

THE SUNDAY PAPER FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2022
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST,
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The Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.
Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land:
"Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?"
("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?")
"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."
For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.
Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?
Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?
O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

The Psalm

Psalm 79:1-9

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.**
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.**
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.**
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.**

- 5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? *
will your fury blaze like fire for ever?**
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.**
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.**
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.**
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.**

The Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down

quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A HEARTY WELCOME TO ALL! We at James' are especially delighted, honored, and blessed to welcome visitors and newcomers here to this beloved church today. Assisted Listening Devices are available for the hearing impaired, please ask an usher for a device. Restrooms are located along the hallway that is through the exit at the front left corner of the sanctuary. Visitors in need of a pastoral call or interested in learning more about our parish and Church are invited to fill out a Welcome Card located in each pew and drop it with an usher, and you will receive a follow-up from our priest right away. *Please note that all baptized Christians of any denomination are most welcome to receive Communion in our church.*

TODAY:

“EVANGELISM FOR EPISCOPALIANS” WORKSHOP TODAY:

What's the difference between “evangelism” and “evangelicalism?” Don't know? Curious to find out? Then Fr. Dustin's workshop TODAY is meant for you! In this initial session, Fr. Dustin will be introducing us to the basics of sharing the Good News of Jesus and finding God's hand at work in our world, with special consideration for our Episcopal heritage. All are invited to come to the Library for a bit of learning and story-telling after our 10am worship on **September 18th**, to see where the Spirit might be leading our congregation onward to grow in 2022. A sign-up sheet is now posted on the bulletin board near the church entrance, to help plan for the event.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: “More Than Enough”

As part of our stewardship campaign this year, you will be reading, hearing, and seeing reflections from a number of your fellow parishioners. Some will be featured in our bulletins, others will appear in videos embedded in our E-Pistle, and others will speak during our Sunday worship. All of these contributions will help prepare us all to make our pledges of support for 2023 during our **Celebration Sunday** service at **9am on November 13th**. Bill Hutchinson starts us off today with the following reflection:



“When someone writes a letter to you, addresses it, puts it in an envelope, attaches a stamp, and mails it, it says that you are more important to them than a simple slap-dab email. A letter is something you can't wait to open - especially if it's from someone you care about. When you answer that letter, you check the spelling, use just the right words - it's a project you take time with. It is a meaningful connection.

People's relationship with Saint James is rather like emails and letters. For example, when you join Laundry Love, you will feel the connection that comes with helping someone who might have to choose between food and soap, someone who needs to feed several children - and has a job interview coming up. When you deliver flowers to a shut-in, you will experience a smile that says, "Thank you for caring about me." As you plant flowers in Saint James' garden, you will experience the pride of knowing you made our churchyard more beautiful. If you are unable to leave your home, but take the time to watch our service online, we will know that you are with us, and it means a lot. If you share that service with others, it means even more. You might also help in the making of teddy bears and blankets for children in crisis. There are many ways to make meaningful connections at Saint James.

On the other hand, you can visit Saint James once a week, listen to the music, and the sermon, say a prayer or two, go to communion, and leave without ever enjoying the other benefits the church has to offer. You have just emailed us. You got something out of it - yes - but you could get so much more. Think about it. Pray about it. Be attentive to what God is urging you to do.”

MUSIC NOTES:

One of the communion hymns for Sunday, September 18 is #488 (The Hymnal 1982) **Be Thou My Vision**. The text is Irish, circa 700, versified by Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931) and translated by Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935). It is sung to the tune of Slane, an Irish ballad melody. It is one of the most popular hymns in the United Kingdom. **The early text** is a prayer of protection and makes reference to God as High King of Heaven. Medieval Irish poetry often used heroic imagery to cast God as clan

protector because of the many turf wars fought by the various clans. **Slane, the hymn tune**, gets its name from the region where the tune was collected. Slane is a village in Ireland and has connections to St. Patrick. In 433, St. Patrick chose the Hill of Slane to announce his arrival in Ireland. The druids were preparing to celebrate the Feast of Tara so St. Patrick lit the Paschal Fire on the Hill of Slane in direct defiance of the pagan ritual. There was a stand-off between King Laoghaire (and the druids) as they tried to use their magic against St. Patrick. They were defeated and the King and his followers reluctantly converted to Christianity. A monastery was founded on the Hill of Slane by St. Erc, who was the only person to side with St. Patrick during the stand-off.

The Chancel Choir is now rehearsing on Thursdays 7-8:30pm each week in the choir room. New voices are always welcomed! **St. James' Ringers** (bell choir) will begin rehearsing at 11:30am-12:30pm on **September 25th** in the choir room.

Midweek Musical Moments on St. James' Facebook Page will continue on Wednesday, September 21st with an organ selection written by Johann Pachelbel. You can watch this video and read a bit about Pachelbel by going to <https://www.facebook.com/StJamesDanbury>.

Hymn Sing! St. James' Music Director, Joanne F. Archibald is hoping to host a hymn sing at **11:30am-Noon on Sunday, November 6th**. Start thinking about what favorite hymns you would like to sing! Stay tuned for more information. An interest sign-up sheet will be posted in the coming weeks.

Submitted by Joanne F. Archibald, St. James' Director of Music

PASTORAL CARE: HEALING PRAYERS WITH ANOINTING

During the distribution of Communion today, our healing team members will be offering prayers of healing and anointing for any who would like to receive this ministry. Please note that a brochure is available in your pews today called "The Sacramental Rite of Healing," which is designed to help enrich your participation in this rite of the Church. Also, on the Welcome Table near the Church entrance, brochures are prepared for pickup as a resources of "Prayers for Use by a Sick Person" and "Prayers for Those Who are Sick."

MISSION: Mission of the Month of September

Dan Cox has requested we designate the Mission of the Month for September to Amos House since Amos House will be reopening shortly.

The doors of Amos House have been closed for nearly a year. In that time, its facilities have been renovated and undergone a complete transformation. Their goal is to re-open by October 2022. One of the last items on to be done list is furnishing rooms with eve-

rything that residents need to be safe and comfortable. Amos House hopes that organizations will consider a \$1,500 sponsorship for one of the rooms. Help break the cycle of homelessness by ensuring that female residents have the opportunity to achieve the competencies required for permanent, self-sufficient independent living. We at St James welcome donations in any amount in the hopes we can raise that amount. If not, the funds will be used to purchase items to furnish a room. Make your check out to St James with Amos House in the memo line. Contact Dan Cox for more information.

THIS WEEK:

- **Sunday:** Holy Eucharist, 8am (*Chapel*); Choir Rehearsal, 9:15am (*Choir Room*); Choral Holy Eucharist, 10am (*Church and Live-Streamed*); Evangelism for Episcopalians Workshop, 11:30am (*Library*)
- **Monday:** *No Meetings Scheduled.*
- **Tuesday:** Vestry Meeting, 7pm (*Parish Hall*); H.A. Meeting, 7pm (*Library*)
- **Wednesday:** Holy Eucharist, 12pm (*Chapel*); A.A. Meeting, 7:15pm (*Library*)
- **Thursday:** H.A. Meeting, 7pm (*Library*); Choir Rehearsal, 7pm (*Choir Room*)
- **Friday:** *No Meetings Scheduled.*
- **Saturday:** *No Meetings Scheduled.*

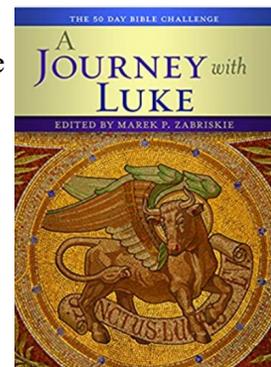
COMING UP:

ST. FRANCIS' DAY: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

At 3pm on **Sunday, Oct. 2nd**, St James' will once again be holding an outdoor **Blessing of the Animals** liturgy in the courtyard garden, in celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis. All animal companions are welcome, and will receive an individual blessing and prayer card certificate commemorating the occasion. We will also be giving thanks for beloved departed pets that "we love, but see no longer." For shy pets who might not enjoy a noisy day out, a photograph or other representation of your animal will do! Donations of pet food will be collected, and distributed through the Daily Bread Food Pantry. *(For the security of all present, please be sure your pet is on a leash or otherwise safely restrained and protected throughout the event.)*

CHRISTIAN FORMATION: Good News about the Good News!

The next Bible Study group is forming Now and we will be studying the Gospel of Luke! Join us as we explore and share how the



story of Jesus is impacting our lives today. To guide our study, we will be using the book [A Journey with Luke](#) by Marek P. Zabriskie. (Can't afford a book, there is a scholarship – apply to Fr Dustin)

- When we Meet: Saturdays at 11:00 AM starting 10/1/22
- How we Meet: – via Zoom -- so wherever you are, you can join in, no driving necessary. (links on the Church Calendar)

PARISH LIFE: How about a Fun Fall Festive night with other St James' friends?

Your Parish Life committee has decided to host an **Apple Feast Fest** in October. So put the date on your calendars, get your creative chef hats on and join us for an all-out Apple Fest at St James' in Luckenbill Hall on **Saturday October 15**, from 5:00-7:00pm. Applesauce meatballs? Apple cake? Apple cider? Apple cheddar soup? There's some interesting stuff out there, for sure. Come hungry, and bring along something to share. Pot luck signups can happen by clicking this link below- Any questions, see Deb Kaufmann or Susie Sarkisian

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054AA8A72AA6FA7-apple>

BAPTISMS ON ALL SAINTS' DAY:

The next date on the Church calendar that is especially appropriate for Holy Baptism is November 6th. Please see Fr. Dustin right away if you or a family member is interested in preparation for this Sacrament of the Church.

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

(To add a name to our Sunday prayers, please contact the Parish Office at 203-748-3561 or communications@saintjamesdanbury.org. Please be sure you ask permission from the individual before placing another's name on our public prayer list.)

For all who are ill, in danger, or in sorrow: Takoda, Nikki, Bonnie, Paul, Bobby, Irene, Dom, Linda, Ben, Ruth, Susan, Virginia, Donovan, Christel, for the people of Ukraine, for victims of gun violence, and for the special intentions on our public Prayer Wall

For our Eucharistic Visitees: Irene Simonelli, Mildred Boughton, Shirley Ferrone, Rita Butler

For those who have died:

For those celebrating birthdays: *None this week.*

For those celebrating anniversaries: Bob and Patricia Pearson

Altar Flowers: *No sponsor this week.*

WORSHIP LEADERS

MINISTRY	THIS WEEK 10AM (9/18)	NEXT WEEK 10AM (9/25)
Ushers	Frank Giarratana	Jehad Sabbagh, Carolyn Flynn
Altar Server	Pat Pearson	Susie Sarkisian
First Lector	Jana Draper	Bill Hutchinson
Second Lector	Whitney Pratt-Cote	JMT
Intercessor	Jean Hassen	Lyn Meyers
Eucharistic Visitor	Janet Brown, Alvin Tuck	TBD
Financial Stewards	Ernie Harrington, Lyn Meyers, Janet Brown	Janet Brown, Lew Westfall
Refreshments	Host Needed	Host Needed
Flower Arranger	Janet Brown	Ernie Harrington
Flower Deliverer	Alvin Tuck	Bill Hutchinson

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Worship Schedule:

Sundays **Holy Eucharist:** 8am (*in the Chapel*)
Choral Holy Eucharist: 10am
(*in the Church and Live-Streamed*)

Wednesdays **Holy Eucharist:** 12pm
(*in the Chapel*)

Please note: Our main Church is an Accessible space, but our smaller Chapel (used at 8am on Sundays and noon on Wednesdays), is not Accessible.