

Welcome to all newcomers and visitors!

Please sign our guest book and take a gift bag from the table in the church entrance.
Join us in the parish hall for fellowship and some light refreshments after the 10:30 service.

TODAY

Altar Flowers: Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Rebecca Elizabeth Dooley, by Cinda Steele.

Sunday School and Childcare, church lower level

The St. James' Sunday school is teaming up with Heifer International! Our fourth and fifth grades have set a donation goal of \$490 to send chickens, geese, bees, a pig, and fish to those in need across the globe. Children will be given a till box that they can bring each week.

Pick Up Your Christmas Wreath Orders Today!

Please visit the parish hall after services to pick up your Christmas wreath. Orders not picked up will be stored until Sunday, December 3.

No FaithTalk at 9:15 today. Please join us next Sunday as we begin our new Advent program at 9:15 a.m.

Book Club, 6:45 p.m., *Life on Mars*

We'll discuss *Life on Mars*, a Pulitzer Prize-winning work of poetry by Poet Laureate, Tracy K. Smith. Everyone is welcome to join us in the parish hall library at 6:45 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

FaithTalk Advent Series Begins December 3: *A Thrill of Hope: The Christmas Story in Word and Art*

Join us at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays in Advent and into Epiphany as we explore the Advent and Christmas texts through the finely detailed, colorful art of John August Swanson.



Poinsettia Sale and Advent Wreath-Making Sunday, December 3, parish hall

- Gorgeous, healthy poinsettias for sale between services—beautiful gifts!
- Bring your family to the parish hall after the 10:30 service to build an advent wreath with candles. Take home a prayer booklet to use with your wreath.



Youth Group Sunday, December 3: Dinner, Nativity practice, and prayer beads! Parish hall 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Gifts for Bishop Walker School: We will again be giving Christmas gifts to the boys at the Bishop Walker School. Gift lists and more information are coming soon.

Cookies, Carols and Critters!

Living Nativity by St. James' Youth Sunday, December 10, 6:00 p.m.

Our youth will recreate the story of the Nativity with Carols, cider, cookies and a petting zoo! Come to the front lawn of the church 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.



Christmas Services at St. James'

Advent 4, December 24

One Holy Eucharist service, 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve, December 24

5:00 p.m. Children's Pageant
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with candles
10:15 p.m. Special music
10:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with candles and special music

Christmas Day, December 25

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Christmas 1, Sunday, December 31

Lessons and Carols, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Holiday Shopping With Purpose

**Support St. James' when You Shop—
It costs nothing extra!**

- **Giant Grocery Gift Cards:** Purchase Giant gift cards on Sundays in the parish hall, and at the office during the week. A \$100 gift card from Giant earns St. James' \$5.
- **AmazonSmile.com:** Log in to your normal Amazon account from AmazonSmile.com** and any eligible purchases you make will earn a donation for St. James'.

**Visit www.stjamespotomac.org, "Ways to Give" for a direct link to the [St. James' Amazon Smile page](#).