St. James Episcopal Church
Batavia, NY

We're glad we're here.



Laura James

All Saint's Day

November 1, 2026(9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)

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)

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.



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 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 God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. ***Amen.***

A Reading from the book of Revelation (7:9-17)

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks Be to God

Psalm (34:1-10,22) (To be read responsively by half verse.)

I will bless the Lord at all times; *****
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord; *****
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *****
let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

Reading from John's First Epistle (3:1-3)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

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"

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.

The Acclamation
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 November 1, 2026

Happy Birthday

November 13th Phyllis Draycott, 19th Terry McGuire, 19th Jane McKeehen, 19th Cillian Birk, 22nd Joanne Fleming and 27th and Rose Rumery

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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday November 1	**9:00 am – 9:30 am** **10:00 am – 11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Eucharist & Coffee Hour**
Monday November 2	**10:00 am – 1:00 pm** **6:30 PM**	**Office Hours** **Genesee Chorale**
Tuesday November 3	**10AM – 2PM** **Out of the office** **6:00 am – 9:00 pm**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie** **General Elections**
Wednesday November 4	**10AM– 2:00PM** **6PM** **6:30 PM**	**Office Hours** **Canon Johnnie** **Al-Anon** **Choir Rehearsal**
Thursday November 5	**10:00 am – 1:00 Pm** **11:00 am – 1 pm**	**Office Open** **Thrift Store**
Friday November 6		**Office Closed**
Sunday November 8	**9:00 am – 9:30** **10:00 am – 11:15 am** **11:15 am**	**Zoom Service** **Holy Eucharist** **Coffee Hour**

Zoom meetings use the following link:https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZlBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFlLbm4rUT09
Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y

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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