Today at St. James’

The Forum  10:30 a.m., Coburn Hall
This Epiphany, we are reading the Gospel of Matthew together as a parish. The Rev. Brenda Husson will continue our 7-week Forum series, with “Ethics of the Kingdom: Sermon on the Mount.”

Helping Hands  10:30 a.m., Donegan Hallway
Adults and children of all ages are invited to join the Church School classes as we make meals and desserts for the guests of our overnight shelter.

Closed tomorrow because of MLK Day
St. James’ Church and Parish House will be closed tomorrow in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Invitation to MLK, Jr. Day Celebration  tomorrow, 10:00 a.m.
The Bronx Council invites you to give thanks for the life and ministry of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The 2020 service, hosted by the East Bronx IPC, will be held at St. Andrew’s Church, 781 Castle Hill Ave. Bronx, N.Y. The Rt. Rev. Andrew M.L. Dietsche will preside, and the Rev. Tracy Johnson-Russell, Rector, St. Monica’s Episcopal Church, Hartford, Connecticut, will preach. The day’s Offering goes towards our MLK Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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.

Dear friends,

Two of John the Baptist’s disciples hear John declaring Jesus to be the Lamb of God. Intrigued, they go to see Jesus and ask where he is staying, to which Jesus replies, “Come and see.” Jesus knows his lodgings aren’t the point and the two spend the day with him, both becoming disciples. Come and see. Curious? Come and see. No simpler or clearer invitation.

Prior to becoming disciples, Jesus’ followers led fairly secure lives. Fishing meant food on the table as well as something to sell or trade. Matthew as a tax collector was prosperous, if despised. An accident, disease or conflict with Rome could upend their world at any time, but like most of us, they worked to keep pain and trouble out of sight and out of mind.

Following Jesus, staying with Jesus changed all that. It always does, for seeing Jesus meant and means seeing as he does. Suffering, fear and hopelessness came into full view in the faces of those clamoring for Jesus’ word or touch. But as Jesus healed, forgave and fed, also seeing God’s intention: health, reconciliation, forgiveness and hospitality. Marking again the birth of Martin Luther King, Jr. we do well to remember that, seeing Jesus, he left a secure pulpit and led Americans, who had tried to keep injustice out of sight, to see and face the horrors of discrimination. But he preached and marched and died seeing what God intended to help us see and start living into God’s vision. To come and see Jesus is to see the world, as it is and as it is meant to be.

In Christ,

The Rev. Brenda Husson, Rector
Next Sunday: January 26

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Cor. 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23; Psalm 27:1, 5-13

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Homily by the Rev. Brenda Husson, Rector.

9:10 a.m. Family Eucharist

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion
Homily by Chris Veillon, Director of Communications. Music for piano, celtic harp, and recorder.

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St. James’ 101 Brunch 10:30 - 11:00 a.m., Sunderland Hall
Are you new to St. James’? Join clergy and parishioners for an informal brunch to get to know more about membership and life at St. James’. Contact Zack Thompson to learn more.

Pilgrims depart for Civil Rights Pilgrimage
The Revs. Brenda Husson, Ryan Fleenor, and 16 parishioners depart today for a pilgrimage to significant sites in the Civil Rights Movement. Please keep the group in your prayers as they encounter these places in U.S. history and grow in their understanding of Beloved Community.

Epiphany 2020:
The Beloved Community According to Matthew
Purchase your copy of “A Journey with Matthew: 50 Day Bible Challenge” and take up our parish-wide Epiphany reading! Contact the Rev. Ryan Fleenor for details.

Upcoming Reading Schedule
- Sunday, January 26 Matthew 14:22 - 15:11
- January 27 Matthew 15:12-28
- January 28 Matthew 15:29 - 16:12
- January 29 Matthew 16:13-28
- January 30 Matthew 17:1-20
- January 31 Matthew 17:21 - 18:14
- February 1 Matthew 18:15-35
- Sunday, February 2 Matthew 19:1-22

This week’s Bible Memorization verse
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

—Psalm 40:3
News & Notes

Albion Prison visit chaperones needed  deadline Jan. 22
Accompany children on a visit to see their mothers in prison, April 16-17! Please contact Windsor Jones to learn more or get involved with our ministry with the children of incarcerated parents.

The Catechumenate  Thursdays, Jan. 23 - Apr. 2, 6:30 p.m.
What Christians do believe? What does it mean to live as a Christian today? This course is for you! We gather for supper, discuss a question of faith, and pray. Contact the Rev. Ryan Fleenor to learn more.

20 & 30s host the Dinner Program  Fri. Jan. 31, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Join the St. Jamesians in serving a seated, three-course meal for our homeless and low-income neighbors. Contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to learn more or get involved.

February Food Drive  Sunday, February 2
Please bring white rice for St James Fordham’s Food Pantry and place your donations in the basket in the nave of the church any time before February 2. Contact Windsor Jones to learn more.

Winter Parish Supper  Wed. Feb. 5, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
“In the bleak mid-winter,” join fellow parishioners for a festive evening of good food, drink, and lively conversation. Older children and teenagers are welcome to attend. Nursery care available.

Family Friday: Mardi Gras  Fri. Feb. 7, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Join us for a supper, service, and kids’ entertainers Sammie & Tude! Please bring white rice to help “Pack the Pantry” at St. James’ Fordham. $5/person suggested donation. Friends welcome!

Friday Friends: Valentine’s Craze  Fri. Feb. 7, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Join us for a night of fun, food, and service for our 5 - 7th Graders and their friends! $5 suggested donation; contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis to learn more.

Valentine-Making Party  Sat. Feb. 8, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
All the stickers and sparkles, glitter, and glue that you need to make valentines! Get into the spirit of sharing God’s love with our friends and families. Please contact Vicki Hall with questions.

Mission Brunch  Sun. Feb. 9, 10:30 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.

St. Jamesians Rectory Event  Wed. Feb. 19, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Parishioners in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the clergy at the rectory for food, fellowship, and a “Love-icus” discussion on balancing dating and faith. Please RSVP to Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis.

Growing in faith through Beloved Community at St. James’
Thank you to all who made 2019 commitments and year end gifts, and to those who have committed for 2020! If you are ready to do so, please visit stjames.org/2020commitment. Envelopes for those who have requested them are available in the Parish House.

Vestry Nominating Committee
The Vestry is the elected governing body of the parish, and represents a broad spectrum of the community. Nominate a parishioner to stand for election in May! Contact the Rev. Brenda Husson and Lisa Smith, chair of the Nominating Committee, or speak with a member of the Committee: Joni Grossman, Susanna Guiffe, Justine Keithline, Patrick Kidd, Marc Rice, Robert Stinson, Anne Strassner, or George Wade to learn more.

Prayer List

Thanks be to God
• for the new life in Christ of Caroline Lachicotte Curry, Elisabeth Katheryn Gleysteen, and Olivia Learson Menz, baptized at last week’s services.
• for the generosity of parishioners who have made commitments for 2020, and for all who share in the financial support of the parish.

Your prayers are requested
• for St. James’ this Epiphany season, that being illuminated by Word and Sacrament, we may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that his light may be known to the ends of the earth.
• 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, Valli, Jeannelle, Iris, Sophie, Maria & her parents, Frank, Lisa, Milton, Alice Mary, Isabel, Rick, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Bill, John, Tom, Douglas, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoey, Nadine, Isabelle & Vivianne, Tracey, Jeannette, 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, Anglo, Kathryn, Teresa, Ben & Juergen, Liam, Ann, Emily, Andrew, Charlie, Monique, Cilla, Rich, 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, Armen, Jimmy, Tom, Beth, Elizabeth, Christine, Rafa, Emily, Christopher, Karen, Susan, Ann, Liz, Sam, Ruth and John, Johns family, Suzanne, Sebastain, Nico, Lola, Susan, Lynda, Joseph, Katy, Miriam, Stephen, Paula, Jerry, John, Madelin, Benjamin, Richard, Diane, Lucy and Nicholas, Tim, Teresa and Jackie, John, Laura, Charlie, Paul, Randy, Larry, Nathan, Charlie, August, Lena, Beverley, Pete, Dayanand, Joyce, Cynthia, Simon, Julia, Bard, Doug, Jason, Barbara, Nicolle, Kathryn, Elaine, Riley, Jim, Howard, Sarah, and David.
• for the Church of South India Congregation of Hudson Valley, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
• for the united Church of Bangladesh, its people and ministries, and the Most Rev. Samuel Sunil Mankhin, Moderator, Church of Bangladesh & Bishop of Kushtia, 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-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 Shirley Connelly Koss.

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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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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