Dear friends,

In last week’s forum, Ryan set the theme for our year together—Beloved Community. Don’t worry if you couldn’t be there; we will explore Beloved Community in a variety of ways in our life together, from the fall issue of the Camino to Thursdays for Families to preaching and forums and parish events.

“Beloved Community” is one of those phrases that sounds nice for a church to use. If you didn’t know its history, it might even sound kind of sweet, or even quaint. Yet the idea of being the Beloved Community came into real currency during the American Civil Rights movement. It addresses the real stuff of the world—hatred, oppression, racism, poverty—and asks the hard questions necessitated by human suffering and human cruelty: What does it mean to live like Christians, in the midst of the world as it is? If we love our neighbors as ourselves, who are our neighbors? Too often, we think of “neighbor” narrowly, yet God’s dream for us is not just merciful but expansive, too. Being the Beloved Community is about living the Kingdom of God now, here, a call that is urgent and defiant against the kings and powers of this world. While we believe they will pass away...they are very much with us now.

Being the Beloved Community is about reconciliation and restoration, and living into the fullness of our humanity together. But it’s important to remember...the fight for civil rights was (and is) a movement. The early church was a movement. Every intentional community, whether they are intent on transforming themselves or remaking the world, is a movement. We not only learn about it together, but practice it together, because sometimes being the Beloved Community means messing up or starting over or lending one another a hand or even—uh-oh!—forgiving one another. We need time, we need patience, and we need each other to be Beloved Community.

In Christ,
The Rev. Eva Suarez, Associate Rector
Can we count you “in”?
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Next Sunday: Oct. 6

The Feast of Saint Francis
Wisdom of Solomon 13:1-5; Psalm 148; Galatians 6:14–18; Matthew 11:25–30

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

9:10 a.m. Children’s Eucharist

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist

The Sunday Forum 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
What is Beloved Community? Join the Rev. Ryan Fleenor as we take a deep dive into the spirituality and practice of St. Francis of Assisi, and what that wisdom holds for us today as we seek to be Beloved Community.

Blessing of the Animals 4:00 p.m.
Meet on the church steps and 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.

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.

Sunday Food Drive!
Please bring food donations for our new partner, St. James Fordham’s Food Pantry. Please make selections from the following list:

- 16oz cans of fruit, corn, peas, or black beans
- 6-8oz cans of tuna or Vienna Sausage
- 1lb packages of pasta or rice
- 10-12oz boxes of healthy cereal

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This week’s Bible Memorization verse
Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you. —Genesis 28:15
### News & Notes

**Homeless Shelter Re-opens**

Monday  
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**

Tuesday, 8:45 - 9:45 a.m.  
Moms of all ages and stages are invited to a weekly Bible study on Tuesday mornings. Come, join us! No preparation needed.

**Cooking Class with Osborne youth**

Saturday, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Join us in Brooklyn for a delicious afternoon cooking class with kids from the Osborne Association. If you are interested, please contact Windsor Jones for details.

**20s & 30s Fall Small Group** begins Mon. Oct. 7, 7:00 p.m.  
Join other young adults for a 5-week reading of Henri Nouwen’s “The Return of the Prodigal Son.” Books provided ($10 suggested donation; contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis). Snacks provided free!

**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. Jamesians Rectory Event** Wed. 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.

**Family Friday & Friday Friends** Friday, October 18  
Save the date for a night of fun, food and service for children and their families (downstairs with Vicki Hall) and for our 5-7th graders (upstairs with Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis).

**Parenting Book Group** beginning Sun. Oct. 20, 10:30 a.m.  
Sometimes struggle with raising a spiritual child in a secular world? Join the Revs. Ryan Fleenor, Zack Thompson, and a group of fellow parents for a 4-week book group, reading Sophronia Scott & Tain Gregory’s *This Child of Faith*. Contact Vicki Hall to learn more.

**All-Parish Pancake Breakfast** Sat. Oct. 26, 8:30 a.m.  
In the spirit of the Parish Weekend Away (Oct. 9 - 11, 2020), everyone is invited to a morning of good food and great fellowship, with friends across congregations and ministries.

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

**Donate! Second Time Around**  
**Thrift sale**  
**Friday, November 6**  
Designer and/or gently-used clothing, shoes, jewelry, housewares, linens, art, and collectibles are needed for our thrift sale! Please contact Grace for more details or to volunteer.

**Youth Group is going to Puerto Rico in 2020!** sign up by Nov. 10  
8-12th Graders are invited to partner with our Episcopalian brothers and sisters in much-needed work over Presidents’ Day weekend. To learn more, please contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis.

### Prayer List

**Thanks be to God**

- for today’s baptisms of Stephen Christopher Mariner, Britton Stewart Ingalls, Emma Marie Reinheimer, and Olivia Mae Reinheimer.
- for last week’s St. James’ 101 gathering, providing the opportunity to welcome 14 newcomers to our parish.
- for the generosity of parishioners who have made 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, 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, Zeyo, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Jeanette, Dorothy, Dorothy, Elnorah, 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, 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, Paula, Pablo, Christian, Dave & Peter, Anne, Pat, Robert, Jorge, Brad, Ryan and the Malosh family, Karen, Olivia, Grace, Kim, Kenneth, Philip, Drew, Taylor and Layla, Justin & Jennifer, Joseph (JP), Florence, Phyliis, Ivan, 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, Johns family, Rosalyn, Suzanna, Sebastian, Nico, Lola, Susan, Lynda, Joseph, Katy, Nancy, Christina, Miriam, Stephen, Paula, Jerry, John, and Madelin.

- for Grace Church, Port Jervis, Delaware Catskill Episcopal Ministry, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the Episcopal Church, its ministries and people, and the Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of TEC.
- 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 Gene Lanier, Tanya Robinson, and Jess Melore.

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