

Messenger

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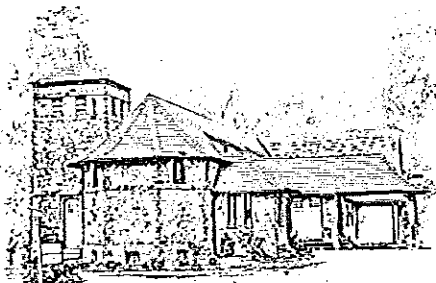


CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 13		Decorating the church following the 10:15 service
Sunday, Dec. 20	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Pageant and Pot-Luck Dessert
CHRISTMAS EVE	7:00 p.m.	Family Eucharist, Rt. II
Thursday Evening		Blessing of the Crèche
	10:00 p.m.	Organ & Choir Prelude with Carol Sing
	10:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rt. II (music)
CHRISTMAS DAY	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rt. II (spoken)
Friday		
Saturday, Dec. 26th		- No contemporary worship service
1st Sunday after Christmas		
December 27	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rt. I
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rt. II
		No Sunday School
2nd Sunday after Christmas		
January 3, 2016	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rt. I
		(No Adult Forum)
	10:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rt. II
		No Sunday School

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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Worship Services:

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

*Christmas is a time for
 homecoming. Please invite your
 family members, neighbors, and
 friends to join us and "come home"
 to celebrate Christmas at St. James'*


Advent Offering For The Needy Being Received

During the Sundays of Advent, in addition to our regular Sunday food offering, we will also receive a money offering as part of St. James' outreach offering during the Christmas Season.



ERA Fresh Veggies

St James continues to deliver 100 pounds each of carrots, onions, and potatoes every two weeks to the ERA Food Cupboard. Thanks to your generosity. Please continue to honor your pledge and give more if you can. Prices are not always stable. A big thank you goes to Dave Marrington who picks up and delivers the vegetables on our behalf. If you are interested in being his back person for vacations or emergencies please contact Mary Banecker.



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

Boars Head Festival

This is an opportunity to attend the Boars Head Festival on Sunday afternoon, 4:00, January 10th at St. Peters Lutheran Church in Lafayette Hill. A number have people have attended in the past and enjoyed it. The donation is \$15.00 and the tickets go quickly. If interested notify me or the Church office by December 13 after which I will order tickets. We have set up car pools in the past.

Ward, wwmcm@Comcast.net

Christmas Memorials Being Received

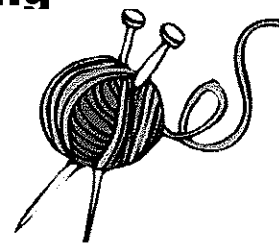
An envelope for offering and memorials for the plants and greens used in decorating the buildings during the Christmas Season is included in this newsletter.



Please list the names of those to be remembered on the envelope and enclose your offering. The memorial list will be typed on Wednesday, December 16th, so we need your memorials no later than Sunday, December 13th. As in the previous years, the plants will be taken to our sick and shut-in following our Christmas Celebration.

Christmas is coming

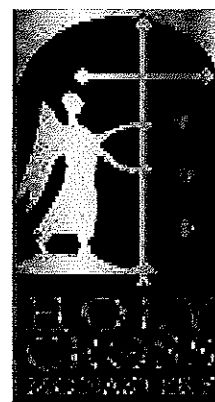
We'll again decorate our tree with hats, scarves, and gloves.



So get your needles working or purchase something. These items will be donated to patients at St. Mary hospital. ?? see Pat Morrison 215-757-8072.

Holy Cross Retreat

The Parish Retreat to Holy Cross Monastery is scheduled for January 22nd to the 24th, 2016.

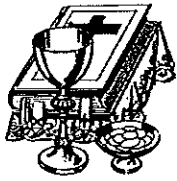


At the present time we have a few spots open for the weekend.

Any one with an interest in attending should contact Ward at 215-752-3281, or the Parish Office as soon as possible. We are asked to make a commitment on numbers to Holy Cross by December 11th. We are taking reservations now. The cost for the weekend is \$225 and you can pay 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.

Altar Guild



The Altar Guild at St. James is a "behind the scenes" group responsible for the preparation of the church for

all services, including weekend Eucharist, weddings, baptism & funerals

Set-Up involves about 30 minutes a week on a Friday or Saturday (whichever is convenient)

Clean-up following all services usually takes less than 15 minutes

Seasonal Preparations involve two Saturday mornings a year polishing brass, arranging flowers and generally shining up the sanctuary for Christmas and Holy Week

We will gather in the sacristy on Saturday, Dec. 19th @ 9AM to prep for Christmas. Please join us

I'm pleased to announce that we've had several new members recently and we'd gladly welcome more. It is my hope to see the guild flourish not only as a group of parishioners who see to the details for Eucharist and worship, but as a group of Christian friends ministering in God's house.

Interested in learning more? Please call Chris Parker. (215-741-1279)

For Sale:

Two cemetery spaces and two vaults in Sunset Memorial Park close to the main chapel. Currently worth over \$13,000. May be sold separately and will consider best offer. Please contact Leslie Fleming for more information, 215-639-1636.



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.

Our next visit will be Dec. 12th – Dad's Chicken soup.

We will make the final delivery of the fleece throws and other items for the Christmas gift bags.

Look for the poster in the narthex and sign where you can help. We car pool and meet in the St. James parking lot – leaving at 6A.M and returning by 10A.M.

Reminder - you're welcome to go any Saturday – willing hands are always welcome. For more information contact Chris Parker 215-741-1279

DAD'S CHICKEN SOUP

6 cups canned low-salt chicken broth

3 onions, chopped

6 celery stalks, chopped

4 carrots, chopped

4 large garlic cloves, chopped

1 cups uncooked long-grain white rice

3 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme or 2 teaspoons dried, crumbled

2 cups diced cooked chicken

Fresh chopped parsley

Bring first 5 ingredients to boil in heavy large pot or Dutch oven over high heat. Mix in rice and thyme.

Return soup to boil. Reduce heat to medium and

simmer soup uncovered until rice is tender, stirring

occasionally, about 30 minutes. Add chicken and

simmer until heated through, thinning with additional

broth if desired. Season with salt and pepper.

Transfer soup to large bowl. Garnish with parsley

and serve 12.



Pasta and Meatball Buffet

The Rotary Club of Langhorne invites the family to our annual Pasta and Meatball Buffet on Monday, January 18, 2016, at the St. James Episcopal Church Hall on Bellevue Ave. in Langhorne. The buffet is catered by Bella Tori at the Mansion. The dinner is from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. The cost is \$10.00 per person, \$5.00 for those 12 and under. Three and under free.

The proceeds are for the Rotary Foundation program to eradicate polio from the world and other humanitarian projects. For tickets or information call 215-752-3281 or see Ward McMasters

Save The Date!!

Sunday, February 7, 2016 – the pancake breakfast will take place in the Ed. Building.

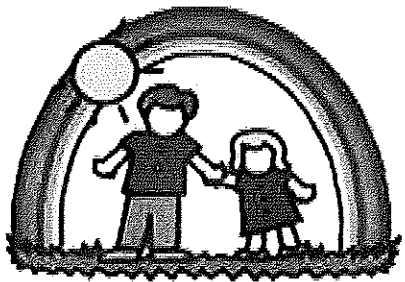


Tell your family and friends & bring your appetites. More info to come.

Clothing For Mens Shelter



Winter is here...the Outreach Committee is again collecting gently used or new men's clothing for a shelter in Phila. Place clothing in the Parish Hall under the "Name Tags". Remember – think WARM – coats, sweatshirts, flannel shirts, sweaters, gloves, hats, socks, even underwear.



Hello from St. James Preschool!

The start of our school year has been a flurry of activities. This year we have converted our nursery/library room into a space for our new two-year-old class taught by Theresa Peterson, meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are thrilled to have Kelly Kobel join us as our Pre-Kindergarten teacher. We also are happy to have Kim Gauvreau join us as an assistant teacher, helping in each of the classrooms as needed. Our fall activities include a Halloween parade with Trunk or Treat, a trip to the Langhorne Fire House, and a school wide field trip to Solly Farm. The children have settled into our preschool routines and are getting very excited about the holidays. This week each of our classes are making placemats and hats, and preparing food for our Thanksgiving Feast. We look forward to our annual Christmas Pageant to be held in the church on Friday, December 18th. After Christmas break, our students will return to our interactive St. James Village.

Best wishes to everyone from St. James Preschool!



We will "green" the church following the 10:15 service on Dec. 13th. Evergreens you donate can be put by the ramp at the entrance to church starting Dec. 5th.

These will be used to decorate the window sills for Christmas. Thanks!

St James 2016 Flea Market

The date of for the St. James Annual Flea



Market has been set for the second Saturday in March, March 12, 2016. Reservation forms for tables /spaces will be sent out by mail the beginning of January. If you are new to the flea market and wish to have the forms sent contact the office with your name and address to be added to the data base.

At the present time the Flea Market committee is looking for members to join the committee to help in planning for this event. Watch for announcements about meetings. We are also looking for possible vendors to add to our database.

Please contact the Church office if you can help. www. Stjameslanghorne@Verizon.net.

Bishop Rodney Michel Confirms 4



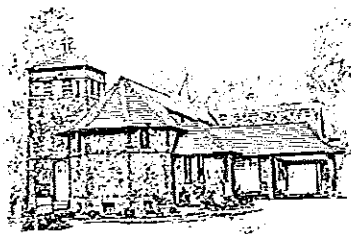
On a beautiful day, Assisting Bishop Michel confirmed Tyler Bursk, Nicholas Cush, Juliana Frisch and Maggie Wiley at the 10:15 service on the Second Sunday of Advent. As it was also the Feast of St. Nicholas, the Confirmation Class continued a recent tradition here and performed a brief skit about one of the generous deeds for which St. Nicholas is remembered. The youth group then shared their poems and prayers about hope with the congregation, and presented Bishop Michel with a Hope Candle and copies of their work. Their Hope Tree stands in the narthex of the church and is decorated with symbols of Hope.

A Special Advent Evening of Prayer

Everyone is welcome to experience a very special service of Evening Prayer at Trinity Episcopal Church in Buckingham on Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 pm. This will be a 'curated evening prayer', which means that instead of just hearing the lessons read during the service, participants will interact with activities at different stations around the worship space to experience the text and the theme of Advent in a variety of ways. **Rev. Kelley highly recommends this service to adults and young people** as a unique way to experience Advent as prayerful preparation for Christmas. Trinity Church is located at 2631 Durham Road in Buckingham at the intersection of Rt. 413 and Rt. 202. Their phone is 215-794-7921.

Bishop Search Process

The process for calling the next Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania is moving ahead right on schedule. The Search Committee is researching the people whose names have been submitted for consideration, conducting interviews and will expect to have a list of 3-5 candidates to nominate for the position by the end of January. On February 17-20 those nominees will be attending several forums around the diocese for parish delegates to meet and greet (locations to be decided). The Convention to elect (or 'call' in church parlance) the next bishop will be on March 12, 2016. The consecration of that person is set for Saturday, July 16, 2016.



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A sincere thanks to all those who participated in our "A Taste of Artistry" fundraiser. Abbie, our instructor, led us, step by step, to create a painting called "Lighthouse on Rocks". We discovered that no matter how bad an artist we thought we were, with the right teacher, we could all complete a masterpiece! It was an enjoyable afternoon and many requested that we invite Abbie back again. Besides being fun, we raised \$340! Watch for more fun coming your way!

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