

# **St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, NY**

*We're glad you're here.*



*Good Samaritan  
Fetti, Domenico 1589-1623*

**The Seventy Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 12, 2026 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)**  
**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (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)***



## 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 686

*Come, thou fount of every blessing*

## 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 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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*Please be seated.*

A Reading from the book of Isaiah  
**55:10-13**

**Keith Price**

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy,  
and be led back in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you  
shall burst into song,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;

and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,  
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks Be to God**

**Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14**

*We read the psalm responsively by half verse*

[1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*  
**to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.**

2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*  
**because of their transgressions.**

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
**but you will blot them out.**

4 Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to dwell there! \*  
**they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness of your temple.**

5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation, \*  
**O Hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the seas that are far away.**

6 You make fast the mountains by your power; \*  
**they are girded about with might.**

7 You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
**the roaring of their waves,  
and the clamor of the peoples.**

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous  
signs; \*  
**you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.]**

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
**the river of God is full of water.**

10 You prepare the grain, \*  
**for so you provide for the earth.**

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
**with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

12 You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
**and your paths overflow with plenty.**

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
**and the hills be clothed with joy.**

14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
**let them shout for joy and sing.**

Sequence Hymn 488

Be thou my vision

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what

was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Sermon

*The Reverend Canon Johnnie Ross*

*Please stand as you are able*

The Nicene Creed

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**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

Elizabeth Findlay

*Deacon/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

*Priest:*

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 of Sin

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, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

***Zoom attendees turn to page 10***

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and

labor unto the Lord.

The Holy Communion

*Please stand as you are able.*

Doxology

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**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.**

Eucharistic Prayer 2 from *Enriching Our Worship*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from

the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with James, Michael and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

The Lord's Prayer

### The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

**Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

### Invitation to Communion

These are the gifts of God given for us, the beloved of God: Come and be fed.

*All who desire communion are welcome to receive, for this altar is God's not ours. If you are not baptized and desire to be baptized, please speak to a clergy person! We distribute 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 to the clergy person who will bestow God's blessing.*

### Post Communion Prayer

*From Enriching Our Worship*

Let us pray

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. 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

#### Closing Hymn 376

Joyful, joyful we adore thee

### Dismissal

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

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

### 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.**

**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!*

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.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

***Please take your bulletin home!!!***

**Announcements for July 12, 2026**



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**

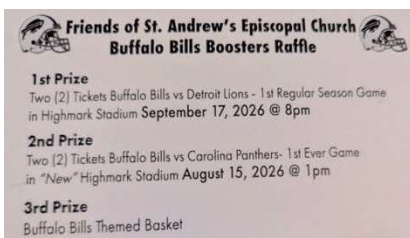
The Muckdogs play out of historic Dwyer Stadium (299 Bank Street, Batavia, NY) and play in the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League, better known as the PGCBL. Visit [www.canusamuckdogs.com](http://www.canusamuckdogs.com) to learn more.

## 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.*

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

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**Sandwich making for the Cathedral following Sunday service**

**July 26, September 13 and November 15.**

**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.



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

# 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.

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| <b><u>Sunday July 12</u></b>                                                      | <b><u>9:00 am - 9:30 am</u></b>                                                    | <b><u>Zoom Service</u></b>                                                          |
|                                                                                   | <b><u>10:00 am – 11:15 am</u></b>                                                  | <b><u>Outdoor Eucharist</u></b>                                                     |
|                                                                                   | <b><u>11:15 am</u></b>                                                             | <b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>                                                           |
| <b><u>Monday July 13</u></b>                                                      | <b><u>10:00 am – 1:00 pm</u></b>                                                   | <b><u>Office open</u></b>                                                           |
| <b><u>Tuesday July 14</u></b>                                                     | <b><u>10:00 am – 1:00 pm</u></b>                                                   | <b><u>Office open</u></b>                                                           |
|                                                                                   | <b><u>10 am</u></b>                                                                | <b><u>Cannon Johnnie's in office</u></b>                                            |
| <b><u>Thursday July 16</u></b>                                                    | <b><u>10:00 am – 1:00 pm</u></b>                                                   | <b><u>Office open</u></b>                                                           |
|                                                                                   | <b><u>Out of Office</u></b>                                                        | <b><u>Cannon Johnnie</u></b>                                                        |
|                                                                                   | <b><u>11:00 am – 2:00 pm</u></b>                                                   | <b><u>Thrift Store</u></b>                                                          |
| <b><u>Friday July 17</u></b>                                                      |                                                                                    | <b><u>Office closed</u></b>                                                         |
| <b><u>Sunday July 19</u></b>                                                      | <b><u>9:00 am – 9:30 am</u></b>                                                    | <b><u>Zoom Service</u></b>                                                          |
|                                                                                   | <b><u>10:00 am – 11:15 am</u></b>                                                  | <b><u>Outdoor Eucharist</u></b>                                                     |
|                                                                                   | <b><u>11:15 am</u></b>                                                             | <b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>                                                           |
| <b><u>Sunday July 26</u></b>                                                      | <b><u>following the service</u></b>                                                | <b><u>Sandwich Making</u></b>                                                       |

**Zoom meetings use the following link:**

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

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## **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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