

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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Worship Services:

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

On Saturday, November 11, we will host "A Taste of Artistry" with our favorite artist, Abbie Devers. Abbie will bring us one of her newest projects-- stepping stones. As the holidays approach, this project will make a great gift for any celebration from housewarming to Christmas to birthday and more. Signup sheet is posted in the Narthex. Details below:

Date: Saturday, November 11

Time: 1:00-4:00 pm

Place: St. James Education Bldg.

Cost: \$40 (\$10 of this goes to St. James)

Hope you can join us.



Book Club Fall & Winter 2017/2018

Dec. 5 — A Fatal Winter -
G.M.Malliet

Jan. No Book Club Meeting

Feb. 6 — The New Jim Crow -
Michelle Alexander

March 6 — Wonder - P.J. Palaccio



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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



"Spiritual Companions"

usually meets the 2nd Monday of the month in the narthex, our next gathering is Monday, October 9th from 10AM till 1PM. Typically our time together is spent reading the daily gospel lesson, reflecting on it and sharing our insights.

We encourage everyone to bring a lunch so we can continue in fellowship. We hope you will consider joining us. It's an opportunity to share how the Gospel lessons impact our lives. For more information contact Chris Parker at 215-741-1279 or Mary Banecker at 215-757-7558.

Christmas Gift Bags

St. James will be helping with the Christmas gift bags distributed to the people served at St. Mark's soup kitchen. They have asked for hats, scarves and gloves this year.

Place items in the box in the narthex. Delivery will be made when we serve at the kitchen November 18th, with the final delivery on December 9th.

Chris Parker - 215-741-1279



Holy Cross Retreat



Once again, as we have done for over 28 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 19 to Sunday, January 21, 2018. 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 wvmcm@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.

St. James Prayer Group



The St James Online Prayer group, at various times, sends out notices about members of the parish, or friends, in need of prayer because of an illness, accident, death in the family or any other situation.

You can be part of this ministry of caring and support by contacting the e-mail listed below.

Names of individuals or families in need of our support and prayers can be submitted at this same address. Information is sent out through blind copy so as to protect your e-mail address. I send the messages to myself.

Ward McMasters

wwmcm@Comcast.net



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

We'll return on October 28th with Sausage & tortellini soup.

St. Marks will be sizing the client of the soup bowl for winter boots on that day and has requested our help with the kitchen while this happens.

Look for the poster in the narthex and sign where you can help. Reminder - you're welcome to go any Saturday - willing hands are always welcome. Our visit in November will be on the 18th.

?? Chris Parker 215-741-1279

Education for Ministry

Have you wondered why there are so many EfM graduates in St. James parish when it seems like such a commitment? If you are a former EfM student, are you curious about the new curriculum? Feel free to ask me or recent and current students. I'm sure Ward McMaster, Donna DeCaul, Chris Parker, Alma Deal and others would be happy to share their experiences with the new material

EfM has been an active program at St. James 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 the 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.

We will be holding an Open House in the Spring.

The classes run from September through May on Thursday mornings. They are facilitated by co-mentors Mary Banecker and Beryl Moore. And there is a fee. Discounts are available for low-income parishioners.

Mary Banecker

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 and Dan Ahern. The folks at the ERA Food Pantry are very appreciative. One of our parishioners, who volunteers at the

Food Pantry, told us that the consumers are surprised and delighted to be able to get fresh vegetables when they come in to pick up some much needed groceries. So please continue to be generous with your pledges. 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





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Daylight Savings time Ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 5TH.
 Turn your clocks back one hour SATURDAY, November 4TH BEFORE GOING TO BED.

Clothing for Men's Shelter:

Sorry to say, winter will be here before we know it! The Outreach Committee continues to collect gently used men's clothing for the Men's Shelter at Old First Reformed Church in Philadelphia. The collection area is in the parish hall beneath the name tag rack. Remember – THINK WARM – coats, sweatshirts, flannel shirts, pants, sweaters, gloves, hats, socks, even underwear. Thank you!

