

St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, NY

We're glad you're here.



*Good Samaritan
Fetti, Domenico 1589-1623*

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 26, 2026

(9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)

10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word

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)***

Welcome and Announcements *We at St. James 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, you are welcome here.*

Opening Hymn 1 *Father, we thank thee, now the night is over*

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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

The Psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 119 to be read responsibly by half verse.

Your decrees are wonderful; *

therefore I obey them with all my heart.

When your word goes forth it gives light; *

it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and pant; *

I long for your commandments.

Turn to me in mercy, *

as you always do to those who love your Name.

Steady my footsteps in your word; *

let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me, *

and I will keep your commandments.

Let your countenance shine upon your servant *

and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears, *

because people do not keep your law.

Sequence Hymn 482

Lord of all hopefulness

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (13:31-33,44-52)

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches. "He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

The Nicene Creed

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

Jo-Ann Bestine

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

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 Please stand as you are able.

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Praise God 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 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 712

Seek ye first, the kingdom of God

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!

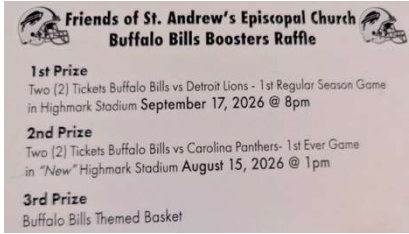
Please take your bulletin home!!!

Announcements for July 26, 2026

After today's service we will be gathering in the kitchen to put together sandwiches for the unhoused who visit our Cathedral for lunch. The number of people who show up is steadily increasing, so now they need 80 lunches. If you have a little time after the service we could really use your help... Just meet us in the kitchen.

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@sjecbataviany.org Kelley's hours are 10AM-1PM, Monday – Thursday.



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.

Zoom meetings use the following link:

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A Week at a Glance

		
Sunday July 26	9:00 am – 9:30 am 10:00 am – 11:15 am 11:15 am	Zoom Service Outdoor LOW Coffee Hour Sandwich Making Bishop Conversations
Monday July 27	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Office Hours
Tuesday July 28	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Office Hours
Wednesday July 29	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Out of the Office	Office Hours Canon Johnnie
Thursday July 30	10:00 – 1:00 pm Out of the office 11:00 am – 1 pm	Office Open Canon Johnnie Thrift Store
Friday July 31		Office Closed
Sunday August 2	9:00 am – 9:30 am 10:00 am - 11:15 am 11:15 am	Zoom Service Outdoor Eucharist Coffee Hour

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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Pipe Organs & Hymns with Walden Moore

The man who trained a hundred organists

**Tuesday, July 28th 2026
7PM**



Walden Moore is a nationally sought-after conductor and organist whose four decades at Trinity Church, New Haven shaped generations of organists & singers.

A Yale-trained musician and beloved educator, he continues to inspire through his artistry, mentorship, and enduring commitment to sacred music.

Works by Bach, Rheinberger, Hancock & more plus congregational hymns

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