Dear friends,

I recently joined a Rabbi and an Imam to speak about interfaith relations at a local public school assembly. In the Q & A that followed, the 6th graders in attendance asked thoughtful, sometimes surprising, questions. One young man raised his hand to share that his synagogue, Sutton Place, had been vandalized with swastikas about a year ago, and how that still affected him. “Do you ever feel afraid where you worship?” he asked us. His question returned to me the next day when the horrific news stories about the violent attacks on mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, began pouring in.

At St. James’ we may feel safer than our Jewish and Muslim cousins do, though we too have implemented measures to help ensure our safety. That can, however, tempt us to believe that bigotry and hatred are further away from us than they actually are. The internet has played a tremendous role in the rise of white supremacist activity around the globe, from the “mundane” sharing of bigoted memes on Facebook or Twitter to the planning of terrorist attacks on message boards. Anti-Semitic and Anti-Muslim propaganda has become so normalized some has even been re-tweeted by our President. The line between hate speech and mainstream political discourse is increasingly blurred—and seemingly impossible to police. Many of us likely have friends or family with this kind of hatred on their social media or the television they tune into, even if not on our own. But if such messages are hard to police, we, as Christians, have to challenge ourselves to have difficult conversations with the people we love about the things we see, lest this rising tide of hatred continues to hide in plain sight.

In Christ,
The Rev. Eva Suarez, Rockwell Fellow
This Week

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


*Feast of the Annunciation
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.
St. Jamesians Small Group  7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Overnight Shelter open (Sunday - Friday)

Tuesday, March 26  John 7:37-52
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.
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, March 27  John 8:12-20
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.
*St Jamesian Conversation: Religion & Politics  6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 28  John 8:21-32
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.
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 29  John 8:33-47
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.
Friday Dinner Program  5:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Next Sunday: March 31


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

9:10 a.m. Family Eucharist  Sermon by The Rev. Eva Suarez. The Canterbury Choir offers the music of Bruce Saylor and James Davey.

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist  Sermon by The Rev. Brenda Husson. The Compostela Choir offers the music of Ned Rorem and Bruce Saylor.

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion  Homily by The Rev. Ryan Fleenor. Music for piano and oboe.

Lent Forum series continues  10:30 a.m., Coburn Hall  The Rev. Ryan Fleenor continues our Lenten Forum series on discovering, nurturing and using our spiritual gifts.

Afternoon Bible Study  4:30 p.m., Sunderland Hall  Join us for this weekly, clergy-led Bible study; no preparation necessary! Next week The Rev. Ryan Fleenor will guide us through the parables in Luke’s gospel.

Lent 2019: Offering our best gifts  We are delighted to share that over 380 households have offered financial commitments for 2019, helping us to reach 94% of our financial goal for the year. Thank you!

As important as the financial goal is (and it is!) we want, even more, for every parishioner 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.

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

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24  “Moses looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.”—Exodus 3:2
News & Notes

St Jamesians: Upcoming Events for Young Adults
For questions or to RSVP contact Jeremy at jcurtis@stjames.org.
- Lenten Small Group Continues  Monday, March 25th, 7:00 p.m.
  Join other young adults on Mondays in Lent, in reading Being Disciples by Rowan Williams.
- Religion and Politics  Wednesday, March 27th, 6:30 p.m.
  Join a lively conversation with the clergy on religion & politics.
- Friday Dinner Program  Friday, March 29th, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.
  St. Jamesians will be hosting. Fellowship to follow.

Final Four  Saturday, April 6th, 5:30 p.m.
NCAA Final Four and other games for 5-12 graders. $5 suggested donation, dinner included. For questions or to RSVP contact Jeremy.

Lenten Bible Study  Wednesdays thru April 10, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Matthew Leacraft, Lay Associate, leads a five week series on the Psalms and what they can teach us about a life of prayer. All are welcome. No preparation necessary.

April Parenting Forum  Sunday, April 7th, 10:25 – 11:00 a.m.
Dr. Nancy Ulrich will join us to talk about the delicate balance of healthy boundaries and increasing autonomy when children reach their teens. Dr. Ulrich is a therapist and professor with over twenty years of experience working with parents and teens.

Holy Week Schedule  April 14 – April 21
Visit stjames.org/easter for a full schedule of all our Holy Week services. Please note that the 9:10 a.m. Eucharist on Palm Sunday will begin at the 72nd Street entrance to Central Park.

2019 Parent’s Luncheon  Wednesday, May 8, 12:00 p.m.
St. James’ Church is pleased to host Jenna Bush Hager at our 2019 Parent’s Luncheon. Professional, wife and mother of two daughters, Jenna will share some of her insights into the most important aspects of parenting. Moms, dads, and friends are all welcome.

Men’s Breakfast  Friday, May 10, 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.
Ray Suarez will be our speaker, a celebrated and award-winning journalist and author who is also active as a lay leader in the Episcopal Church. He also happens to be the father of our own Eva Suarez. The program will focus on issues especially pertinent to men of faith.

Reconciliation and Renewal
As we focus in Lent on returning to right relationship with God, both individually and as a community, you may find that taking time to participate in the Rite of Reconciliation is a powerful experience of the Gospel. Also called “Confession,” it is an opportunity in our tradition to unburden ourselves by saying what’s true about our lives, to receive counsel and encouragement, and to hear from a priest we know and trust the promise of forgiveness that’s at the heart of Christian faith. Consider making an appointment with any of the clergy before Easter.

Baptism and Confirmation this Easter
Adults who are interested in being baptized at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 20, 7 p.m., or who might like to be confirmed or received in to the Episcopal Church during the Bishop’s visit on May 12, should contact The Rev. Ryan Fleenor.

Prayer List

Thanks be to God
- for the Episcopal Church’s House of Bishops Retreat at Kanuga, and for the class of 2019, the first class of bishops with equal numbers of women and men.
- for last Saturday’s Lenten Quiet Day led by parishioner Brad Whitehurst, in reflection on the mystical vision of 17th century Anglican poet and priest, George Herbert.
- 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 the observance of a holy Lent at St. James’, that in self-examination and repentance, we may receive the Gospel message of pardon and absolution, and celebrate with joy the Easter feast.
- for the members of the 2019 Catechumenate at St. James’, especially those preparing for baptism, confirmation or reception this Easter.
- 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, Walterene, James Edward, Joan, Lois, Brian, Michael, Janet, Eula Mae, Carol, Lilly, Laura, Ann & Ben, Bob, Chris, Amanda, Blanche, Victor, Vally, Charles, Seth, Jeannette, 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 & Viancie, Tracey, Kevin, Jeannette, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Mary, JoAnne, Dorothy, Elnora, Harriett, Alex, Travers, Madge & Bill, Christopher, Margot, James, Peggy, Katharine, Jerry, Casey, John & Catherine, Ruth, Sandy, Dick, John, George, Peter, Samuel, Jose, Laura, Pam, Barb, Craig, Megan, Grace, Matthew, Isabel, Babis, Kiley, Margaret, Barbara, MaryAnn, Bill, Carl Janderson family, Dale, Carol Sue, Robert, Jonathan, Ben, Bryce, James, Elena, Kelly, Mackenzie, Jason, Carter, Angelo, Kathryn, Teresa, Ben & Juan, Lian, Ann, Aaron, Emily, Andrew, Charlie, Roger & Jovie, John, Monique, Susie, Cilla, Rich, Sharon, Janet, Julie, Behida, Ray, John, Diane, Frank, Karen & Craig, Gary, Aaron & family, Anita, Dwain, Helen, Caris & Blake, Charlotte, Peter, Nellie & Ray, Bill, Anne, Jason, Alexandra, Ed & family, Vicky, George, Ryan, Peggy, Bill, May Dean, Dorothy, Peg, Andrea, Monica, Chase, Jean, Kimberly, Alice, Claude, Matthew, Sarah, Steven, John, Paul, Blake & Pamela, Orville, Gabrielle, Pamela, Paula, Elena, Allison, Jane & Peter, Emily, Ann, Pat, Robert, Jorge, Shahiera, Brad, Connie, Ryan and the Malosh family, Jim, Karen, Olivia, Grace, Kim, Kenneth, Philip, Drew, Taylor, and Layla, Justin & Jennifer, Joseph (JP), Alexander, Florence, Duncan & Katie, Eleanor, Phyllis, Jennifer, Ivan, Gene, Uncle Bill and family, Suzanne, Elizabeth, Thomas, Lorraine, Paula, and Tom.
- for St. Andrew & St. Luke Episcopal Church, Beacon, according to the Diocesan cycle of prayer.
- for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, its ministries and people, and the Most Rev. Paul Kwong, Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong, 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.
- 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, especially Regina Caggiano and Rod Perkins.
The Vestry
Sam Hutcheson, Sr. Warden - Jennifer Charrington, Jr. Warden
David Andryc
Sue Bennett
Hugh Boston
Gerlinde Brixius
Tristan Bultman
Stephen de Francesco
Susanna Guffey
Elizabeth Littlejohn
Marcy Sendax
Lisa Smith
Anne Strasser
George Wade
Mary Malhotra,
Vestry Officer for Stewardship
Kathleen Connelly,
Youth Representative

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.

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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