

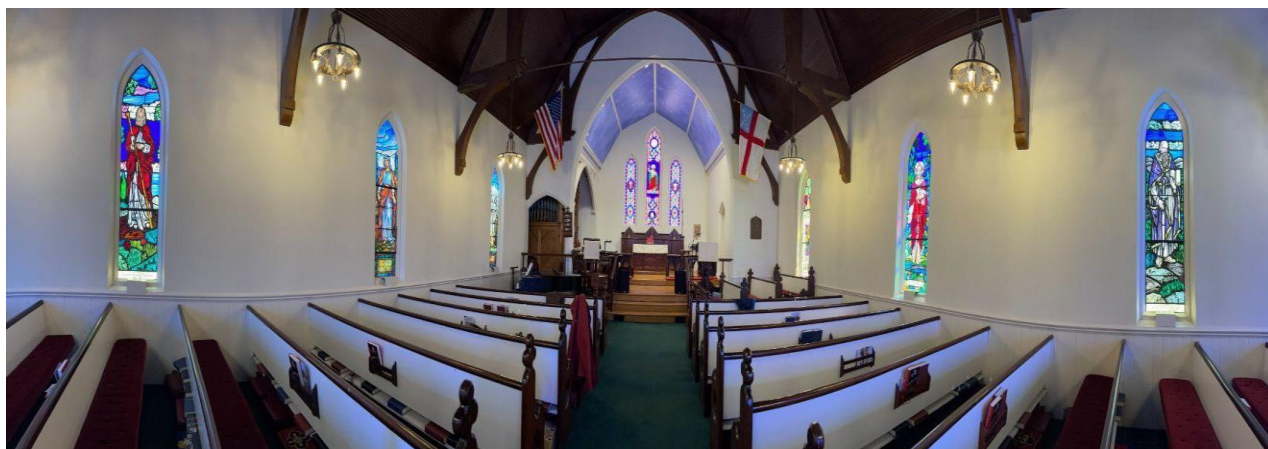


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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 8
June 28, 2026, 10:00 AM
Join the Path Forward

Our Mission as St. James Episcopal Church; 1750 – Today

We are a welcoming community that invites all to share God's light and beauty through music, liturgy and action; to seek the sacred and to walk in love with all creation.



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LAY READER:	Philip Anderson
ACOLYTE:	Tank Schneck
LECTOR:	Roe Intrieri
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:	Suzanne Volpe
USHER:	Chris Megerdichian
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HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Londonderry Air arr. Howard Helvey

Michael Mulder

Opening Hymn

God of the prophets, bless the prophets' heirs

Hymnal # 359

Opening Sentence

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

LEVAS #243

Glo - ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. —

1. Glo-ry to God — in the high-est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth. —

2. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, — we give you thanks, — we praise you for — your glo-ry.

Unison

3. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, Glo-ry,

Glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry,

Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your Ho - ly name. — 4. You

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, 5. You are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive_ our_ prayer. 6. For

you a - lone_ are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are_ the Lord,

Unison

7. You a - lone_ are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the

glo - ry of the Fa - ther. Glo-ry, Glo-ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Lord we

praise your Ho - ly name, — Glo-ry, Glo-ry hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we

Women

Praise your Ho - ly name.

Men

Praise your Ho - ly name.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

A Reading from the Book of Genesis [22:1-14]

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take

your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 13 *Usquequo, Domine?*

Psalms for All People V1.2

1 How long, O Lord? will you forget me for ever? *

how long will you hide your face from me?

2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? *

how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; *

give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed," *

and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

5 But I put my trust in your mercy; *

my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

6 I will sing to the Lord, who has dealt with me richly; *

I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

New Testament Reading

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans [6:12-23]

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of

teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Take up your cross, the Savior said

Hymnal # 675

Deacon-in-training: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

[10:40-42]

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Deacon-in-training: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Nils Chittenden

Nicene Creed, *said together, standing*

**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.

Prayers of the People

Form IV

BCP 388

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Let us pray for our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Bishops, Matt and Allen; our Guest Priest, Nils; our Deacon-in-training, Pam; and all our Wonderful Laypeople.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially,

People: Bennett, Ginny and Maar family, Dylan and Ann Marie, Rob K., Nina T., Mackenzie, Marissa, Randy S., Fawn, Michael W., John C., Alan, Mike T., Mary Pat, Roman, Doreen, Janet,

Kathy, Bro, those who have lost their jobs; those who have been taken and put into detention centers, especially Ben;

Leader: and watch over those who care for them; that they may be delivered from their distress. We pray for guidance for the:

People: resolution of conflicts around the world, all those who suffer injustice and violence in the US and abroad, mitigation of the effects of climate change, those who suffer from mental illness, and our Community Ministries. May those who govern, especially Donald our President, do so for the good of their people and with the respect and gentleness you show to those who are most weak and vulnerable.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom, especially Irenaeus of Lyon, *Bishop and Theologian* (c. 202); Peter and Paul, *Apostles and Martyrs* (1st Cent.); Pauli Murray, *Priest* (1985); and Moses the Black, *Monastic and Martyr* (c. 400).

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: 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.

People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

Deacon-in-training: 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
[Romans 12:1]

Offertory Hymn

O God of every nation

Hymnal # 607

Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

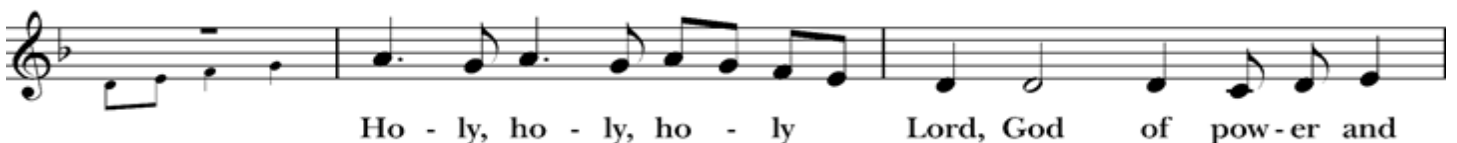
By his wounds, we are healed.

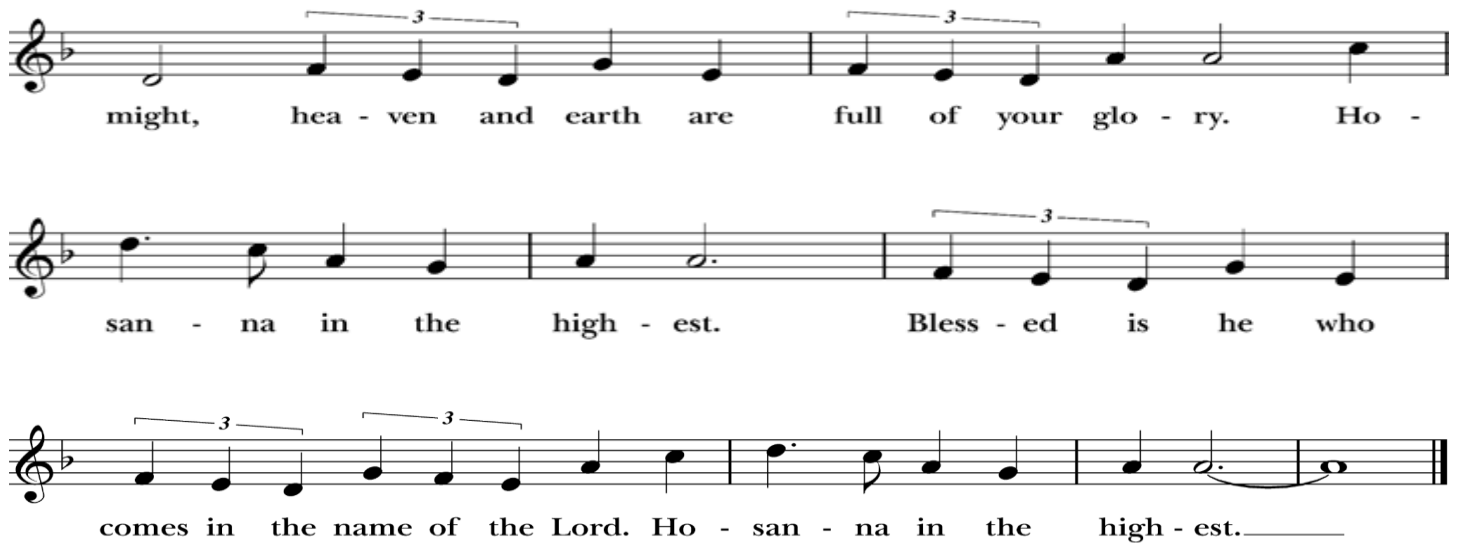
And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy

Sanctus

Hymnal S-129





Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN!**

As now, 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

In times like these, you need a Savior

LEVAS # 71

Postcommunion Prayer

**God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim
your redeeming love to the world and
continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn

The Church's one foundation

Hymnal # 525

Dismissal

Deacon-in-Training: Let us bless the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

He took my feet from the miry clay arr. Penelope Rodriguez

Michael Mulder



Pauli Murray, Priest (1985) was an early and committed civil rights activist and the first African American woman ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church. Born in Baltimore in 1910, Murray was raised in Durham, North Carolina, and graduated from Hunter College in 1933. After seeking admission to graduate school at the University of North Carolina in 1938, she was denied entry due to her race. She went on to graduate from Howard University Law School in 1944. While a student at Howard, she participated in sit-in demonstrations that challenged racial segregation in drugstores and cafeterias in Washington, D.C. Denied admission to Harvard University for an advanced law degree because of her gender, Murray received her Master's of Law from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1945. In 1948 the Women's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church hired Murray to compile information about segregation laws in the South. Her research led to a 1951 book, *States' Laws on Race and Color*, which became a foundational document for Thurgood Marshall in his work on the decisive Supreme Court decision *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954. Committed to dismantling barriers of race, Murray saw the civil rights and women's movements as intertwined and believed that Black women had a vested interest in the

women's movement. In recent years, scholars have brought to light Murray's complex sexual and gender identity, including her attempts to access testosterone therapy as early as the 1930s. In later life, she discerned a call to ordained ministry and began studies at General Theological Seminary in 1973. She was ordained as a deacon in June 1976, and, on January 8, 1977, she was ordained as a priest at Washington National Cathedral. Murray served at Church of the Atonement in Washington, D.C., from 1979 to 1981 and at Holy Nativity Church in Baltimore until her death in 1985. Murray's books include the family memoir *Proud Shoes: Story of an American Family* (1956) and the personal memoir *Song in a Weary Throat: An American Pilgrimage* (1987).

Continuing Prayer List

Sara, Pam P., Kate C., Kristin and Gizzi Family, Robert and family, Morgan, Susan and Dan S., Lee, Barry, Ben, Will and family, John R., Rebecca, Teddy and Jeff, Ann B., Joyce and Douglas K., Betsy, John W. and Susan, Jeanette, Dean W., Walter and family, Eileen, Sister CG, Jackie A., Abdul and Mohammed, Joanne and Marie, Robert, Sue, Jeannie, Ross, Abu, Sheryl and family, Jeffrey, Bro, Kathleen, Biran, Annie, Bill, Claudia, Jacob, Jeff



- July 5: **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 9:** Morning Prayer II at 10 am
July 12: **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 10:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
July 19: **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 11:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am
July 25: **St. James' Summer Auction 10 am - 2 pm**
July 26: **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost; Proper 12:** Holy Eucharist service at 10 am

New York's Climate Law

Governor Hochul's budget has taken a big, disappointing step back from New York's historic climate law. In the short time left in the session this spring, we can still urge our legislators to pass these bills, which would place a temporary moratorium on data center construction in New York State and speed up the permitting for plug-in solar. I invite you to join me in writing your representatives, and to share widely. In a national time of widespread attacks on environmental protections and green energy, we can still mitigate the situation significantly on the state level. Here is a link from our friends at New York Renew: <https://act.nyrenews.org/2026-climate-jobs-justice-agenda>

We are a sanctuary diocese.

Every day our congregations welcome everyone, including our neighbors who are immigrants. Detainees have been beaten and tear-gassed this week. Faith leaders and community organizers standing vigil outside have been attacked, too. We can help. We're inviting the entire Diocese to join those inside the facility in a solidarity fast by contributing what you would spend on food in one day to support the families of those who are detained. (For example, if you spend \$40/day on food - donate \$40). Use the QR code to donate. Our goal is to provide 300 families with at least one day's food. Donations will go to family members whose lives have been devastated by having a loved one (sometimes a breadwinner) detained. The families have asked for support for groceries, rent, and other basic needs.



Mark your calendars for the **67th Annual St. James Auction & Community Fest** on **Saturday, July 25, 2026**—a cherished tradition and a highlight of our summer together. To make this year's event one of our best yet, we need your help! Donations will be accepted starting July 1st on Wednesdays (7–9 PM) and Saturdays (9 AM–12 PM). Your generosity helps bring the auction to life. Ready to lend a hand?

- 1) Gather those treasures to donate during the July donations days!
- 2) Silent Auction Items - You Can Help

We are asking church members to go to businesses where they have connections such as restaurants, hair and nail salons, etc., and ask for donations. Pick up some donation forms in the church or print them yourself. The links are on this web page: <https://stjamesns.com/auction/>

Any questions, email or talk to Jen Upchurch: jenuchurcharts@gmail.com .