

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.



St. James Episcopal Church

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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

THE THREE DAYS OF EASTER

*CHRIST HAS DIED: CHRIST HAS RISEN:
 CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN*

Maundy Thursday: 7:30 p.m. **Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, Foot Washing, Stripping and Washing of the Altar**
March 24

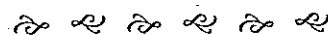
Good Friday: 11:45 a.m. Community Way of the Cross begins at Middletown Friends Meeting
March 25
 1:30 p.m. Community Closing Devotions at Langhorne Methodist Church
 7:30 p.m. **The Liturgy of the Passion**

Holy Saturday: 7:30 p.m. **THE GREAT VIGIL**
March 26 First Eucharist of Easter

NOTE: All worship is in the Church, except the Easter Vigil, which begins in the Education Building and concludes in the Church.

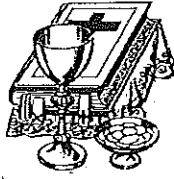
Easter Day: 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rt. I (with hymns)
March 27
 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rt. II Festival Celebration (with music)

(No Church School or Adult Forum)



Altar Guild

The Altar Guild at St. James is a "behind the scenes" group responsible for the preparation of the church for all services; this includes weekend Eucharist, weddings, baptism & funerals.



We will gather in the sacristy on Saturday, March 19th @ 9AM to prep for Easter.

I'm pleased to announce that we've had several new members join us in the past year, there's always room for more so I invite you to join us. Interested in learning more? Please call Chris Parker. (215-741-1279)

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The Newsletter of St James
Volume 27 No. 2
Easter 2016

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

Education for Ministry

EfM has been an active program at St. James, Langhorne for over 20 years. It's for those who are looking to grow their faith and have wanted more than a bible study class. Through study, prayer, and reflection, EfM groups move toward a new understanding of God in their lives.

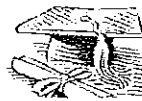
The Education for Ministry (EfM) Program is a four-year study and group reflection process for the formation of Christian ministry through the development of knowledge, attitude, skill and identity as Christians. Published texts and essays provide the primary knowledge content in the study of Christian tradition.

The first year studies the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). The second year offers a study of the New Testament. Year three provides study of Christian (church) history. Theology, ethics, and interfaith encounter constitute study in the fourth year.

The classes run from the beginning of September through May on Thursday evenings. There is a fee. They will be co-mentored by Mary Banecker (215-757-7558) and Beryl Moore (215-736-3608).

Who Is Graduating?

Please advise the Parish Office, in writing, by phone, or by e-mail, of those graduating from High School, College, Technical training school, or Military training, and their future plans.



ERA Fresh Veggies

Thank for your continued generosity in support of our fresh veggies ministry. We are delivering 300 pounds of fresh vegetables to the ERA Food Pantry every other week due to the hard work of Dave Marrington. The ERA Food Pantry has recently moved to a larger location, one of the workers told me that the demand for their services has risen since their move to this new location. So please continue to be generous. And give more if you can. The new address is: ERA Food Pantry; 1700 Woodbourne Rd, Levittown, PA (formerly Dwight Eisenhower School). Contact Mary Banecker if you have any question about this ministry. 215-757-7558

Coming to St. James....Jazz n' Joe!

Love good music that gets your hands and feet tapping and makes you feel like dancing?

Jazz n' Joe

Then join us Sunday evening, April 17, at 7:30 pm in the St. James Education Building for a performance by the Jazz Sanctuary. The Jazz Sanctuary is a group of professional musicians who offer their services to churches to help raise funds. The concert lasts about 2 hours and coffee, tea, and dessert will be provided. Cost is a free will offering. We will need baked goods, homemade or store-bought, to serve. If you can donate or have questions, please call Diane Berger 215-757-6305. Hope you can join us.

Happy Springtime from St. James Preschool!

The school year is flying by with so many activities. We cleared away the St. James



Village in time for our Valentine party and flower sale, yoga lessons, a dental health assembly, and Carnival day. We also enjoyed a family night with Pizza and Bingo. As the wind blew in the first week of March, we had daily activities such as "Wacky Wednesday" and "Crazy Hat Day" to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. Next week brings our food drive for Operation Helping Hand, and then we will be celebrating Easter! When we return from our Easter break, it will be time for our chick hatching project. April brings pedestrian safety, bike-week, a trip to Churchville Nature Center and Beach Day. My how time flies when you are having fun!!

Happy Easter wishes to everyone from St. James Preschool!

Clothing For Mens Shelter



Winter is here... the Outreach Committee is again collecting gently used or new men's clothing for a shelter in Philadelphia. Gentlemen in the shelter were particularly thrilled to receive the packages of new underwear and socks that some members of St. James donated. Thank You. Place clothing in the Parish Hall under the "Name Tags". Remember - think WARM - coats, sweatshirts, flannel shirts, sweaters, gloves, hats, socks, even underwear.



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 trip is April 16th with Beef & Bean Chili. 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 at 215-741-1279

Beef & Bean Chili

A fine version of a hearty classic. Please bring some cheese and sour cream with you when you deliver the chili.

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 large red onions, chopped
- 2 teaspoons red pepper flakes
- 10 garlic cloves, chopped
- 2 pounds ground beef (15% fat)
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 3 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons sweet paprika
- 2 28-ounce cans diced tomatoes in juice
- 4 15 1/4-ounce cans kidney beans, drained
- 2 14-ounce can beef broth
- Sour cream Grated cheddar cheese

Heat oil in heavy large pot over medium-high heat. Add onions; sauté until brown, about 6 minutes. Add garlic; sauté 1 minute. Add beef; sauté until brown, breaking up with back of fork, about 5 minutes. Add red pepper flakes, chili powder, cumin, and paprika, then mix in tomatoes with juices, beans, and broth; bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer until chili thickens and flavors blend, stirring occasionally, about 45 minutes. Skim any fat from surface of chili. (Can be made 2 days ahead. Cool slightly. Refrigerate uncovered until cold, then cover and keep refrigerated. Bring to simmer before continuing, stirring occasionally.)

Ladle chili into bowls. Serve, passing bowls of sour cream, grated cheese, green onions, and cilantro separately.

Makes 12 servings.

The Winning Chili Recipe

Southwestern Style Turkey & Mushroom Chili

Ingredients:

2lbs ground turkey
2 cans black beans, drained & rinsed
2 cans white beans, drained & rinsed
1 can whole corn
2-3 Tbsp olive oil
2-3 Tbsp mustard seeds
3Tbsp chili powder
3 tsp ground cumin
2-3Tbsp minced garlic
1 large onion, coarsely chopped
3 stalks celery, chopped
1 pound portabella mushrooms, sliced
2 C vegetable or chicken broth
1 6oz can tomato paste
2 cans Rotelle, chunky
2 jars salsa, hot
1 can diced tomatoes

for garnish:

2C grated cheddar or monterey jack
sour cream (opt)
lime wedges (opt)

Preparation

1. Sauté turkey in olive oil, remove; add mustard seeds, chili powder, garlic & cumin in 5-6 qt dutch oven. Place over high heat & stir till spices sizzle, about 30 seconds.
2. Add onions, celery, mushrooms & Rotelle. Cover & cook 5-7 minutes, uncover & stir often till juices evaporate & vegetables are lightly browned, about 10 minutes.
3. Add broth, tomatoes paste, salsa & diced tomatoes. Stir & heat through till paste is blended.
4. Add drained & rinsed beans and corn. Heat to boil then reduce heat & simmer 45 minutes - 1 hour

Note: I like to serve over rice & garnish with cheese.

May be frozen for up to 3months.

Vacation Bible School July 11-15

Save the date for this year's exciting VBS program. Registration forms will be available in mid-April, but we are recruiting teachers and helpers NOW. All adult teachers and helpers will need to have state mandated background checks and take online child abuse prevention training. The training and two of the background checks are FREE. There is a fee for the final background check, for which the church is happy to reimburse you. If you have already done these for another setting within the past 3 years, we just need a photocopy of the certificates. Please see Rev. Kelley for more info.

Around the Diocese

Our New Bishop-elect

Check out the biography of our new Bishop-elect on the diocesan website www.diopa.org. The consecration is scheduled for July 16 at New Covenant Church in Germantown.

In Support of Christians in the Middle East

**"Is This the End of
Christianity in the
Middle East?"***



***Talk by Eliza Griswold,**
Journalist, *New York Times Magazine*, July 22, 2015

and

Fundraiser for the Diocese of Jerusalem

Sunday, April 3, 2016

3 to 5 pm

Cathedral Village,
600 E. Cathedral Road
Philadelphia, PA 19128



The Philadelphia Committee of AFEDJ
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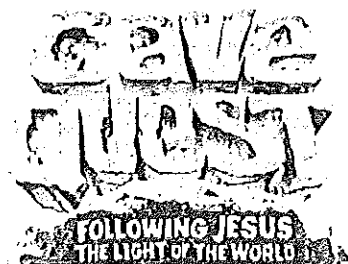
Come Hang Out at VBS!

JULY 11-15, 2016 9 am - Noon

Here at St. James

Ages 4-12
(MUST be 4 by July 11)

Registration forms will
be available after Easter

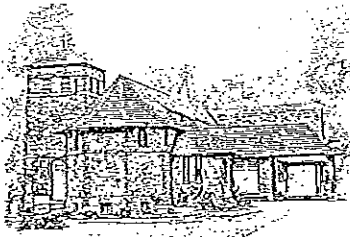


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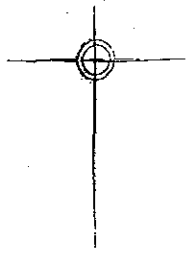
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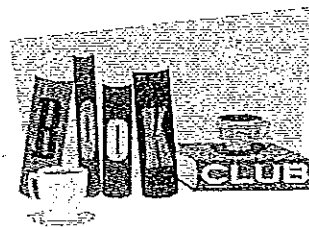
The ministry of St. James depends on the availability of financial resources now and in the future. Planned giving is a way you can ensure the future of St. James.



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.

Book Club Announcement Spring 2016

Please join us! We meet in the library @ 7:30PM. on the first Tuesday of the month.



April 5 – 7 “Women & the Secret of their Greatness”, by Eric Metaxas

May 3 -- “All the Light We Cannot See”, by Anthony Doerr

June 7 – “700 Sundays”, by Billy Crystal