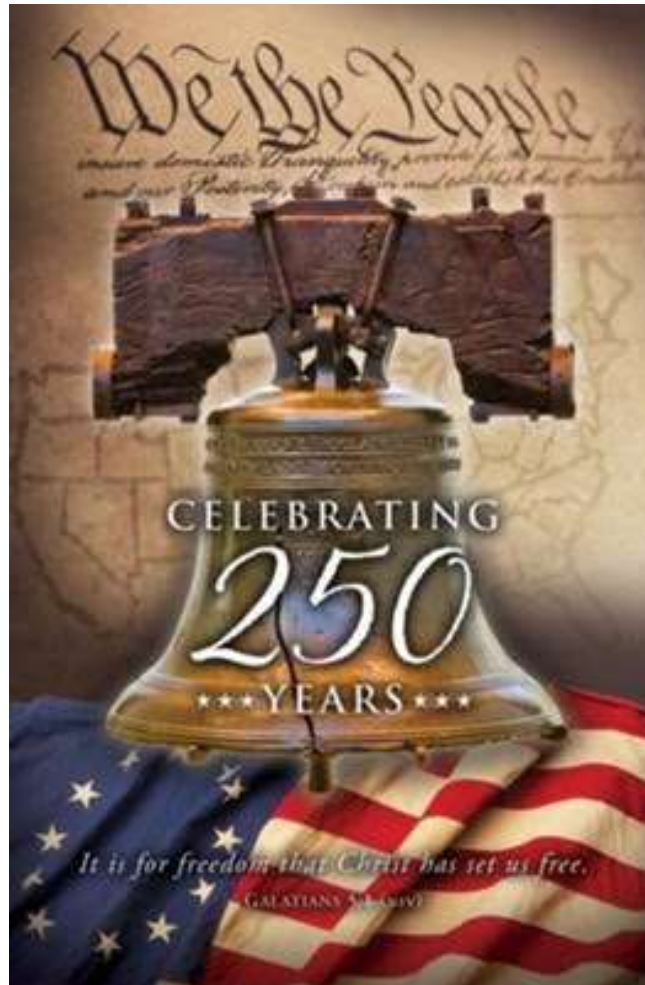


St. James Episcopal Church Batavia, NY

We're glad to be worshipping with you today.



It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Galatians 5:1

The Sixty Sunday after Pentecost

Lessons Appointed for use on the Feast of Independence Day

July 05, 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 often a little easier to bear since we don't have air conditioning. If the weather makes outdoor worship impossible, and we are forced inside, please remember that children are a joyful addition to our worship and not a distraction. There is a "soft space" up front, just for the kids to relax and be comfortable... kids can be kids!

***Please join your voice to the hymns (Hymnal 1982)
and the prayers (Book of Common Prayer) (BCP)***

Welcome and Announcements

We believe that no one is here this morning by accident. We are here because God is working in our life; individually and corporately. Wherever you are in your walk of faith, please know that you are welcome here.

Opening Hymn 8

Morning has broken

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

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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.

A Reading from the prophets Isaiah (26:1-8)

Lily Bringenberg

On that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; he sets up victory like walls and bulwarks.

Open the gates, so that the righteous nation that keeps faith may enter in.
Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace — in peace because they trust in you.

Trust in the Lord for ever, for in the Lord God you have an everlasting rock.
For he has brought low the inhabitants of the height; the lofty city he lays low.

He lays it low to the ground, casts it to the dust.
The foot tramples it, the feet of the poor, the steps of the needy.

The way of the righteous is level; O Just One, you make smooth the path of the righteous.

In the path of your judgements, O Lord, we wait for you; your name and your renown are the soul's desire.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be to God

Psalm 145:1-9 *(Let us read the psalm responsively by half verse pausing at the asterisks.)*

I will exalt you, O God my King,* **and bless your Name for ever and ever.**

Every day will I bless you* **and praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;* **there is no end to his greatness.**

One generation shall praise your works to another* **and shall declare your power.**

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty* **and all your marvelous works.**

They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,* **and I will tell of your greatness.**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness,* **they shall sing of your righteous deeds.**

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,* **slow to anger and of great kindness.**

The Lord is loving to everyone* **and his compassion is over all his works.**

Sequence Hymn 597 *O day of peace that dimly shines*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark (12:13-17)
Glorify to you, Lord Christ.

Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. And they came and said to him, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?' But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, 'Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.' And they brought one. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Jesus said to them, 'Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' And they were utterly amazed at him.

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

Jim Neider

Deacon/Presider:

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Gracious Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ thy Son our Savior.

AMEN.

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation into your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of these United States, the Governor of the State of New York, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **AMEN.**

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: We pray you so to guide and bless our Senators and Representatives in Congress, our Legislature and Assembly that they may enact such laws as shall please

you, to the glory of your Name and the welfare of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Almighty God, who sits in the throne judging right: We humbly pray you to bless the courts of justice and the magistrates in all this land; and give to them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that they may discern the truth, and impartially administer the law in the fear of you alone; through him who shall come to be our Judge, *thy* Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

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.**

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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 Almighty God.

The Holy Communion

Please stand as you are able.

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.**

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

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.

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 for the people of God.

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 who will bestow God's blessing.

Post Communion Prayer

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 05, 2026

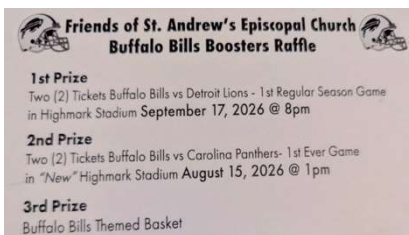


The Batavia Muckdogs are inviting all church members to come out to the ballpark and celebrate **Faith and Family Night on Saturday, July 25th at 6:30PM**

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 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.



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.

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 which is currently taking shape in the Guild Room. Place your book donation on the altar located behind the baptismal font at the entrance of the church.



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



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 our Veterans and Active Military – Pray for those on all battlefields.

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.

		
<i>Sunday July 5</i>	<i>9:00 am - 9:30 am</i>	Zoom Service
	<i>10:00 am – 11:15 am</i>	Outdoor Eucharist
	<i>11:15 am</i>	Coffee Hour
<i>Monday July 6</i>	<i>10:00 am – 1:00 pm</i>	Office open
<i>Tuesday July 7</i>	<i>10:00 am – 1:00 pm</i>	Office open
<i>Wednesday July 8</i>	<i>1:00 pm to 4:00 pm</i>	Office open
<i>Wednesday July 8</i> <i>Thursday July 9</i>	<i>Out of the office.</i>	Canon Johnnie's Out of the Office
<i>Thursday July 9</i>	<i>10:00 am – 1:00 pm</i>	Office open
	<i>11:00 am – 2:00 pm</i>	Thrift Store
<i>Friday July 10</i>		Office closed
<i>Sunday July 12</i>	<i>9:00 am – 9:30 am</i>	Zoom Service
	<i>10:00 am – 11:15 am</i>	Outdoor Eucharist
	<i>11:15 am</i>	Coffee Hour
<i>Sunday July 26</i>	<i>following the service</i>	Sandwich Making

Zoom meetings use the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8085432266?pwd=ZIBCZEIOWDQ1Szk5TEF2dFILbm4rUT09>

Meeting ID: 808 543 2266 Passcode: zrXG3y

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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 put it 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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