

St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, NY

We're glad you're here.



*Good Samaritan
Fetti, Domenico 1589-1623*

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 18
September 6, 2026 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)
10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word (Enriching Our Worship)

We attempt to have our summer services outside, where the weather is a little easier to bear. If we are inside please remember that children are a joyful addition to our worship, we invite all children to sit up close, we even have a "soft space" up front, just for the kids!

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

A Word of Welcome: *We believe that no one is here by accident. You are here because God is working in your life. Wherever you are in your walk of faith, please know that you are welcome here and what an honor it is to be worshipping with you. If there is anything you need, please let the ushers or clergy know.*

Opening Hymn # 304

I come with joy (verses 1-3)



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 give thanks to God for their stewardship of this great land and its resources.

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Sentences

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

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

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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

A Reading from Psalm (119:33-40 - *To be read responsively by half verse.*)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

Sequence Hymn # 648

When Israel was in Egypt's land

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Rev. Deacon Diane Cox

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand as you are able.)*

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

Lily Bringenberg

Presider: Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic church, with hopes that divisions will cease and we, as a unified Christian faith, may spread Love to all people in all places and at all times.

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, *especially those we now name [PAUSE]*
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Especially those on our parish prayer list and others we now name (*a moment of silence is offered for addition of names*)

Presider: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you (us), forgive you(us) all your (our) sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you(us) in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you (us) in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

Holy Communion from the Reserve Sacrament

Offertory Sentence: Deacon: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Doxology or: Deacon: Let us now prepare ourselves to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

The Lord' Prayer: Deacon: Let us pray the words our Savior has taught us, we are bold to say: Lord's prayer BCP p. 364

Communion Invitation: Deacon: These are the gifts of for the people of God, Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

(Communion is then offered in both kinds of Reserve Sacrament.)

Post communion prayer: BCP p. 365

People: 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.

Blessing

Almighty God, we ask that You bless our work of mission and ministry in the world. Help us to pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through your Son Jesus Christ.

Let us not forget the lessons from the past, nor fear the challenges of the future.

Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 542

Come, labor on (verses 1-3)

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Please take your bulletin home!!!

Announcements for September 6, 2026

Next Sunday, Sept 13th, we will be making sandwiches for the unhoused who go to the Cathedral for lunch. The number of sandwiches needed has grown as the homeless population in Buffalo grows. If you have a little extra time next Sunday plan on staying after the service and helping. All the needed ingredients will be on hand in the kitchen. With more people helping we can quickly put together the needed 80 sandwiches. Hope to see you there.



St. James will be sending boxes of school supplies to local schools for children who show up without the items they need. We have been doing this for more years than anyone can remember.

With increasing prices, the need is more urgent than ever. There are

boxes at the back of the church in which to drop items.

All items are needed: backpacks, crayons, glue sticks, pencils, folders, etc.

The sales on these items have started already. This collection will go on for the month of August. Even a couple of items will assist a child who doesn't have it, or the resources to purchase it. Thank you!



September 3rd David Swartz Sr., 5th Janice Swatz, 6th Kathy Belluscio, 6th Mike Barone, 8th Dick Folger, 9th Kelcey Bestine, 15th Jim Neider, 16th Michael Collee, 16th Donna Kauffman, 16th Karen Odell, 22nd Breanna Petts, 23rd Steve Rumery, 23rd Alexandra

Belluscio, 25th John Swartz Jr., 26th Lois Call, 28th Judith O'Neill, and 28th Karen Day

All Zoom meetings use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZlBCZEI0WDQ1Sz k5TEF2dFILbm4rUT09>

Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y

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PRAYER list...

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.

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.



Make plans to be present on September 13 for the Baptism of Callan Scott Heins, born May 6, 2026, to Matthew and Nichole Heins. This service promises to be a community celebration to be enjoyed by everyone in attendance!

Week at a Glance

		
Sunday September 6	9:00 am – 9:30 am 10:00 am – 11:15 am 11:15 am	Zoom Service Liturgy of the Word Coffee Hour
Monday September 7	Labor Day	Office Closed
Tuesday September 8	10:00 am – 1:00 pm Out of the office	Office Hours Canon Johnnie
Wednesday September 9	10:00 am – 1:00 pm Out of the office	Office Hours Canon Johnnie
Thursday September 10	10:00 am – 1:00 pm Out of the office 11:00 am – 1 pm	Office Open Canon Johnnie Thrift Store
Friday September 11		Office Closed
Sunday September 13	9:00 am – 9:30 10:00 am – 11:15 am 11:15 am	Zoom Service Liturgy of the Word Baptism of Callan Scott Heins Coffee Hour Sandwich Making

First time here?

We welcome you and hope you have felt that welcome! If you'd like to learn more about St. James, please contact our priest, Canon Johnnie at canonjohnnie@gmail.com, (859)285-9361, or call the office. Keep in touch, if you wish to be added to our mailing list fill out this form and place in the offering plate or hand to an usher.

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

Name

Other family members

Here You are Welcome Regardless!

"cause when Jesus said "everyone" he meant every one"

Proud Ally to Victims Human Trafficking & The LGBTQ+ Community



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