

St. James' E-pistle

Date of Sunday Service: October 22, 2017

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Bible Verse

For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

- 1 Thessalonians 1:4

Pulpit Notes

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Monday is our Feast Day! But you knew that, didn't you?

In case you're confused, October 25 is the Feast Day of St. James' of Jerusalem (the Brother of our Lord) for whom our parish is named. That means that this weekend has special significance for us because it reminds us of our founding 206 years ago and the focus that our founding members chose: that we are chosen by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve our community in the name of Christ.

I know, that's a big commitment. But then, anything worthwhile is quite a commitment, isn't it? The way we live out that commitment is the story of our collective life - which is to say, this is what we're all about. We live it out with education, worship and works. We have bible study, Sunday School, and adult education. We have Holy Eucharist and Morning Prayer. We Reading Adventures, the Community Garden, the Food Pantry, the Haiti Project ... and more.

This weekend, then, we can take a look at ourselves in thanksgiving for what God has done for us and what we are called to do by God.

This weekend also allows us to re-commit ourselves to the work because it is the start of our Stewardship Campaign. Now, I'm pretty sure our founding members did not have Stewardship season in mind when they picked October for this congregation's inauguration, but the two DO coincide; so let's celebrate their connection!

That's one reason why this year's campaign is titled, "St. James' is...". Because we want to stress the many ways in which St. James' embodies our calling. When you come to church this week, you will see pictures of us at work (and play). The pictures will hang in the church and in the parish hall. They will lead to Sunday School and to Coffee Hour. They will help us see who we are.

In seeing who we are, it is my hope we will see how wonderful and important our ministry is. I want you to be inspired - to literally be filled with the Spirit, to smile, to take a deep breath of satisfaction, to feel that sense of purpose to which God invites us - no, calls us.

Additionally, you will see one picture featured each week as the bulletin cover. I won't tell you which one will be featured this week - you'll just have to come and get your bulletin (collect all five!). Along with that, a different parishioner will speak each week about their experience of God at St. James'.

This is a wonderful parish. I've been here just about twenty years and have been blessed to celebrate and grieve, to work and to play, to teach and worship with many many people. And throughout that time, it has been you who make this work possible, who make this exploration of Christ's love desirable, who make this life good.

So join me this Sunday - and every Sunday of this great campaign - to see just what St. James' Is...

You'll be impressed (maybe even with yourself). More to the point, you'll be inspired.

Grace and Peace,

Chuck +

Announcements

Youth Group Leaf Raking:

We hope to rake leaves this Sunday, but there aren't too many that have fallen yet. The Youth Group will have a service project this Sunday (we always have something in reserve). However, if you face physical challenges and have a yard full of leaves you need raked by this Sunday, please do contact me! We will be able to get it done.

Reading Adventures News:

By the time you read this, Reading Adventures will have had its first day. We always want to encourage more volunteers, so if you are thinking about helping a child improve his or her reading, please contact Fr. Chuck.

20th Anniversary Fundraiser:

Join all your brothers and sisters on Saturday, November 4 for a potluck celebrating Fr. Chuck's 20 years at St. James'. In the spirit of this congregation's focus on serving others, this potluck will raise funds for Episcopal Relief and Development specifically to help the survivors of Hurricane Maria.

There will be music (compliments of The Plan B's and Spirit of Unity), food, and good times.

Run For Vestry:

The Nominating Committee of St. James' Vestry would like to invite you to run for election. From now until the beginning of January, the Nominating Committee will receive names of those interested in serving the church through this important group.

Among the Vestry's functions is to work toward the financial health of the parish, to help guide the leadership spiritually, to consider practical goals, and to make decisions about who uses our space. By becoming a member of St. James' Vestry, you join the ranks of such luminaries as Samuel Bard, Morgan Lewis, Franklin Roosevelt, and Helen Fink. More importantly, you join the ranks of brothers and sisters today who want to help this parish love God and serve God.

New Between-Service Class:

Starting November 12, we will have a new Between-Service Class. Called "Miracles", it will focus on one miracle each week - usually one performed by Christ. In these classes, we'll explore what a miracle is, what their purpose is, and how they affected people of the Bible and us. These classes start at 9:15 Sunday morning and end by 9:45. We invite everyone to join!

Newcomers Reception:

Mark your calendars for December 8! If you have been at St. James' for a year or less, get ready to receive an invitation to our Fall Newcomer's Reception. This is a time to meet new people, learn a little more about what's going on here, and in general have a good time. If you are an "old-comer," join us to help welcome new members. Festivities start at 7:00 PM.

October 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15	16 Office Closed	17 7:00 PM Vestry	18 10 AM Morning Prayer	19 11 AM Bible Study 3:30 PM Reading Adventures Starts	20 Graveyard Tours	21 8 AM Men's Breakfast Graveyard Tours
22 Steward- ship Campaign Starts 3:00 PM Youth Group	23 Office Closed 6 PM Women's Group	24	25 10 AM Morning Prayer	26 11 AM Bible Study	27	28
29 11:30 Garden Blessing	30 Office Closed	31 HALLOWEEN	1 ALL SAINTS DAY 10 AM Morning Prayer	2 11 AM Bible Study	3	4 5:30 20th Anniversary POTLUCK
Sundays: Holy Eucharist Rite I is at 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music) is at 10:00 AM. Sunday School and nursery are available at 10:00 AM.						

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Please pray for these diocesan ministries this week. If you want to check out the entire year's calendar for intercession, it's simple to find - go to

<https://www.diocesenyny.org/administration/for-clergy/liturgical-and-sacramental/diocesan-calendar-of-intercession/>

- 22 St. John's Church, New City
- 23 St. Paul's and Trinity Parish, Tivoli
- 24 Episcopal Chaplaincy at Bard College
- 25 St. Andrew's Church, New Paltz
- 26 St. Luke's School, Manhattan
- 27 St. Simon's Church, Staten Island
- 28 Church of Our Savior, Manhattan

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Ruth Blanding, John Bohlmann, Helen Braun, Mariel Carter, Dee, Linkin Ewalt, Loretta Falzarano (sister of Donna Beyer), Steven Foote, Heather Francese, Kathy Ganim, Karla Givison (Deb Belding's sister), Robert Guariglia, Harold Hall, Cath Holywell (priest in the Church of England and Indaba partner who worshiped with St. James' - undergoing heart surgery), Dalton K., Edie Kline, Ashley Konyn, Barbara Kubiak (Mother of Donna Tracy-Coffman), Rosemary Leuken, Joanne Lynn, Doris Mack, Gordon Mackenzie, Virginia Mackenzie, Andrew Mendelson, Grace Plass, Deborah Porach, John Robinson, Rob Robinson, Jason Rodino (serving in Afghanistan), Pat Rooney, John Ross, Richard Secor, Sharon Secor (recovering from heart surgery), Karen Shan, James Sheeky, Naomi Sleight, Patricia (sister of Barbara Slegel), Carl Smith, Marguerite Spratt, Janice Syedullah, Tracy, Candace Vincent, Cassidy Way, Cliff Wells and Shawn Wheeler.

We continue to pray for those affected by Hurricane Maria. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Speer, mother of Tanya Hall. Please pray for continued recovery of Georgia Verven.

Schedules

A Note about Schedules: The names you see below are those listed on their respective schedules. There are often times when, due to sickness or travel, substitutes are asked to fill in or trade positions. This will probably NOT be reflected in the lists below—so, if there is an inconsistency between what you see here and what you see on Sunday, that is all right.

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| Birthdays
(this past week): | Jasmine Thatcher and Beverly L. Tas |
| Birthdays
(this coming week): | Grant Ferris, Rebecca Foote and Andrew V. Hall |
| Acolytes: | October 22: Team 2
October 29: Team 3 |
| Altar Guild: | October 22: Team I |

	October 29: Team I
8 a.m. Readers:	October 22: Lucille Ogden and Thomas Finnigan October 29: Debbie Belding and Lynne Koch
10 a.m. Readers:	October 22: Russell Urban-Mead and Justin Bohlmann October 29: Wendy Urban-Mead and Mike Fenwick
Ushers:	October 22: Bill and Regina Ardini October 29: Patty Drake, Bobbie Wells
Pledge Clerks:	October 22: Andy Hall and Dean Caswell October 29: Tanya Hall and Anna Marie Pitcher
Parish Cycle of Prayer:	October 22: Kim, Jack and Matthew Canez, Dean and Patty Caswell and Carolyn Canon October 29: Rich, Leighann, Alix, Sophie and Eden Ciferri and Clarence, Joann, Kathryn and Anna Clark
Coffee Hour Hosts:	October 22: Wendy and Russell Urban-Mead, Saira Shahani October 29: Barbara Slegel and the Choir

This Week's Lectionary

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

This Week's Hymns

Processional: 372 - Praise to the Living God

Sequence: 596 - Judge Eternal

Offertory: "Enthroned in Splendor"

Communion: 684 - O for a Closer Walk with God

Recessional: 594 - God Of Grace and God of Glory

Last Week's Sermon

Sermon Preached on Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (October 15, 2017)

The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Kevin Bean

No copy was available at the time of printing

NOTE: Audio recordings of some sermons are now available on St. James' website, www.stjameshydepark.org Look under "Worship"