Dear friends,

Tempted in every way as we are. That’s taught as a fundamental truth about our relationship to Jesus. The first Sunday in Lent always offers the story to back that up. While I think we all know what it is to be tempted in ways that seem beyond our control, my problem is that Jesus’ temptations don’t seem much like mine. I don’t need bread; I have more food than I need. I’m not looking for the world to worship me; just a little more respect from a few quarters. Nor do I want to see if God will save me if I leap from a tall building; that just seems like asking for trouble.

Yet I have discovered how these temptations can make sense in my world and, more importantly, what I can learn from Jesus’ responses to the devil. The first temptation reflects a genuine need. We all have real needs and the fear they may not be met. We have wants too, not least the longing to be respected and maybe even admired. Do you ever wonder just how much or if God loves you? That’s the third temptation in a nutshell.

Jesus replies are clear: God will meet my need and provide more than I can imagine. Worshipping God refocuses us on serving God, freeing us from our desire to have others serve us. How much does God love us? Enough, as Lent will show us, to send his only Son to live and die as one of us.

In Christ—
The Rev. Brenda G. Husson, Rector

Today at St. James’

Lenten Forum series continues 10:30 a.m., Coburn Hall
The Rev. Zack Thompson leads our Lenten Forum series on discovering, nurturing and using our spiritual gifts. You are invited to join us, even if you did not have a chance to complete the inventory.

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.

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 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 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.
• Afternoon Bible Study 4:30 - 5:30 p.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

Learn more at stjames.org/calendar

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Next Sunday: March 24

The Third Sunday in Lent

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

9:10 a.m. Family Eucharist
Sermon by The Rev. Zack Thompson. The Canterbury Choir offers the music of Winnegene Hatch and Samuel S. Wesley.

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist
Sermon by the Rev. Brenda Husson. The Compostela Choir offers the music of Farrant/Hilton and Moses Hogan.

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion

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Lent 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.

Bible Memorization Project

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

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 10
“One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.”—Psalm 27:5
April Parenting Forum  Sunday, April 7th, 10:25 – 11:00am
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.

Osborne Career Day  Mon. April 22, 12:00 p.m.
Volunteers needed! Help inspire and inform the children of incarcerated parents. Athlete, artist/animator, entrepreneur, YouTube vlogger, nurse, and financial advisor backgrounds are of special interest! Please contact Susana Ferrer for more information.

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.

Lenten Daily Devotionals Available
Written by parishioners of all ages, the 2019 St. James’ Daily Devotional for Lent is now available in the Narthex and Parish House. Pick up your copy today and join us in daily prayer throughout this holy season.

Prayer List

Thanks be to God
• for last week’s baptisms of Mary Louise Rebecca Hirsch, Bradley George Razook III, Bowen Timothy Elcock-Hargreaves, and Leo Ward Elcock-Hargreaves
• 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 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; Elena, Cynthia, Pam, Caroline & Michael, Walter, James Edward, Jean, Lois, Brian, Michael, Janet, Fula Mac, Carol, Lilly, Laura, Ann & Ben, Bob, Chris, Amanda, Blanche, Victor, Vally, Charles, Seth, Jeanette, Alice, Iris, Sophie, Maria & her parents, Frank, Lisa, Carmen, Milton, Alice, Mary, Andy & Sabra, Isabel, Rick, Peter & Diane, Ben, Bill, John, Prun, the Kirkpatrick family, Tom, Douglas, Vicky, Pelham, Anthony, Nancy, Zecy, Nadine, Isabelle & Viviane, Tracey, Kevin, Jeannette, Mary Frances, Dorothy, Mary, Joan, Dorothy, Ethora, Harrick, Alex, Travers, Mudge & Bill, Christopher, Margot, James, Peggy, Katherine, Jerry, Casey, John & Catherine, Ruth, Sandy, Dick, John, George, Peter, Samuel, Joe, Laura, Pam, Barb, Craig, Megan, Grace, Matthew, Isabel, Baby, Kiley, Margaret, Barbara, Mary Ann, Bill, Carl, Jardanino family, etc.
• for last year’s baptisms of Mary Louise Rebecca Hirsch, Bradley George Razook III, Bowen Timothy Elcock-Hargreaves, and Leo Ward Elcock-Hargreaves.
• for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile, its ministries and people, and the Most Rev. Hector (Tito) Zavala Muñoz, Bishop of Santiago & Primate, according to the Anglican cycle of prayer.
• 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 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 all whom we love but see no more, especially Raphael Meda.

NEW! St. James Church Audio and Video Offerings
We are excited to share that Sunday sermons and Forums are now available for download as podcasts. You can search for “St. James Church” in iTunes and on Google Play, as well as on Podbean, Stitcher and Tune-In. Like what you hear? Subscribe, rate or share with a friend.

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 Raphael Meda.

News & Notes
The Vestry
Sam Hutcheson, Sr. Warden - Jennifer Charrington, Jr. Warden
David Andryc
Sue Bennett
Hugh Boston
Gerlinde Brixius
Tristan Bulitman
Stephen de Francesco
Susanna Guffey
Elizabeth Littlejohn
Marcy Sendax
Lisa Smith
Anne Strassner
George Wade
Mary Malhotra,
Vestry Officer for Stewardship
Kathleen Connelly,
Youth Representative

The Clergy & Lay Staff

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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