Dear friends,

In today’s gospel, Jesus says, “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” It is peculiar that we should find rest by taking up the yoke of God. Normally, a yoke is pulled by two strong, working animals. And this is the yoke of God! At first it sounds like a contradiction, but we truly will not find rest unless we take up God’s yoke. Otherwise we will be carrying our own.

God made us to do incredible things. To love one another, to build communities, to heal people, to create a just society. When we do these things for God, we find incredible rest and peace. So often, however, we use our skills and abilities to shield ourselves from the pain in our communities and in our personal lives. We pour our energy into our own wellbeing and security. And it’s exhausting. We will never fully escape from pain and failure. We will never save ourselves. That’s why God already has.

Without confronting pain and suffering, without facing difficult, scary decisions, we will never be able to join God in the healing, creative work of the gospel. The work we were made for. And when we do, we realize that it’s what we’ve been longing for all along. I’m so glad to be joining the St James’ community as we practice discerning the call to God’s work, and as we collectively seek out that truest rest for our souls.

Peace,

Windsor Jones, Mission Coordinator

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**Today at St. James’**

**The Sunday Forum**  
10:30 - 11:00 a.m., Coburn Hall  
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., Church Steps  
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.

**Register for Church School and children’s programs!**  
You don’t have to register in advance to come (just visit the friendly faces at the First Time Families podium for directions), but you can register any time online at stjames.org/cfmregistration to sign up for weekday activities and Sunday School.

**New! 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.
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 gift.

Next Sunday: Oct. 13

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Homily by the Rev. Eva Suarez, Associate Rector.

9:10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon by the Rev. Brenda Husson, Rector. The Canterbury Choir offers music by Ralph Vaughan Williams and Philip Lawson.

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist

Sermon by the Rev. Eva Suarez. The Compostela Choir offers the music of Herbert Sumson, Pieterzoon Sweelinck, and William Hawley.

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

Homily by the Rev. Zack Thompson, Associate Rector. Music for piano and dulcimer.

The Sunday Forum 10:30 - 11:00 a.m., Coburn Hall

First in our six-week series on the Practices of Beloved Community, the Rev. Zack Thompson will introduce the practice of Extravagant Hospitality.

Helping Hands 10:15 - 11:00 a.m., Primary Classroom

One Sunday a month, all ages come together for Helping Hands Sundays. Children, youth and adults work together on a project to help others. Please help us show God’s love to our neighbors!

Baptismal Preparation 10:15 - 11:00 a.m., Library

Are you interested in baptism for yourself or your child? Please join us for a series of conversations about this important sacrament, in preparation for upcoming services in November and December. Contact the Rev. Zack Thompson to learn more.

Toiletries for our neighbors donations needed

For Helping Hands Sunday, our children will be sorting toiletry bags for our neighbors in the Friday Dinner Program. Please donate unused, travel-size shampoos, conditioners, body soaps, lotion, and especially toothpaste (travel size).

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This week’s Bible Memorization verse

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.  — Matthew 11:28
News & Notes

20s & 30s Fall Small Group begins Monday, 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 are free!

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.

Global Mission Fair Saturday, 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.

Gay Men’s Small Group begins Tue. Oct. 15, 8:00 p.m.
Please join the gay men’s Small Group, hosted by Nick Sanchez and Rob Long, for a four-week series. Contact Nick (nickdavidsanchez@gmail.com) or Zach Hora-Mora (z.a.moir@gmail.com) for more.

St. James’ 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.

New! Mission Brunch Sun. Oct. 20, 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Interested in mission and service at St. James? Please join our staff and ministry chairs to learn about how you can serve others and deepen your life of faith. Contact the Rev. Eva Suarez 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 for good food and great fellowship, with friends across congregations and ministries. Please RSVP to Grace.

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

Evensong for All Saints’ Day Fri. Nov. 1, 6:00 p.m.
The Compostela Choir will offer the music of Henry Purcell, Edgar Bainton, Bernard Rose, and Bruce Saylor for the Feast of All Saints. Remember your loved ones who have passed in the last year by submitting their names to Rosa Gentile by Monday, October 28.

Pilgrimage announced! Canterbury Trail June 26 - July 6, 2020
The Rev. Ryan Fleenor will lead a pilgrimage in England, walking the medieval route to Canterbury to celebrate the 850th anniversary of the martyrdom of Thomas Beckett. Contact Ryan to learn more!

Join our Homeless Shelter ministry!
St. James’ overnight shelter is open Monday through Thursday nights. If you would like to get involved with this simple, yet life-giving ministry, please contact Hannah Minton.

Prayer List

Thanks be to God

• for last week’s baptisms of Stephen Christopher Mariner, Britton Stewart Ingalls, Emma Marie Reinheimer, and Olivia Mae Reinheimer.
• for the birth, on September 23, of Wyatt Earls, son of Kate Earls.
• 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, 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, Zoey, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Jeannette, Dorothy, Dorothy, Elnora, 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, 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, Dwiain, 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 Malosh family, Karen, Olivia, Grace, Kim, Kenneth, Philip, Drew, Taylor, and Layla, Justin & Jennifer, Joseph (JP), Florence, Phyliss, 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, Damians, Josephine, Alex, Ann, Liz, Sam, Tommy, Jeremy, Ruth and John, John’s family, Rosalyn, Suzanne, Sebastian, Nici, Lola, Susan, Lynda, Joseph, Katy, Nancy, Christina, Miriam, Stephen, Paula, Jerry, John, Madelin, Benjamin, Diane.

• for the Society of St. Francis, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
• for the Church in Wales, its ministries and people, and the Most Rev. John Davies, Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Swansea & Brecon.
• 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 William Axell Hayes, Charles Tingley, Frederick Liberatore, and Aeri Kim.

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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