, Associate Rector.

9:10 a.m. Family Eucharist
Sermon by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor, Vicar. The Canterbury, Junior, and Youth Choirs offer music by Edward Elgar and Christopher Borrett.

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist
Sermon by the Rev. Zack Thompson, Associate Rector. The Compostela Choir offers music by Lee Hoiby, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, and Herbert Sumeson.

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

Church School Orientation after the 9:10 a.m. service
Students and families are invited to Coburn Hall for Church School Orientation. Please contact Vicki Hall if you would like to learn more or register your child for Church School.

Youth programs resume after the 9:10 a.m. service
Students in the 6th and 7th grades, Confirmation Class, and Youth Group will kick-off a new year in their classrooms. Contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to learn more.

Baptismal Preparation 10:15 a.m., St. George
Interested in having your child baptized? Please join us for this important and dynamic series of conversations (continues September 22). Contact the Rev. Zack Thompson to learn more.

Register for Church School and children’s programs today!
Visit stjames.org/cfmregistration to sign up for weekday activities and Sunday School. Payment can be made securely online.

This Week

* Special this week
Learn more at stjames.org/calendar

Monday, September 9
Mark 15:40-47

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Tuesday, September 10
Mark 16:1-8

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Wednesday, September 11
Matthew 2:1-12

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Thursday, September 12
Matthew 2:13-23

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<td>* Bible Stories &amp; Legos resumes</td>
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Matthew 3:1-12

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<td>5:00 - 9:00 p.m.</td>
<td>* Youth host Friday Dinner Program</td>
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John 12:31-36

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<td>* Acolyte &amp; Youth Usher Training</td>
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<td>* Osborne Outing at Aviator Sports</td>
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News & Notes

Wednesday Morning Bible Study  Sept. 11, 8:30-9:30 a.m.  Kicking off our parish-wide “Beloved Community” theme this fall, the Wednesday Bible Study will explore the Epistle of James, led by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor. Newcomers are always invited to come join this lively (and at time raucous!) weekly Bible study. No preparation necessary; all are welcome.

Training for 9:10 a.m. worship leadership  Saturday, Sept. 14  Youth interested in helping to lead Sunday worship are invited to two trainings: Usher/Acolyte at 10:00 and Chalice Bearer training at 11:30 a.m. Please contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to learn more.

Osborne Outing at Aviator Sports  Sat. Sept. 14, 11:30 a.m.  Parishioners are invited to volunteer on a trip to Aviator Sports in Brooklyn with youth from the Osborne Association. Lunch is included. Please contact Windsor Jones to learn more or RSVP.

Albion Correctional Facility visit  deadline September 18  St. James’ parishioners chaperone children of incarcerated mothers on a visit update, December 5-6. Please contact Windsor Jones to learn more and get involved.


St. James’ 101 Newcomers Brunch  Sept. 22, 10:30-11:00 a.m.  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.

Youth Prayer Workshop  Sept. 22, 10:15-11:00 a.m.  Middle, High, and Confirmation groups will learn about personal prayer and meditation practices in the Christian tradition. Contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis for more information.

St. Jamesians Kick-off at the Met  Friday, Sept. 27, 6:30 p.m.  Join Young Adults from St. James’ for a well-beloved September tradition! Meet on the steps of the Met and look for folks wearing red—you’ll know it’s us! RSVP to Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis.

5-12th Grade Game Night  Saturday, Sept. 28, 5:30 p.m.  Youth are invited to hang out, watch some sports, enjoy dinner and activities such as ping-pong, board games, and card games. Please contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis for questions or to RSVP.

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! For information, contact Loraine Enlow.

Homeless Shelter Ministry: Starting back up this month  St. James’ overnight shelter ministry was on hiatus for maintenance and volunteer recruitment. If you would like to get involved with this vital ministry, 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.

Prayer List

Thanks be to God

- for the gifts of the summer season, and for the safe travels of all our parishioners who are returning from time away.
- for the beginning of our program year, and for the community of St. James Church.
- 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, Jeannette, Alice, Iris, Sophie, Maria & her parents, Frank, Lisa, 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, Elvira, Harriet, 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, Kathryn, Teresa, Ben & Juergen, Liam, Ann, Emily, Andrew, Charlie, John, Monique, Cilla, Rich, Jane, Julie, Behida, Ray, John, Frank, Karen & Craig, Gary, Aaron & family, Anita, D윈, 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, Ryan and the Malosh family, Karen, Olivia, Grace, Kim, Kenneth, Philip, Drew, Taylor, and Layla, Justin & Jennifer, Joseph (JP), Florence, Phyliss, 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, Christopher, Lulu, Karen, Susan, Damianus, Josephine, Alex, Ann, Liz, Sam, Tommy, Jeremy, Ruth and John
- for Ascension & Holy Trinity Church, West Park, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, its ministries and people, and for the Most Rev. Ezekiel Kumir Kondo, Archbishop of the Province of Sudan and the Bishop of Khartoum, 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 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 Carmen Dugdale, Pamela Miller Girard, Robert Crowley Jr., Anna Maria Schuster, and 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.
St. James’ Church is a community that actively shares the love of Jesus Christ with each other, our city and the world.

**Worship**

**SUNDAYS**
- 8:00 a.m. · Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 9:10 a.m. · Family Eucharist
- 11:15 a.m. · Choral Eucharist
- 6:00 p.m. · Candlelight Communion

**WEEKDAYS**
- M, T, Th, F 8:00 a.m. · Morning Prayer
- Wed. 8:00 a.m. · Holy Eucharist
- Mon. - Fri. 5:30 p.m. · Evening Prayer

**CENTERING PRAYER**
- Tue. 6:00 p.m.
- Wed. 12:00 p.m.
- Fri. 12:00 p.m.

Open for prayer and meditation
- Sunday, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Mon. - Fri., 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Visit Us**

**PARISH HOUSE HOURS**
- Mon. - Fri. · 9:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays · 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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