

St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, NY

We're glad you're here.



*Good Samaritan
Fetti, Domenico 1589-1623*

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026 (9:00 a.m. Zoom Liturgy of the Word)

10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word (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 365

Come, thou almighty King

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, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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
44:6-8

Jim Neider

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be.

Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

Psalm 86:11-17

We read the psalm responsively by half verse

11 Teach me your way, O Lord,
and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
**give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.**

17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Sequence Hymn 707

Take my life, and let it be

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;

the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflection

Paula Reimann

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

Rose Rumery

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.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Holy Communion from the Reserve Sacrament

Liturgy of the word as usual BCP p. 355

Offertory Sentence: Deacon: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Doxology or: Deacon: Let us now prepare ourselves to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

The Lord' Prayer: Deacon: Let us pray the words our Savior has taught us, we are bold to say: Lord's prayer BCP p. 364

Communion Invitation: Deacon: These are the gifts of for the people of God, Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion is offered from Reserve

Post communion prayer: BCP p. 365

***People:* Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Deacon: Mutual Blessing:

Almighty God, we ask that You will bless our work in mission and ministry in the world. Help us pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally to make known the power of your love given through your Son Jesus Christ. Let us not forget the lessons from the past nor fear the challenges of the future. Anoint us with your grace and shine in our hearts as we reflect your light throughout the world.

People: Amen

Closing Hymn 376

Dismissal: Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the

power of the Holy Spirit.
People: Thanks be to God.

Please take your bulletin home!!!

Announcements for July 19, 2026



There are only **2 weeks left** to order your discounted tickets for this special group outing at the ballpark. Purchase yours today!

The Muckdogs are actively looking for any and all church groups/members to come out to the ballpark and celebrate **Faith and Family Night** on **Saturday, July 25th at 6:30 pm!**

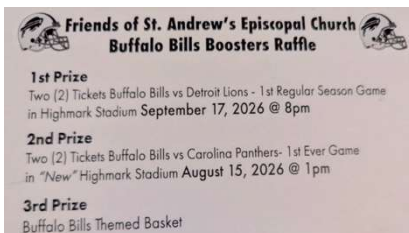
The Muckdogs play out of historic Dwyer Stadium (299 Bank Street, Batavia, NY) and play in the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League, better known as the PGCBL. Visit www.canusamuckdogs.com to learn more!

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.

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

Next Sunday, July 26th, we will be making sandwiches for the unhoused who go to the Cathedral for lunch. The number of sandwiches needed has grown as the homeless population in Buffalo grows. If you have a little extra time next Sunday plan on staying after the service and helping. All the needed ingredients will be on hand in the kitchen. With more people helping we can quickly put together the needed 80 sandwiches. Hope to see you there.



JULY 8th Jaykob Belluscio, 13th Pete Avery,
16th Maureen Scoville, 17th Clara Pettys, 19th Krista
Kretschmer, 20th 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.

		
<u>Sunday July 19</u>	<u>9:00 am – 9:30 am</u>	<u>Zoom Service</u>
	<u>10:00 am – 11:15 am</u>	<u>Outdoor Liturgy of the Word</u>
	<u>11:15 am</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
<u>Monday July 20</u>	<u>10:00 am – 1:00 pm</u>	<u>Office open</u>
<u>Tuesday July 21</u>	<u>10:00 am – 1:00 pm</u>	<u>Office open</u>
<u>Wednesday July 22</u>	<u>10:00 am – 1:00 pm</u>	<u>Office open</u>
	<u>10 am</u>	<u>Canon Johnnie's in the Office</u>
<u>Thursday July 23</u>	<u>10:00 – 1:00 pm</u>	<u>Office Open</u>
	<u>Out of the office</u>	<u>Canon Johnnie</u>
	<u>11:0 am – 2 pm</u>	<u>Thrift Store</u>
<u>Friday July 24</u>		<u>Office Closed</u>
<u>Sunday July 26</u>	<u>9:00 am – 9:30 am</u>	<u>Zoom Service</u>
	<u>10:00 am - 11:15 am</u>	<u>Outdoor Liturgy of the Word</u>
	<u>11:15 am</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>
<u>Sunday 26</u>	<u>Following the service</u>	<u>Sandwich Making</u>

Zoom meetings use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZIBCZEI0WDQ1Sz 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, (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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**Join us at St. Paul's:
for Special Guest Preacher:
The Rev. Dr. Kevin Goodrich, OP**



Father Goodrich is a Dominican brother and priest in The Episcopal Church. He's known for his sense of humor and engaging preaching style. He's traveled the Western world preaching at great cathedrals and small country churches. He is a scholar of The English Mystics (including Julian of Norwich)

and the author of several books, including, Cell Phone Spirituality and A Pilgrimage of the Heart.

6188 Main St, Stafford, NY 14143 July 26, 2026 at 9am

585) 343-4012 Fr. Goodrich will

preach at our worship service and-then engage in time of coffee and conversation with

all in attendance. Learn about Dominicans in The Episcopal Church, The Christian

Mystics, and more. Follow us on

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/p/St-Pauls-Episcopal-Church-Stafford>

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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