

# St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, NY

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord"*



*Good Shepherd  
Henry Ossawa Tanner 1859-1937*

## **The Fifth Sunday of Pentecost June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (9:00 a.m. zoom Liturgy of the Word) 10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word**

*Children of every age are welcome here and are invited to join in the opening and closing processions. In the front of the church, on the left side, is a "soft space" where children can "be children" and watch the service up close. Canon Johnnie invites everyone who would like to assist with the final blessing to stand in place and at the mention of the Trinity, Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, to gently raise your right hand, palm up.*

***Please join your voice to the hymns and to the bolded portions of the liturgy taken from the Book of Common Prayer-BCP, red book in the pew.***

Welcome and Announcements

*None of us are here by accident. God has called us into this space and at this time, because God is working in our lives – individually and corporately. Please know that God loves you regardless, just as you are, and that love is practiced here at St. James. Also know that it is God who invites you into the Banquet of the Lamb – A God who welcome us all!*

Opening Hymn 391      *Before the Lord's eternal throne*

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Sentences

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Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

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

Hymnal S-280

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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 built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks Be to God**

**Psalm 89:1-4,15-18** *Misericordias Domini*  
(*Let us read the Psalm responsively by whole verse.*)

1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

**2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

**4 'I will establish your line for ever, \*  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"**

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! \*  
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

**16 They rejoice daily in your Name; \*  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

17 For you are the glory of their strength, \*  
and by your favor our might is exalted.

**18 Truly, the Lord is our ruler; \*  
the Holy One of Israel is our King.**

*A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (6:12-23) Lily Bringenberg*

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 609 Where cross the crowded ways of Life

*A reading from the Gospel of Matthew (10:40-42)*

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks Be to God**

*(You are invited to stand as you are able.)*

The Apostle's Creed

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Rose Rumery

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

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, that our divisions may cease and we, as a unified Christian faith, may spread God's love to all people, in all places, and at all times. **That we all may be one.**

Leader: We pray for our church, for our diocese, clergy and people in the Genesee Cycle of Prayer, and for Canon Johnnie.  
God of Light and Life, **Hear our Prayer**

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, especially Kathy, our Governor, Donald, our President and all elected leaders. **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, especially those who are victims of human trafficking and those held against their will. **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially those who die alone, unloved, and unmourned... (pause for names either aloud or silently) **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.

We pray for those mentioned on our parish prayer list, and for those who we hold in our hearts, *(pause for names either aloud or silently)*

Silence

Presider will offer a concluding prayer

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

**And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

Doxology

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*Please stand as you are able.*

**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.**

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.**

Closing Prayer

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.**

Closing Hymn 655      O Jesus, I have promised

The Dismissal

Our worship has ended, our service continues. Go in Peace, to love and service the Lord; Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

*Celebration in D*

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The Batavia Muckdogs are inviting all church members to come out to the ballpark and celebrate **Faith and Family Night on Saturday, July 25th at 6:30PM**

The Muckdogs play out of historic Dwyer Stadium (299 Bank Street, Batavia, NY) and play in the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League, better known as the PGCBL. Visit [www.canusamuckdogs.com](http://www.canusamuckdogs.com) to learn more.

# Lemonade on the Lawn & Sunday Worship

*Beginning July 5, 2026, at 10AM, services will be held outside. This year on the opposite side of the church than we met last year – the Rectory Side of the Church. There is not only more shade on that side, but more grass. If you are more comfortable bringing your own lawn chair, you are welcomed to do just that. We will offer room inside the church to store them so that you will not have to transport them every Sunday. There will also be an attempt at bug control for those allergic or bothered by bugs. Lemonade on the Lawn will be served after every service. If you would like to help with Lemonade on the Lawn, please speak with Jo-Ann Bestine.*

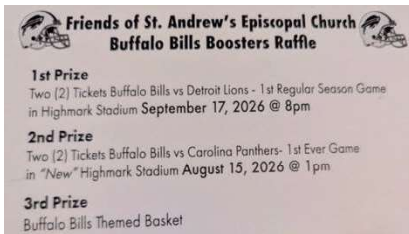
**St. James Scholarship - The 2026 Scholarship Recipients are:** *Jasmine Wessel, Abigail Bestine, Owen Oetinger, and Alexandra Belluscio.*

**Committee members are:** *Elizabeth Findlay, Diane Skelton, Betty O'Brien, and Bill Coughlin.*

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## A WIN/WIN – for you and a small church ?

*(Win a pair of Bill's tickets and help a small church)*



*This church is outside our diocese, but an opportunity for the many Bill's Fans in our parish. It's a chance to see your Buffalo Bills play in the brand new Highmark Stadium. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. There have been only 300 tickets printed for this raffle. If you would like to participate, please stop by the parish office and speak with Kelley, or email her at*

*[Saint.James2@sjecbataviary.org](mailto:Saint.James2@sjecbataviary.org) Kelley's hours are 10AM-1PM, Monday – Thursday.*

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## Help with Re-establishing a Parish Library

Canon Johnnie has asked Barbara King to act as the parish librarian. If you happen to have a book that has been one of your go-to favorites for spiritual, educational, or emotional growth, feel free to offer it to be considered for inclusion into the Parish Library to be re-established in the Guild Room. Place your donation on the altar located behind the baptismal font at the entrance of the church.



Church Library



JUNE 28<sup>th</sup> Lenora Shepard

JULY 8<sup>th</sup> Jaykob Belluscio, 13<sup>th</sup> Pete Avery,  
16<sup>th</sup> Maureen Scoville, 17<sup>th</sup> Clara Pettys, 19<sup>th</sup> Krista  
Kretschmer, 20<sup>th</sup> Liam Carney

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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, Paul, Steve, Keith, Mike, Lisa, Nancy and Peter, Joanne, Matt and Ryan and the Fleming Family.

Pray for our Veterans and Active Military – Pray for those on all battlefields.

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.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

<i>Sunday June 28</i>	<i>9:00 am - 9:30 am</i>	<b>Zoom Service</b>
	<i>10:00 am – 11:15 am</i>	<b>Liturgy of the Word</b>
	<i>11:15 am</i>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<i>Monday June 29</i>	<i>10:00 am – 1:00 pm</i>	<b>Office open</b>
<i>Tuesday June 30</i>	<i>10:00 am – 1:00 pm</i>	<b>Office open</b>
<i>Wednesday July 1</i>	<i>10:00 am – 1:00 pm</i>	<b>Office open</b>
<i>Wednesday July 1</i> <i>Thursday July 2</i>	<i>10:00 am – 3:00 PM</i>	<b>Canon Johnnie's Office Hours</b>
<i>Thursday July 2</i>	<i>10:00 am – 1:00 pm</i>	<b>Office open</b>
	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>Thrift Store</b>
<i>Friday July 3</i>		<b>Office closed</b>
<i>Sunday July 5</i>	<i>9:00 am – 9:30 am</i>	<b>Zoom Service</b>
	<i>10:00 am – 11:15 am</i>	<b>Outdoor Eucharist</b>
	<i>11:15 am</i>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>

**Zoom meetings use the following link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZIBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFILbm4rUT09>

Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y

## 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](mailto: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.*

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Name

Other family members

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## **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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Please keep in touch, if you wish to be added to the Prayer List, Birthday List, Church Mailing/Email List fill out this form and place in the offering plate, or hand to an usher.



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