Dear friends,


I discovered this dialogue many years ago in a book about parenting. It’s a pretty good transcript of a regular conversation between teens and their parents. While parents always worry, the fact is that the one-word answers are usually short-hand for just hanging out with friends, and maybe horsing around.

This holiday weekend, when some have headed out and those staying put may get some time off, it seems worth lifting up the value of doing nothing and hanging out with friends. For the last two years, St. James’ parishioners and families have done just that, at our Parish Weekends Away in the Catskills. This time next year—October 9-11—we will head out together again. If you’ve not come before, know that heading to the Catskills in prime leaf season definitely gets us out of the city and staying together at Iroquois Springs Camp gets us out of our usual routines. Of course, we’re New Yorkers, so we’ll do something; we’re thrilled to announce that the Rev. Martin Smith, author, retreat-leader, and longtime parish priest, will facilitate.

But we will do nothing too, both alone and together. Canoe on the lake, go for walks, horse around on the lawn, make s’mores, sit and read, or think our own thoughts. We’ll be with friends and we’ll make some friends, because when you just hang out, you build relationships. Jesus calls us to be one of his beloved communities; this is a chance to help make it so.

In Christ,
The Rev. Brenda Husson, Rector

Dear friends,

“In the spirit of the Parish Weekend Away, please join us for a parish-wide Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 26! Learn more inside...

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**Today at St. James’**

**The Sunday Forum**

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

First in our five-week series on the Practices of Beloved Community, the Rev. Zack Thompson will introduce the practice of Extravagant Hospitality. Have you missed a forum? Find them on our podcast channel by searching “St. James’ Church Manhattan” on Apple Podcasts, Google Play, or your preferred podcast platform.

**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.

**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.
This Week

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

Monday, October 14  Matthew 10:5-15
*Closed for Columbus Day holiday
* St. Jamesians Small Group (offsite; contact Jeremy)  7:00 p.m.
Overnight Shelter (Mon.-Thurs.)

Tuesday, October 15  Matthew 10:16-23
Morning Prayer  8:00 - 8:20 a.m.
Moms Small Group  8:45 - 9:45 a.m.
Tuesday Lunch Program  9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
3-5 year old Playgroup  3:30 - 4:45 p.m.
Cherub Choir rehearsal  3:45 - 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.
Canterbury Choir rehearsal  6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
* St. Jamesians Small Group begins  8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 16  Matthew 10:24-33
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.
* St. Jamesians Rectory Event  6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 17  Matthew 10:34-42
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 - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, October 18  Acts 1:1-8
* The Feast of Saint Luke
Men’s Group  7:00 - 8:00 a.m.
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.
* Family Friday: Lego Night  6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
* Friday Friends: Casino Night  6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Next Sunday: Oct. 20

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

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

9:10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
The Canterbury, Junior and Youth Choirs offer music by Giovanni Pierluigi de Palestrina and Antony Baldwin.

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist
The Compostela Choir offers the music of George Oldroyd, Leo Sowerby, and Thomas Tallis.

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion
Music for piano and oboe.

Instructed Eucharists  9:10, 11:15 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.
Have you ever wondered why we worship the way we do? Learn more at these Eucharists about the meaning of our words and actions in the liturgy. Visit stjames.org/living-liturgy for videos about each portion of the service, featuring St. James’ clergy and lay staff.

The Sunday Forum  10:30 - 11:00 a.m., Coburn Hall
The Rev. Ryan Fleenor will dive deep into the second of our five Practices for Beloved Community: Truth-telling, both about our failure and God’s faithfulness.

Mission Brunch  10:30 - 11:00 a.m., Sunderland Hall
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.

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.

Parenting Book Group  10:15 - 11:00 a.m., Sister Corita
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 Sophfronia Scott & Tain Gregory’s This Child of Faith. Contact Vicki Hall to learn more.

This week’s Bible Memorization verse

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. —Psalm 111:1
20s & 30s Fall Small Group    Mondays, 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.

Gay Men’s Small Group    begins Tuesday, 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. Jamesians Rectory Event    Wednesday, 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: Lego Night    Friday, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Join us for a night of fun, food, and service for children and their families — this month, with Legos! A great chance to get to know other St. James’ families with little ones.

Friday Friends: Casino Night    Friday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Join us for a night of fun, food, and service for our 5-7th graders and their friends! Come and play some favorite “Casino” games. $5 suggested donation; contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis 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. The men of the parish are invited to help out in the kitchen! Please contact Grace Beacham to learn more, volunteer, or RSVP.

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.

Donate! Second Time Around thrift sale    Friday, November 8
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.

Civil Rights Pilgrimage—sign up!    January 26-29, 2020
The Rev. Ryan Fleenor will lead a pilgrimage to Atlanta, Birmingham, Selma, and Montgomery as part of our year-long Beloved Community focus. Contact Ryan to learn more.

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!

News & Notes

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

Prayer List

Thanks be to God

- for the marriage last Saturday of Kristen Romano and Josiah Miller.
- for the generosity of parishioners who have made pledges 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, Walerene, 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, Izabel, Rick, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Bill, John, the Kirkpatrick family, Tom, Douglas, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoey, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Jeannette, Dorothy, Elnora, Harriet, Alex, Christopher, Margaret, Jones, 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, Ella, Kelly, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Angelo, Kathryn, Teresa, Ben & Juergen, Liam, Ann, Emily, Andrew, Charlie, John, Monique, Cilla, Rich, Jan, 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 Malosh family, Karen, Olivia, Grace, Kim, Kenneth, Philip, Drew, Taylor, and Layla, Justin & Jennifer, Joseph (JP), Florence, Phyllis, Ivan, Suzanne, Elizabeth, Thomas, Lorraine, Franciscus, 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, Ruth and John, Johns family, Rosalyn, Suzanna, Sebastian, Nico, Lola, Susan, Lynda, Joseph, Katy, Nancy, Christina, Miriam, Stephen, Paula, Jerry, John, Madelin, Benjamin, Richard, Diane, Lucy and Nicholas, Tim, Teresa and Jackie.

- for St. Mark’s Church, Mount Kisco, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the Church of the Province of West Africa, its ministries and people, and the Most Rev. Dr Daniel Sarfo, Primate & Metropolitan, CPWA; Archbishop of the Internal province of Ghana and Bishop of Kumasi.
- 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, including Mary Louise Whitmarsh, and Rosalyn Simon.

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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.

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