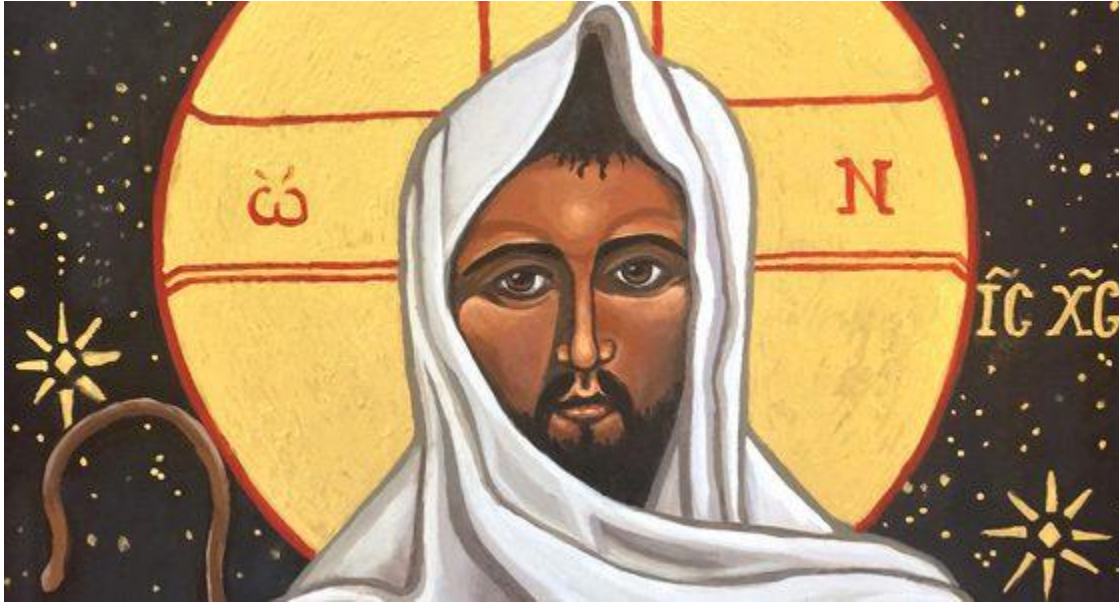


St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, NY

We're glad we're here.



19th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 22

October 4, 2026 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Our Worship

Here children are a joyful addition to worship and all children are invited to sit up close in the "soft space" up front, designed just for them! For special services, such as baptisms and confirmations, we invite the children to come and stand as close to the "action" as they are comfortable. Remember, children will behave as children and it is okay that they don't act like little adults.

Please join your voice to the hymns (Hymnal 1982) and the prayers (Book of Common Prayer) (BCP)

Prelude

Aria

C. Phillips

Musical Note:

This morning's offertory solo, the famous "Pie Jesu" from the *Requiem* by French composer Gabriel Fauré will be performed in Latin. The text is an ancient prayer that translates to: Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them rest. Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them eternal rest.

Announcements & Words of Welcome

Every presence here is purposeful, brought together by a loving, liberating, and life-giving God. St. James is a place of radical hospitality and welcome, where individuals from all backgrounds, traditions, and journeys of faith, no faith, or doubt belong. The Episcopal Church believes that diversity of identity and experiences enriches the community, honors the sacred, and works to reveal the immense image of the Divine who created us in that image. Participation is welcome at whatever level feels most comfortable to you. The table of Holy Communion is open to everyone who believes called by God to eat of this divine meal. If this is your first time, please sit and enjoy the service, let the bulletin be your guide and not your boss. For any assistance, questions, or needs, please reach out to your nearest pew neighbor, speak to an usher, or corner a member of the clergy after the service. Thank you for the privilege of worshiping with you today.

Opening Hymn 525

The Church's one foundation



We acknowledge with deep respect the Seneca Nation known as the "Great Hill People" and the Keepers of the Western Door of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy on whose ancestral lands Saint James Episcopal Church resides. We pray for the Nation's President and Members of the Tribal Council from the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories and we give thanks to God for their stewardship of this great land and its resources.

The Liturgy of the Word

BCP p.355

Opening Sentences

Blessed be the God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gloria (spoken at 9 am, sung at 10)

Hymnal S-278

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to the people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the book of Isaiah (5:1-7)

Anne Iannello

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown
with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of
Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;
righteousness, but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord
Thanks Be to God

Psalm 80:7-14

(To be read responsively by half verse.)

Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *

you cast out the nations and planted it.

You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.

Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians (3:4b-14) *Jim Neider*

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

Sequence Hymn 488

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Canon Johnnie E. Ross

The Nicene Creed

(You are invited to stand as you are able.) BCP p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the

power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection(+) of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

June Myers

Deacon/Presider:

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Prayers of the People (the Yellow Sheet in your pew.)

The Absolution

The Peace

"The Question in the Box"

Zoom attendees turn to page 7

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Solo

Lead Me, Lord S. S. Weasley

Doxology

Old 100th

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures, here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

The Sanctus

Hymnal S – 128

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Hymnal S- 155

Invitation to Communion

These are the gifts of God for the people of God, take them in remembrance that Christ rose for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

All who desire communion are welcome to receive, for this is God's Table, not ours. If you are not baptized and desire to be baptized, please speak to the clergy. The distribution of communion is done in both kinds, the bread and the wine (in a common cup). Feel free to only receive the bread if that is more comfortable for you. Gluten free options are available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward and the priest will bestow God's blessing to you.

Communion Hymn 448
Communion Hymn 314

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high
Humbly I adore thee*

Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing (Canon Johnnie invites all children present to join him for the Blessing. Do this by holding out your right hand to mimic his.)

Recessional Hymns 438

Tell out, my soul

Dismissal

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

arr. W. Held

Guest Musician: Sarah Bailey, soprano

*****Those attending the Zoom service please continue here.*****

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures, here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

We will observe a moment of silence. If you have consecrated wafers please consume one now, if you don't, please know that as others receive the sacrament, so do you!

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with the spiritual food of common prayer. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Please take your bulletin home with you!
Announcements for October 4, 2026

Happy Birthday

October 3rd Joan Ellison, 7th Jim Isaac, 11th Scott Essig, Owen Oetinger, 15th Barb King, Walter Thompson, 16th Mary Ann Neider, 19th June Myers, 24th Larry Belluscio, 25th Rick Iannello, and 25th Anne Wolff

PRAYER LIST

John, Anne & Don, Charlene, Bill, Pat, Patrick, Richard, Sue, Ronnie, Greg, Connie, Brandon, Kay, Jackie, Teddy, Kerrie, Bill, Roger, Jolene, Mary Annette, Brian, Blake, Erica, Meagan, Christina, members of the Armed Forces & Sharon, Janice, Kathy, Dave, Steve, Keith, Mike, Lisa, Nancy and Peter, Joanne, Matt and Ryan and the Fleming Family. For Becca, Madison, Gylnn, Jason, Camille, Leila, Amelia, Inara, Nate and Zack, Maureen, Dr. Pierce, Wayne, Lilo and sister.

Pray for Victims of Human Trafficking, Prisoners, Captives, and all those held against their will. Pray for those who die from violence, those executed by the State. Pray for Emergency Responders, Hospital Workers, and Care Givers.

HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED **Undie Sundays & Socks in the Box**

We are collecting essential items for the unhoused in our area. Your small donation makes a massive dignity and comfort impact.

DROP-OFF LOCATION IS HERE AT THE CHURCH

WHEN TO DONATE YOUR SOCKS:

Every Sunday morning (10am service) September & October OR the Church office
Monday – Thursday, 10am-1pm

OCTOBER COLLECTION – SOCKS IN THE BOX

- **Socks:** New socks for men and women (all sizes).

IMPORTANT NOTE

- **All donations must be brand new.**
- **Please leave items in their original packaging.**



Thank you for your generosity and support!
St. James Outreach Committee

The Blessing Box *Jim Neider*

The Blessing Box is one of the principal cornerstones of St. James' Outreach effort. I have been coordinator of this program for the past several months. Over this time span have come to appreciate an effort that basically "run itself." By that I mean the people who have been doing work of maintaining the Blessing Box have been doing it with little help from me. There is one thing that I would like to go forward- and that is a schedule of who is doing what and when. I do not want to reinvent the wheel, just let me know who is filling the BB and when. It would also be helpful if I knew who is doing the shopping and if anyone is interested in filing in on temporary basis if a "regular" is unavailable.

Let me know as soon as possible, (I would like to have completed schedule by mid-October}, if you want to continue a particular day, start a new day, help with shopping, or be a substitute or anything else: phone or text 585-409-8891 or email jmansider@outlook.com. Thaks to all for making Blessing Box such Success.

Zoom meetings use the following

link:<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZlBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFJlbn4rUT09>

Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday October 4	9:00 am – 9:30 am 10:00 am – 11:15 am	Zoom Service Eucharist & Coffee Hour
Monday October 5	10:00 am – 1:00 pm Out of the office 6:300 pm	Office Hours Canon Johnnie Genesee Chorale
Tuesday October 6	10AM – 1PM Out of the office	Office Hours Canon Johnnie
Wednesday October 7	10AM– 1:00PM 6PM 7PM	Office Hours Canon Johnnie Al-Anon Choir Rehearsal
Thursday October 8	10:00 am – 1:00 Pm 11:00 am – 1 pm	Office Open Thrift Store
Friday October 9		Office Closed
Sunday October 10	9:00 am – 9:30 10:00 am – 11:15 am 11:15 am	Zoom Service Eucharist & Coffee Coffee Hour

First time here? If you'd like to learn more about St. James, receive regular emails from the Church, or simply have your questions answered, then please contact our priest, Canon Johnnie at canonjohnnie@gmail.com, (859)285-9361, or call the office at 585-343-6802.

Bathrooms are located up the ramp (found at the left entrance nearest the small side altar) and then to your left.



Cookies for Ukraine

Once again St. James will be selling packages of homemade cookies at the Diocesan Convention on October 23 and 24. We have done this for the last several years. All the donations received have been sent to the Ukraine through Episcopal Relief and Development. We usually are able to send \$600 through this fund raiser. If you are able to send in cookies they are needed by **Thursday, October 22nd** so we can package them and send the bags off with

our delegates. Want to bake ahead? Just drop off your cookies in the freezer in the kitchen. Label the cookies so they are used for this event. Please avoid bar cookies as the don't package well.



The Open Shell Parish Pearls

UTO - *On Sunday October 4th we will be collecting donations for the UTO (united Thank Offering) during the offertory. The money collected will be used to "promote gratitude and supporting innovative projects that address compelling needs around globe." An envelope will be provided in bulletin the next two weeks for use. If writing a check out St. James, please specify that your donations are for the UTO. Thank you!*

Thursday, November 19th, 6:30PM
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING
INTERFAITH SERVICE
A Gathering of Gratitude, Unity, and Hope

We will join with neighbors, friends, and other faith communities from across Genesee County as we come together to give thanks, share traditions, and celebrate the strength of our shared community believing in one God.

- *Interfaith Reflection: Readings, Prayers, and Insights shared by our local religious leaders.*
- *Music & Worship: Shared hymns and songs expressing thanksgiving.*
- *Friendship & Fellowship: Light refreshments and conversation following the service.*

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