

St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, NY

We're glad you're here.



12th Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 15

August 16, 2026 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Enriching Our Worship (Summer)

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.*



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 we 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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 (56:1,6-8)

Lily Bringenberg

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant -- these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be to God

Psalm 67 (To be read responsively by half verse.)

*May God be merciful to us and bless us, **
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

*Let your ways be known upon earth, **
your saving health among all nations.

*Let the peoples praise you, O God; **
let all the peoples praise you.

*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, **
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

*Let the peoples praise you, O God; **
let all the peoples praise you.

*The earth has brought forth her increase; **
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

*May God give us his blessing, **
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Sequence Hymn 691

My faith looks up to thee

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

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Reverend Canon Johnnie Ross

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

Rose Rumery

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

Celebrant may add a concluding prayer.

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.

The Absolution

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.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor unto the Lord.

Holy Communion – Then Liturgy at the Table

Doxology

Old 100th

**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-Enriching Our Worship - *Please stand as you are able.*

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 the people of God.

All who desire to receive communion are welcome to receive, for the food from this table belongs to God. 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 priest 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 529

In Christ there is no East or West

Dismissal

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

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 with you!

Announcements for August 16, 2026

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

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



Church Library

Room. Place your donation on the altar located behind the baptismal font at the entrance of the church.



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

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.

Zoom meetings use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZIBCZEI0WDQ1Sz k5TEF2dFILbm4rUT09>

Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y

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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!

Today's Eucharistic Celebration

Today's Eucharist is offer to the Glory of God and to honor the senior campers and staff at Sleep Away Camp; Jason, Zack, Nate, Inara, Amelia, Camille, Leila, Becca, Glynn, and Madison. Will special healing intention for Madison.

Week at a Glance

		
Sunday August 16	9:00 am – 9:30 am 10:00 am – 11:15 am 11:15 am	Zoom Service Outdoor Eucharist Coffee Hour
Monday August 17	10:00 am – 1:00 pm Out of the office	Office Hours Canon Johnnie
Tuesday August 18	10:00 am – 1:00 pm Out of the office	Office Hours Canon Johnnie
Wednesday August 19	10:00 am – 1:00 pm Out of the office	Office Hours Canon Johnnie
Thursday August 20	10:00 am – 1:00 pm Out of the office 11:00 am – 1 pm	Office Open Canon Johnnie 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!

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!

DEANERY SVC/PICNIC AT PARK IN STAFFORD

Based on conversations and emails over the past couple of months, here's what we know for sure about the service and picnic on 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 and attendance be 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? If you would like a special beverage, please bring it with you. **No alcoholic beverages please.** More details to follow!

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"

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