Dear friends,

If on a weekday you venture out to the city streets a little after 7:30 in the morning you will notice that it is no longer summertime. The autumnal chill in the air (and the option to add pumpkin spice to almost any breakfast item) are not the only clues. School buses, backpacks, scooters, and droves of children being hurried along by their parents have taken over the streets. I join the great multitude in this morning routine, and before long it will feel like the new normal again. But just now it still feels like a new pair of shoes, a little bit painful (especially the alarm clock) but ultimately a good and necessary choice. I am used to dropping our two boys at school in the morning, I’ve been doing it the last couple of years and I could make the walk with my eyes closed. But even as the drop-off routine remains essentially the same, it is a new year filled with different assignments, new friends, and fresh possibilities for growth.

I am glad that we can come to church and know what to expect. We make our way to a familiar pew, say the same opening prayer (“Almighty God, to you all hearts are open...”), read from the scriptures, sing hymns, and become reunited with God’s love through the great sacrament Christ has left for us. But it is a new year at St. James’ with new members to welcome, new forums to attend, brothers and sisters in Christ to meet, babies to baptize, and people to lovingly serve. It is true that we are coming back to a routine, but this routine is about continual growth in the knowledge and love of God, so that we might walk in love as Christ loves us.

In Christ,
The Rev. Zack Thompson, Associate Rector

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**Today at St. James’**

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

**The Sunday Forum**  10:30 - 11:00 a.m., Coburn Hall
The Rev. Ryan Fleenor will kick off our fall series on “Beloved Community,” exploring the Biblical and theological foundations of what it means to be a Beloved Community.

**St. James’ 101 Brunch**  10:30 - 11:00 a.m., Sunderland Hall
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.

**Shelter Ministry Open House**  1:00 - 2:30 p.m., MAPC (offsite)
Current and prospective shelter volunteers are invited to this fun, informative open house. Learn more about what it takes to make our overnight shelter run! Contact Hannah Minton to learn more.

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

**Name tags help us to know each other**
New name tags are available outside Sunderland Hall. If your name does not appear, please let Sandra De La Cruz know.

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**Every 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.
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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This Week

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

Monday, September 23
Matthew 5:21-26
Morning Prayer 8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
Caregivers Playgroup (0-36 months) 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, September 24
Matthew 5:27-37
Morning Prayer 8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
Tuesday Lunch Program 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
* Parents of Young Children Welcome Coffee 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
3-5 year old Playgroup 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.
Junior Choir rehearsal 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Evening Prayer 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Centering Prayer 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
* Confirmation Parents Dinner 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Canterbury Choir rehearsal 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 25
Matthew 5:38-48
Holy Eucharist 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
0-12 month Playgroup 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Centering Prayer 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
Evening Prayer 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 26
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Morning Prayer 8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
12-24 month Playgroup 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Bible Stories & Legos 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
We Love to Sing 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
Primary Choir rehearsal 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
Thursdays for Families 4:45 - 6:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
* Small Group Supper 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Education for Ministry 6:30 - 8:45 p.m.
Revive group 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, September 27
Matthew 6:7-15
Morning Prayer 8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
24-36 month Playgroup 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Centering Prayer 12:00 - 12:30 p.m.
Friday Dinner Program 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
* St. Jamesians 20s & 30s Met Kick-off 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 28
Matthew 6:19-24
* Youth Game Night 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Next Sunday: Sept. 29

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**News & Notes**

**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.

**Parents of Young Children Coffee**  
**Tuesday, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**  
If you have a child who is 0-36 months old, please come meet other parents of young children and learn about our Playgroups and other programs specifically for this age! Contact Vicki Hall to learn more.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study**  
**Wednesday, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.**  
Explore the Epistle of James this fall, led by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor. Newcomers are always invited to join this lively (sometimes raucous!) weekly Bible study. No preparation necessary; all are welcome.

**St. Jamesians Kick-off at the Met**  
**Friday, 6:30 - 8:30 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, 5:30 - 7:30 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.

**Homeless Shelter Re-opens**  
**Monday, September 30**  
St. James’ overnight shelter will re-open Monday through Thursday nights. If you would like to get involved with this simple, yet life-giving ministry, please contact Hannah Minton.

**Moms Small Group**  
**Tue. Oct. 1, 8:45 - 9:45 a.m.**  
Moms of all ages and stages are invited to a weekly Bible study on Tuesday mornings. No preparation or commitment needed!

**Cooking Class with Osborne youth**  
**Sat. Oct. 5, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.**  
Join us in Brooklyn for a delicious afternoon cooking class, side-by-side with kids from the Osborne Association. If you are interested, please contact Windsor Jones for details.

**Blessing of the Animals**  
**Sun. Oct. 6, 4:00 p.m.**  
Bring your beloved pet (or stuffed animal) for a blessing in Central Park as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi! A favorite service for all ages; friends welcome.

**5th - 12th Grade Trip to Six Flags**  
**Wednesday, October 9**  
Looking for something to do when schools are closed for Yom Kippur? Youth are invited to Six Flags! Cost $115. Please contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to learn more or register by September 29.

**Global Mission Fair**  
**Sat. Oct. 12, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
Enjoy a panel on “The Way of Love in Christian Ministry” and lunch discussions on ministries around the world. Learn more and register at www.dioceseny.org/ednyevent/global-mission-fair.

**St. Jamesoners Rectory Event**  
**Sat. Oct. 16, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.**  
Parishioners in their 20s & 30s are invited to join the clergy at the rectory for food, fellowship, and a discussion about religion and gender. Please RSVP to Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis.

**Hymnal Drive & Anniversary Party**  
**Mon. Oct. 28, 6:30 p.m.**  
Please join us in Coburn Hall to celebrate Davis Wortman’s 20th Anniversaryyarat St. James’ with music by the Ike Sturm Trio. Visit stjames.org/hymnals to make a gift in honor of Davis.

**Prayer List**

**Thanks be to God**
- for today’s St. James’ 101 breakfast, providing the opportunity to welcome newcomers to our parish.
- 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 our baptismal candidates and their families, as they prepare for next Sunday’s baptisms.
- for those affected by Hurricane Dorian.
- for members and friends of the parish who are sick, sorrowful, or in any kind of trouble: Donald, Henry, David, Perry & 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, Iris, Sophie, Maria & her parents, Frank, Lisa, Milton, Alice Mary, Isabel, Rick, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Bill, John, the Kirkpatrick family, Tom, Douglas, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoye, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Jeannette, Dorothy, Dorotheo, Elnora, 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, Alice, Claude, Matthew, John, Blake & Pamela, Gabrielle, Pamela, Paula, Elena, Allison, Jane & Peter, Emily, Pat, Robert, Jorge, Brad, Ryan and the Malof 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, Emily, Alexander, Christopher, Lulu, Karen, Susan, Damianus, Josephine, Alex, Ann, Liz, Sam, Tommy, Jeremy, Ruth and John, John’s family, Rosalyn, Suzanna, Sebastian, Nico, Lola, Susan, Lynda, Joseph, Katy, Nancy, Christina, and Miriam.
- for St. Mary’s Church, Mohegan Lake, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the Church of the Province of Uganda, its ministries and people, and the Most Rev. Stanley Ntagalim Archbishop of Uganda & Bishop of Kampala.
- 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 who all 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 Martha Pionwok, George Watson, Juaniita Abernathy, and Glen Hiraldo.

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

Jennifer Charrington, Sr. Warden · Missy Condo, Jr. Warden

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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.

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