Dear friends,

Our Gospel reading this Sunday presents us with Luke’s account of Jesus’ transfiguration. Matthew and Mark also tell of this divine event on the mountain top, but Luke’s version has a noticeable difference. Only in Luke’s description do we have the detail that Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. It is when Jesus is praying that the appearance of his face changes. Luke wants us to be clear that prayer changes things, especially the person doing the praying.

When we look to Jesus we see a life of uninterrupted prayer; all that he says and does is grounded in an unbroken relationship of love and trust with the Father. Even if his whole life was a perfect prayer and offering to God the Father, Jesus still chose deliberate times to go off and pray. He would go to a quiet place where he could spend the time he needed to be filled with the gift of divine love.

When we pray we are brought into the mystery of this eternal relationship shared between the Father and the Son. Prayer is a gift to be cherished, and the best way to cherish the gift is this: do it! Pray. Do not just read books about prayer, but take the time you need to actually pray. On Wednesday we will begin our observance of the holy season we call Lent. With Luke’s account of the transfiguration as our guide, let’s commit to prayer for forty days. It will change things, especially us.

In Christ,
The Rev. Zack Thompson, Associate Rector
This Week

* Special this week

Learn more at stjames.org/calendar

Monday, March 4

Morning Prayer 8:00-8:30 a.m.
Caregivers Playgroup 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer 5:30-6:00 p.m.
Lectio Divina 6:00-6:30 p.m.
Big Questions small group 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Overnight Shelter open (Sunday - Friday)

Tuesday, March 5

Morning Prayer 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday Morning Small Group 8:30 - 9:30 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.
* 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, March 6

* Ash Wednesday 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.
* Ash Wednesday Eucharist 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
* Ash Wednesday Children’s Eucharist 4:30-5:30 p.m.
* Ash Wednesday Eucharist 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 7

Morning Prayer 8:00 - 8:30 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.
The Catechumenate 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Education for Ministry 6:30-8:45 p.m.

Friday, March 8

Men’s Group 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.
Morning Prayer 8:00 - 8:30 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.
* Youth host Friday Dinner Program 5:00-9:00 p.m.
* Family Friday Bingo Night 6:00-8:00 p.m.
* Friday Friends Karaoke 6:30-8:30 p.m.
* Confirmation class lock-in overnight

Next Sunday: March 10

The First Sunday in Lent

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

9:10 a.m. Great Litany & Family Eucharist
Sermon by the Rev. Brenda Husson. The Canterbury, Junior and Youth Choirs offer the music of Harold Friedell and Charles V. Stanford.

11:15 a.m. Great Litany & Choral Eucharist

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

Lenten Forum series begins! 10:30 a.m., Coburn Hall
The Rev. Zack Thompson kicks off our Lenten Forum series on discovering, nurturing and using our spiritual gifts. Those who completed the online spiritual gifts inventory will receive their personalized results. The inventory closes tomorrow, so it’s not too late: www.stjames.org/spiritual-gifts.

Afternoon Bible Study 4:30 p.m., Sunderland Hall
Join us for this weekly, clergy-led Bible study; no preparation necessary! This Lent, the Rev. Ryan Fleenor will guide us through the Gospel of Luke. Luke places Jesus at the heart of the first-century Jewish and Roman worlds into which the Christian gospel exploded. Explore together how the message of Jesus is breaking into our world today.

Bible Memorization Project

Challenge yourself to commit Scripture to memory, one bit per week!

Epiphany 2019: Offering our best gifts

We are delighted to share that over 375 households have offered financial commitments for 2019, helping us to reach 93% of our financial goal for the year. Thank you!

If you haven’t yet made your commitment, please join us. We want to be “all in” as we offer our best gift for God’s work in this city. Visit stjames.org/2019commitment to make a commitment or stjames.org/give to set up a recurring weekly or monthly gift.

By offering our best gifts to God, we invest ourselves in building God’s kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 3

“The Lord is King; let the people tremble; he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.”—Psalm 99:1
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  Tue. March 5, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Join us for a “Fat Tuesday” feast with parishioners of all ages. We need everyone’s help to make this year’s Alleluia banner. All decorating supplies will be provided. $10 suggested donation. Contact Grace Beacham to learn more or get involved.

Ash Wednesday  Wed. March 6
Services of Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes will be held at 8:00 a.m., 12:00, and 6:00 p.m. A Children’s Eucharist with Ashes will be held at 4:30 p.m. If you would like to participate in “Ashes to Go,” offering the imposition of ashes at nearby subway stations during the morning commute, please contact the Rev. Ryan Fleenor.

Family Friday Bingo Night  Fri. March 8, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Join us for Family Friday Bingo Night March 8. We will make delicious sandwiches for NY Common Pantry, enjoy pizza for dinner, and have a fun evening of BINGO! $5 per person. Maximum of $20 for any family. Friends are always welcome.

Friday Friends: Karaoke  Fri. March 8, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Join us for Karaoke and Music Games. 5th, 6th, 7th graders and friends. We will meet in the Atrium; dinner is included. Suggested donation $5 per person. To RSVP or for questions contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis at jcurtis@stjames.org.

Osborne Youth Outing  Sat. March 9, 11:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Join us in a movie outing in downtown Brooklyn with the children of incarcerated parents. Movie and exact time will be announced a few days in advance. Please RSVP by March 6 to parishioner Elaine Connelly at connellyem@hotmail.com.

St. Jamesians Lenten Small Group  Beg. Mon. March 11, 7 p.m.
Join other young adults, on Mondays in Lent, in reading “Being Disciples” by Rowan Williams. Snacks and books provided. To reserve your copy contact Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis. $10 suggested donation. Meet in the Crowder Youth Room.

Lenten organ concert  Fri. Mar. 15, 7:00 p.m.
Stephen Tharp will offer Marcel Dupré’s “Stations of the Cross,” based on the traditional 14-station Way of the Cross, with readings offered by parishioner Stephen de Francesco. An evening of amazing music and powerful poetry, not to be missed!

Lenten Quiet Day  Sat. Mar. 16, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Parishioner Brad Whitehurst and the Rev. Ryan Fleenor will lead a Quiet Day in reflection on the mystical vision of the great 17th century Anglican poet and priest, George Herbert. To reserve a spot, RSVP to Ryan by March 10.

Vestry Nominations Announced
On Feb. 19, the Nominating Committee presented its slate of candidates to be elected to the Vestry at the Annual Meeting on May 5. Missy Condo has been nominated for a 2-year term as Warden; Richard Brown, Dolly Geary, Marcy Sendax, and Bob Stinson have been nominated for 3-year terms. Additional nominations by petition, signed by 20 eligible parishioners, may be made until March 12. Many thanks to those who submitted nominations and especially to those who were willing to be considered for Vestry service. Additional information is available on the Vestry bulletin board in the Parish House and at www.stjames.org/vestry.

News & Notes

Prayer List

Thanks be to God
• for today’s baptisms of Mary Louise Rebecca Hirsch, Bradley George Razoook III, Bowen Timothy Elock-Hargreaves, and Leo Ward Elock-Hargreaves.
• for the births of Lucy Joan Marie Veillon, daughter of Christine & Peter Veillon; Avery Clementine Demchyk, niece of Jennifer & Peter Charrington; and Wesley Scott Curtis, nephew of Daria & Jeremy Diakonov-Curtis.
• 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’ 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, Mal, Elona, Cynthia, Pam, Caroline & Michael, Walerene, James Edward, Joan, Lois, Brian, Michael, Janet, Eula Mae, Carol, Kathy, Jane, Lily, Laura, Ann & Ben, Bob, Chris, Amanda, Blanche, Victor, Valli, Charles, Seth, Jeanette, Alice, Iris, Sophie, Maria & her parents, Frank, Lisa, Carmen, Milton, Alice Mary, Andy & Sabra, Izabel, Rick, Peter & Dianne, Ben, Bill, John, Prune, the Kirkpatrick family, Tom, Douglas, Vicky, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zoey, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Kevin, Greg, Jeannette, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Mary, JoAnne, Dorothy, Elnora, Harriett, Alex, Marc, Travers, Madge & Bill, Christopher, Margot, James, Peggy, Katharine, Jerry, Casey, John & Catherine, Ruth, Filip, Sandy, Dick, John, George, Peter, Samuel, Jose, Laura, Pam, Barb, Craig, Peter and Jana, Megan, Grace, Wayne, Matthew, Isabel, Babis, Kiley, Margaret, Paul, Barbara, MaryAnn, Bill, Carl Janderneau family, Dale, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, Ben, Bryce, James, Elena, Kelly, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Angelo, Kathryn, Jake, Donnica, Teresa, Ben & Juergen, Liam, Ann, Aaron, Monitor, Emily, Madaline, Deborah, Andrew, Charlie, Felicia & Alex, Roger & Jovie, John, Monique, Susie, Cilla, Rich, Sharon, Janet, Julie, Behida, Sarah, Ray, John, Diane, Frank, Karen & Craig, Gary, Sarah, Aaron & family, Aniza, Dwain, Helen, Caris & Blake, Charlotte, Josh, Peter, Nellie & Ray Bill, Anne, Jason, Alexandra, Ed & family, Tony, Vicky, George, Ryan, Steve, Peggy, Bill, May Dean, Dorothy, Peg, Nereida, Andrea, Monica, Chae, Jean, Kimberly, Alice, Jeff, Claude, Matthew, Jada, Sarah, Steven, John, Paul, Blake & Pamela, Orville, Gabrielle, Pamela, Paula, Lauren, Elena, Allison, Jane & Peter, Emily, Ann, Pat, Robert, Jorge, Shakiera, Brad, Connie, Ryan and the Malosh family, Jim, Karen, Olivia, Grace, Kim, Jose & Serina, Kenneth, Philip, Drew, Taylor, and Layla, Kathyl & Terrance, Missy, Justin & Jennifer, Deepa, Colin, Mimi, John, & Evangeline, Kevin, Paul and Sage, Vahe and family, Clare & David, Miriam, Joseph (JP), Alexander, Florence, Duncan & Katie, Molly & Frank, Eleanor, and Phyliss.
• for the Church of the Holy Trinity, Manhattan, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
• for the Anglican Church of Burundi, its ministries and people, and the Most Rev. Martin Blaise Nyaboho, Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba, according to the Anglican 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.

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 Judith Andrews, Louise Griffin Collins, and Carolyn Geer.
**The Vestry**

Sam Hutcheson, Sr. Warden - Jennifer Charrington, Jr. Warden

David Andryc  
Sue Bennett  
Hugh Boston  
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Youth Representative

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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.

**LECTIO DIVINA**

- Mon. 6:00 p.m.

Open for prayer and meditation

- Sunday, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Mon. - Fri., 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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