

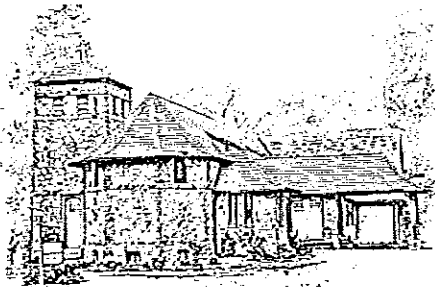
Messenger

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St. James Mission Statement

We are called by God to become a growing community of hope centered in Jesus Christ for the benefit of the wider communities in which we live. We seek to bring the power of that hope to those around us by Spiritual Renewal, Service to Youth and Children, Outreach, Stewardship Education, and Congregational Growth.



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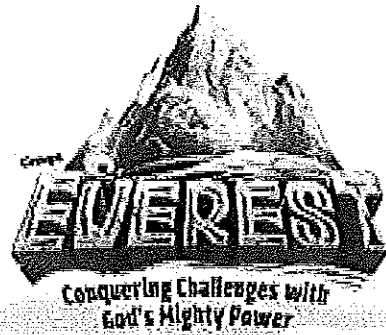
Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Contemporary Worship
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Rite I
 Sunday 10:15 a.m. - Rite II

Vacation Bible School – July 6 – 10

Registration for this summer's Vacation Bible School ends June 22.

Spaces are still available for this exciting program for children ages 4-11.

Registration forms can be obtained from the church office or at the back of the church on Sundays.



General Convention

The national Episcopal Church's General Convention, which is held once every three years, will be meeting this summer in Salt Lake City, Utah from June 22 through July 3. Among the items on the agenda is the election of a new Presiding Bishop. Our current Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts Schori, has completed her 9 year term as our denominations' first female Presiding Bishop. The four nominees standing for election at this year's convention are all men and have been diocesan bishops for 5 – 15 years. The activities of convention will be live streamed on the internet at www.episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/gc A link to this can be found on the national church's website: www.episcopalchurch.org

Diocesan Search Committee

The search committee for the next bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania is moving along at an impressive pace. They report that 225 people from around the diocese participated in open discussion sessions about our hopes for the future and how that should inform the search process, and 1100 people completed the online surveys. To those of you who participated, THANK YOU! The committee expects to complete the diocesan profile by the end of the summer. Their goal is to be able to hold a special convention for the election of a bishop next Spring.

Holy Cross Retreat

Once again, as we have done for over 27 years, a contingent from St James has gone on a retreat to Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, New York. The next retreat is scheduled for Friday afternoon January 22 to Sunday, January 24, 2016. This is the 4th weekend in January, the weekend after Martin Luther King Day.

The cost for the weekend is to be determined and can be paid in installments prior to the weekend. The fee covers room and meals and the programs.

We will be car pooling, leaving Friday afternoon and back by dinner on Sunday. Many in the parish have gone and found it a wonderful experience.

A Letter with all the information and a schedule of payments will be sent out in early July. If you have not attended in the past contact the church office or e-mail wwmcm@Comcast.net to be placed on the mailing list.

Circle the date and make plans to be with us as we take part in what has been a highlight of the year for many.



The Newsletter of St James
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Article Submission Deadline Dates:

Newsletter, see weekly bulletin

For weekly bulletin announcements, articles are due by the morning of the Tuesday before.

Beth Williams, Parish Administrator
Parish Office Hours:
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday thru
Thursday

Bishop Search Committee Update

Thank you so much for your contributions to the survey! We had over 1100 people take the landscape survey and over 225 people attend the holy conversations! Our committee deeply appreciates your help as we begin to write a profile of our diocese.

The Bishop Search Committee has been busy engaging in anti-racism training with Dr. Tom Gordon. We also had another productive meeting with our consultant, Lynn Schmissrauter, to review our progress and lay out the next steps that we need to take.

As we review the survey results and the holy conversations, it becomes clear that the Diocese has room to grow and stands willing to do so.

We will now undergo the process of writing a diocesan profile. This should be completed this summer. We look forward to continuing to engage in the process of searching for our next Bishop. Please pray for us as we continue our work.

Sincerely,
The Bishop Search Committee

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WHAT IS A COLUMBARIUM?

The word "columbarium" comes from the Latin word "columbarium" which is a structure for the nesting of doves - the dove being a symbol of God's spirit and peace. The related word, columbarium, refers to a burial vault for the containment of urns holding cremated human remains.

We suggest that the time to make burial and memorial arrangements for ourselves, and for those we love, is now, when there is time to thoughtfully consider the appropriate options. Too frequently, when death occurs, hasty and often difficult decisions must be made by family members who are experiencing grief and emotional distress.

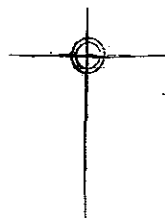
One solution is the St. James Columbarium, designed to provide a respectful, economical, and fitting place of inurnment. Located in the baptistry, the St. James Columbarium offers a peaceful and dignified location where the cremated remains of loved ones may be laid to rest in perpetuity in a space that is both beautiful and sacred.

Each niche is capable of accommodating two urns. The Columbarium is the responsibility of the church and vestry. Participation is limited to members of St. James Church. The cost at present is \$800/niche.

The parish office can also provide information that you may find helpful in making other decisions about funeral arrangements.

Please call the parish office at 215-757-3766 with questions or to make an appointment with the Rector to discuss options.

Final Affairs



The ministry of St. James depends on the availability of financial resources now and in the future. If you would

like information on how you can remember St. James through a planned gift contact the office. This would also be an opportunity to review any funeral plans you have on file in the office.



Congratulations to our Graduates:

Zachary O'Coonahern from Holy Ghost Prep.

Emily O'Coonahern from Penn State University.

Ricky Rudy from Bucks County Technical High School.

John Neal, grandson of Ward and Shirley McMasters, from Hofstra.

Kate Widenmeyer from Milton Academy and will be attending Utica College.

Louise Tessier from the University of Delaware.

Matthew Fleming from West Chester University.

David Marrington from Neshaminy High School.

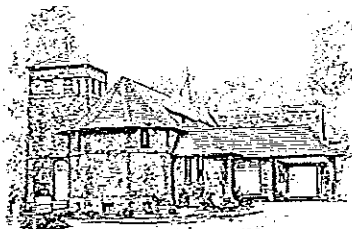
Katherine Marrington from Penn State University.

St. James Youth Group

The St. James Youth Group is looking for new members! Anyone fifth grade up through high school is eligible! We have been busy – we walked for the hungry and for those with MS; we had a St. Nick cookie sale and sold pinwheels to raise money for a Christian hospital in Jerusalem and for those with pediatric cancer. We had a sleep over, a bowling tournament, a game afternoon for all ages, and put on a number of skits during the Children's sermon. We created a tree of doves recognizing those who inspire us with the Holy Spirit and we made an Alleluia collage of Hands of St. James. In other words we had fun; we learned a lot; we did our best to serve St. James and God. If you haven't yet joined, please let Chris or Mary Ann Bursk know, call 215-752-5101, or by e-mail at maryannbursk@aol.com. We begin again when Sunday School starts next September.



AS SUMMER CONTINUES we run into cash flow problems. If you are going away on vacation, please consider paying your pledge in advance. Thank you!

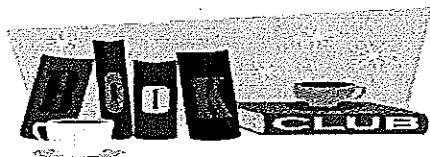


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Tuesday, Sept. 8

Secrets of Mary Bowser by Lois Leveen

(we're meeting the 2nd Tues. in Sept. since the 1st Tues. is before Labor Day)

Tuesday, Oct. 6th

Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker by Jennifer Chiaverini

St. James Preschool

A Christian Cooperative Program

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Providing morning classes for our

Parent Cooperative programs

Pre-K, 4 year old,

And 3 year old classes

Afternoon Enrichment Programs

4's, Pre-K, Kindergarten



Thanks to all who help make the soup kitchen experience a success... whether you make soup or serve that day, everyone contributes to bringing the love of God into the lives of those served at St. Marks every Saturday.

We will be taking the summer off - returning on Sept. 19th.

Look for more information in August.

As the song says – “See you in September” – enjoy your summer and remember you’re welcome to go any Saturday – willing hands are always welcome.

For more information contact Chris Parker 215-741-1279