Invitations & Information
November 17, 2019

Dear friends,

_Blessed_ is a word that gets a lot of use—often in the context of announcing some recent good fortune or the advent of a long-hoped-for gift. _Blessed_ is a word Jesus used, too, but never in those ways. He talked about the blessed who mourn or who are persecuted or who are poor in fact or in spirit (each an experience we’d prefer to skip).

In worship—where we hear Jesus’ often startling words—we clergy pronounce blessings. We do so most obviously at the close of worship, when we pronounce a final blessing over the congregation just after we’ve all said the post communion prayer and asked that, having been fed at the altar, we might share Christ’s love in the world, knowing we go out into the world accompanied by God.

Every week, bread wine, and money are brought to the altar: the bread and wine are blessed (consecrated) and become Christ’s real presence as his body and blood for us. The money we offer is also laid on the altar, whether it is a part of a child’s allowance or a portion of a paycheck, as a sign of our life and a labor. It is blessed, too—not so that it will be changed, but so that we may be, that our life and labor might reveal Christ’s presence in the world. On Consecration Sunday, today, our liturgy helps us to see how that weekly blessing at the dismissal might take root in our lives. Today, rather than hearing those familiar words that send us out into the world, we are asked to come forward and offer our intentions at the foot of the altar. Because when we consecrate our lives to God, our time, our gifts, and our money, we join in Christ’s work of bringing blessings to this world.

In Christ,
The Rev. Brenda Husson, Rector

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**Today at St. James’**

Join us in celebrating Consecration Sunday!

Please join us for festive celebrations downstairs following the 9:10, 11:15 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. services, as we come together to offer our 2020 financial commitments and give thanks for our shared life together.

**Welcome, The Rev. Geoffrey Hoare!**

Our Consecration Sunday speaker is the Rector of St. Alban’s Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. Geoffrey has deep experience in parish ministry, and has served in Atlanta, Ga., Alexandria, Va., and Raleigh, N.C. He is devoted to broad engagement with the community, currently including with the homeless population in the nation’s capital and with those in impoverished Appalachia. A native of the United Kingdom, Geoffrey is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill. Geoffrey and his wife, Sage, live in Washington, D.C.

**The Rector Reads for 3rd Graders**

3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

All 3rd Graders are invited to the Rector’s office for a special series in which Brenda will read C.S. Lewis’s classic, _The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe_. A wonderful opportunity to hear this story!

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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**

**Monday, November 18**

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.
Overnight Shelter (Mon. - Thu.)

**Tuesday, November 19**

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.

**Wednesday, November 20**

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, November 21**

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.

**Friday, November 22**

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.
Evening Prayer 5:30-6:00 p.m.
* Movie Night with St. Jamesians 6:30-9:00 p.m.

**Saturday, November 23**

* Stillman Lecture: A New York Lamentation 5:00-6:00 p.m.
* Panel discussion & festive reception 6:00-7:30 p.m.

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**This week’s Bible Memorization verse**

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For the Lord is my strongholds and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

—Isaiah 12:2

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**Next Sunday: November 24**

Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King
Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Homily by the Rev. Eva Suarez.

9:10 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Sermon by the Rev. Eva Suarez. The Canterbury Choir offers the music of Paul Isom and Gerald Near.

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist

6:00 p.m. Candelight Communion

**John 21 Breakfast 10:15-11:00 a.m., Kitchen**

Middle and High School students are invited to share breakfast together after the 9:10 a.m. service. Join us today or contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to learn more about Youth Group activities.

**Forum: St. James’ & the Slave Trade 10:30 a.m., Coburn Hall**

Please join us for a special forum for a look at St. James’ Church and the economy of the slave trade at the time of our church’s founding in 1810, with history presented by parishioner Sarah Cunningham. A special plaque recognizing our ties will be dedicated in the 9:10 and 11:15 a.m. services.

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

Are you “new” to St. James'? Our clergy, parishioners, and parish life staff would love to get to know you. Join us today or contact the Rev. Zack Thompson to learn more.

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**Thank you, Second Time Around volunteers!**

THANK YOU to all of the volunteers, donors, and shoppers who helped make last week’s thrift sale such an incredible success! Even with more shoppers than last year, the sale ran smoothly. Four churches benefited from unsold items, and with the additional sales of furniture and Antiques & Treasures, more than $50,000 was raised for St. James’ Grants Program! These funds will be awarded to agencies throughout the city, extending St. James’ reach in helping those in need. To learn more about the Second Time Around sales, please contact Grace Beacham.

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News & Notes

Bishop’s Forum with Carlye Hughes  Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.
St. James’ will host the Church Club’s Bishop’s Forum. Come for Evening Prayer then join Bishop Hughes for the latest news in the Diocese of Newark. Learn more at stjames.org/bishopsforum.

400 Years of Struggle: Interfaith service  Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Join an interfaith service at Abyssinian Baptist Church to commemorate the enslavement of African people and our nation’s ongoing racial struggles. Meet at St. James’ at 6:00 p.m. to travel together; please RSVP to Rosa Gentile.

20s & 30s Movie Night  Friday, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
All are invited to a screening of “Mary Magdalene,” starring Rooney Mara and Joaquin Phoenix. Refreshments provided; contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to learn more.

New York Lamentation: Stillman Lecture  Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
This play brings to life the history of slavery in our region, addressing its impact on our society and church; recommended for ages 10+.

A brief discussion and festive reception follows the hour-long play.

Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist  Wed. Nov. 27, 5:00 p.m.
Begin the Thanksgiving weekend in gratitude for life’s blessings at this special Eucharist. Friends and family welcome! The Rev. Nate Lee, Rector of All Angel’s Church, will be our guest preacher.

Advent Quiet Evening  Wed. December 4, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Spend an evening in reflection and prayer, with meditations led by The Rev. Benjamin Straley; with supper at 6:15 p.m, programming at 7:00 p.m., and a candlelit service of Compline at 8:15 p.m.

Advent Wreath Workshop  Thu. Dec. 5, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
A creative evening for ALL ages (small children require supervision)! We supply fresh greens, straw frame, red berries, and candles ($25). Seasonal music sets the mood and supper is also available ($5).

Advent Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery  December 6-8
Join Lay Associate, Matthew Leaycraft, to explore prayer as a part of life in beloved community. Treat yourself to spiritual refreshment and reflection! Space is limited; contact Matt to learn more.

Advent Procession  Sun. Dec. 8, 6:00 p.m.
Modeled on a service at Salisbury Cathedral, the Compostela Choir will lead us in an evening of glorious music and seasonal readings as we move from a dark church to one bathed in candlelight. This will be a beautiful opportunity to enter the Advent season!

Christmas flower donations  due Sunday, December 8
Remember or honor a loved one at Christmas by making a gift to the Altar Guild Christmas Flower fund between now and Dec. 8.

Visit stjames.org/altarguild to submit names for print in the bulletin.

Christmas Boutique  Sun. Dec. 8, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Bring your Christmas list (and a friend!) and shop our unique vendors for clothing, candy, jewelry, gifts, and much more. 20% of sales support those in need through the St. James’ Grants Program.

Share the Joy: Gift Drive & Party  (gift deadline December 17)
Help make the holiday season special for the children of incarcerated parents by participating in our annual Gift Drive or by volunteering at our Christmas party on Dec. 21 (please RSVP by Dec. 13). Visit stjames.org/sharethejoy to make a personal gift. Please contact Windsor Jones to learn more or to get involved.

Prayer List

Thanks be to God

• for the faithful volunteers who made the Second Time Around Sale a great success, raising over $47,000 to help those in need in our city.
• for the ministry of the Rev. Geoffrey M. St J Hoare, Rector of St. Alban’s Church, Washington, D.C.
• for our shared ministry with St. James’ Church, Fordham, and our mission to seek and serve Christ in all persons.
• for the generosity of all who are consecrating their resources to the glory of God.

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 partners at St. Vincent’s School and in the Diocese of Haiti, during this time of conflict and civil unrest.
• 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, Izabell, Rick, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Bill, John, the Kirkpatrick family, Tom, Douglas, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoey, Nadine, Isabelle & Vivienne, Tracey, Jeannette, Dorothy, 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, 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, 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, Christopher, Karen, Susan, Ann, Liz, Sam, Ruth and John, Johns family, 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, John, Laura, Daniel, Charlie, Paul, Randy, Larry, Nathan, Charlie, August, Lena, Beverley, Peter, Dayanand, and Joyce.

• for the Church of St. Edward the Martyr, Manhattan, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.

• for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), its ministries and people, and for the Rt. Rev. Carlos López-Lozano, Bishop of the Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church, according to the Anglican Communion 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 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 fled feeling danger; and all those killed in the military service of our nation.

• all whom we love but see no more, including JoAnn Broughton.

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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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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