Dear friends,

It may not feel like it outside, but we churchgoers are on the cusp of a new season—the flowers may not yet be blooming, but Lent begins on Wednesday as it always does with a call to repentance and renewal, right-sizing our egos and reconnecting with Christ, one another, and the things that matter most. I’m really excited about the range of options this year that might help us be “rooted and grounded” in God’s limitless grace and restorative love (Ephesians 3:17).

But before we turn our hearts to Lent, and walk that 40 day road toward Holy Week and Easter, it’s worth remembering where we’ve been. Today’s story of the Transfiguration is merely the culmination of the long Epiphany season—a season of light and revelation, a season of coming to recognize and trust that God’s glory shines in the face of Jesus Christ, the very light of the world darkness can never overcome. It’s a truth we need to hold onto as we face the truth of sin and brokenness in our own lives and in the world. For love’s sake, God came close. For love’s sake, God’s light shone bright. For love’s sake, God spoke a word of truth and grace, and showed us the world as it yet might be. For love’s sake, God in Christ has done for us what we could not do for ourselves: freed us from our fear and failings, destroyed death and vanquished hell, reconciled and restored us to our true selves. Let’s walk into this new season, and into every season, rooted and grounded in that Good News.

In Christ,

The Rev. Ryan Fleenor, Vicar

Today at St. James’

John 21 Breakfast 10:15 a.m., Annand Kitchen
The Youth Group will enjoy breakfast and fellowship together after the 9:10 a.m. service. Please meet in the kitchen! Contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis with any questions.

The Forum 10:30 a.m., Coburn Hall

Migrant Ministry Info Session 12:30 p.m., Coburn Hall
Learn about new opportunities for ministry with immigrants and asylum seekers here in the city, and to hear about a recent trip the Rev. Eva Suarez and parishioner Charles Curtis made to the U.S.-Mexico Border. Light refreshments will be served.

Beatitude Small Group begins 12:45 p.m., 5th floor
Journey through Lent in this six-week deep-dive into the Beatitudes, Jesus’s enigmatic and yet much-loved teaching in Matthew 5. Join us today!

Christianity and Racial Justice 4:00 p.m., Sunderland Hall
This course exploring our relationship to race as Christians in contemporary America is at capacity; please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez for copies of the readings.

2020 Parish Weekend Away registration is open
St. James’ is going back to the Catskills in October for a weekend of outdoor fun, joyful worship, s’mores, and nourishing conversation led by noted retreat leader, the Rev. Martin Smith! Visit stjames.org/weekend-away to learn more about what’s in store and register today to reserve your place!

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, February 24**
- 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, February 25**
- 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: 4:25-5:40 p.m.
- * Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Evening Prayer: 5:30-6:00 p.m.
- Centering Prayer: 6:00-6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 26**
- Morning Prayer: 8:00-8:20 a.m.
- 0-12 month Playgroup: 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- * Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes: 12:00-1:30 p.m.
- * Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- * 20s & 30s Sushi Dinner: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Thursday, February 27**
- Morning Prayer: 8:00-8:20 a.m.
- 12-24 month Playgroup: 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Primary Choir rehearsal: 4:00-4:45 p.m.
- Bible Stories & Legos: 4:00-4:45 p.m.
- We Love to Sing: 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.
- Revive: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- The Catechumenate: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Education for Ministry: 6:30-8:45 p.m.

**Friday, February 28**
- 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: 5:00-8:45 p.m.
- Evening Prayer: 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Next Sunday: March 1

**The First Sunday in Lent**
- Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11; Psalm 32
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Homily by the Rev. Ryan Fleenor, Vicar.
- 9:10 a.m. The Great Litany & Children’s Eucharist
- 11:15 a.m. The Great Litany & Choral Eucharist
- 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

**Guest preacher joins us**
- 9:10, 11:15 a.m.

St. James’ is thrilled to welcome the Rev. Jay Sidebotham back as our guest preacher at the 9:10 and 11:15 a.m. services. Jay serves as Director of RenewalWorks, a ministry of Forward Movement.

**Sunday Forum: Signs of Life**
- 10:30 a.m., Coburn Hall

The Rev. Ryan Fleenor begins our Lenten series exploring the full meaning of the foundational symbols of our tradition — light, water, shelter, food, and community — and deepening our experience of Christian vocation and guiding us toward ongoing conversion.

**Parenting Forum**
- 10:30 a.m., Sunderland Hall

Vicki Hall and Jay Sidebotham will share ideas and lead a conversation about creative ways to observe Lent together as a family. All are welcome!

**St. James’ 101**
- 10:30 a.m., 5th floor

Are you “new” to St. James’? Enjoy brunch with a team of clergy, lay staff, and parishioners and get to know more about our life of faith at St. James’ and what it might mean to become a member. Contact the Rev. Zack Thompson to learn more or RSVP.

**2020 Budget Q&A**
- 10:30 a.m., Rector’s Office

Join the Warden, Treasurer, and Rector between the morning services for an “Open House” conversation about St. James’ 2020 parish budget.

**Christianity and Racial Justice**
- 4:00-5:30 p.m., Sunderland Hall

This course exploring our relationship to race as Christians in contemporary America is at capacity; please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez for copies of the readings.

This week’s Bible Memorization verse

*You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.*

— 2 Peter 1:19
Prayer List

Thanks be to God
- for the baptism of Julie Jeannette Mulcare, at this morning’s service.
- for the generosity of parishioners who have made pledges 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 illumined 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 parishioners participating in the Catechumenate at St. James’ as they seek to deepen their faith in preparation for baptism, confirmation, or a renewed commitment to Christ.
- for our partners at St. Vincent’s School and in the Diocese of Haiti, during this time of conflict and civil unrest.

for St. John’s Church (Tuckahoe), Youngers, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.

- for Pray for the Iglesias Anglicana de Chile, its people and ministries, and The Most Rev. Héctor Zavala Muñoz, Bishop of Santiago & Primate, 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 our 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 John Golden, Horace Choate, and John Thaller.

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

News & Notes

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Tuesday, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Feast on pancakes, sausage, fruit salad, and friendship as we prepare for the beginning of the Lenten season! This year, we will ALL paint tiles for the parish-wide “Alleluia banner,” which will be used in the Easter Day liturgy. $10 suggested donation.

Ash Wednesday worship Wed. February 26 Mark your calendar for Ash Wednesday, with services of Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m., 12:00, and 6:00 p.m. A children’s service will be held at 4:30 p.m.

St. Jamesians Sushi Dinner Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Parishioners and friends in their 20s and 30s are invited to go out for sushi in the neighborhood following the 6:00 p.m. Eucharist. Please contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis with questions.

Family Friday and Friday Friends Friday, March 6 Supper, fellowship, service and games—Fridays mean family fun! Our children and families will enjoy the Travelling Lanterns Theater Co. stellar presentation of The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. 5th-7th Graders get together for fun and games from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Friends welcome. $5/person; $20/family max.

Movie Day with Osborne Sat. March 7, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Our partnership with the Osborne Association pairs parishioners with the children of incarcerated parents for excursions that create meaningful relationships. Contact Windsor Jones to get involved.

Choral Evensong for the Annunciation Wed. March 25, 6:00 p.m. The Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool will join us as guest preacher for Choral Evensong on the Feast of the Annunciation. Please join us for this special service. Friends are welcome!

Easter Altar Guild donations deadline March 30 Easter offers a beautiful opportunity to honor and remember friends and loved ones with a gift of flowers for our Altar and Narthex. Please visit stjames.org/altarguild to make a contribution.

2021 Holy Land Pilgrimage sign up by April 20 The Rev. Brenda Husson will lead a 13-day pilgrimage in the Holy Land at the beginning of Lent 2021, walking in the footsteps of Jesus. Visit stjames.org/holy-land to learn more!

2020 Vestry Nominating Committee Report At the Annual Meeting in May, the parish will elect a Warden and four Vestry members. To read an important message regarding those nominated to stand for election, and to learn about petitioning to be added to the slate within the next three weeks, please visit stjames.org/2020nominations or find the report on the bulletin board downstairs in Donegan Hallway.

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.

Emergency Evacuation instructions Have you taken time to review the Emergency Preparedness card in the card holders on each pew? Please familiarize yourself with the quickest and safest route from your seat to an exit. Thank you!
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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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