

St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, NY

We're glad you're here.



*Good Samaritan
Fetti, Domenico 1589-1623*

13th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 16 August 23, 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 380

From all that dwell below the skies (verses 1-2)

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, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns

*with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen***

Please be seated.

Reading from the book of Isaiah (51:1-6)

Joan Ellison

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which
you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was
but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of
the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice
of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a
teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my
arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for
the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

Psalm 138

We read the psalm responsively by half verse

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
**you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
**O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of
your hands.**

Sequence Hymn 671

Amazing grace (verses 1-4)

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of

heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflection

Paula Reimann

Like a rock, I was strong as I could be
Like a rock, nothin' ever got to me
Like a rock, I was something to see
Like a rock.

Bob Segar *Like a Rock* (1986)

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

Jim Neider

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

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

Old 100th

Please stand as you are able.

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 662

Abide with me

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 with you!
Announcements for August 23, 2026

Sandwich making for the Cathedral following Sunday service

September 13 and November 15.

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



August 2nd Liz Findlay 6th Aaron Belluscio 8th Abigail Bestine 9th Kevin Kretshmer 10th Anne Iannello 19th Jenna Carney 23rd William Coughlin 23rd Dorian Ely 27th Ronan Pettys 28th Rich Geitner

FORWARD DAY-BY-DAY – Our Forward Day-by-Day order has been delayed and was shipped out earlier this week and if not already here, will arrive shortly. Please be patient with us as we work to get the billing issues straightened out. Thank you!

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.

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. 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!

Week at a Glance

		
Sunday August 23	9:00 am – 9:30 am 10:00 am – 11:15 am 11:15 am	Zoom Service Liturgy of the Word Coffee Hour
Monday August 24	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Office Hours
Tuesday August 25	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Office Hours
Wednesday August 26	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	Office Hours
Thursday August 27	10:00 am – 1:00 pm 11:00 am – 1 pm	Office Open Thrift Store
Friday August 21		Office Closed
Sunday August 23	9:00 am – 9:30 10:00 am – 11:15 am 11:15 am	Zoom Service Liturgy of the Word Coffee Hour



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!

DEANERY SVC/PICNIC AT PARK IN STAFFORD

5th Sunday Service & Picnic - AUGUST 30th.

The services will begin at 11 am in the park in Stafford. This gathering is for all the parishes in the Deanery and we are asking that no local services be held that day locally and attendance is encouraged. There will be a Celebration of the Eucharist at the picnic.

As for the picnic itself, it is a potluck accept for the meat. Meat will be provided. The food will be from the grill and our Owen will be the chef/grill master? If you would like a special beverage, please bring it with you. **No alcoholic beverages please.**

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.

Zoom Meetings always use the following information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZlBCZEI0WDQ1Szk5TEF2dFILbm4rUT09>

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