

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

Living Nativity Tonight! 6:00 p.m., church front steps

Join us as we transform the church grounds into the Living Nativity. This free event includes live animals, Christmas carols, cookies, and warm cider.

Have You Responded to the Two St. James' Surveys?

We need your response to two short surveys about our parish. Pick up a survey in the narthex or complete the survey online using the link in News and Notes. The survey deadline has been extended to Sunday, January 4.

Advent Adult Education Series, 9:15 a.m.

Topic today: "Navigating Forgiveness." Next week: "The Maintenance Steps."

Sunday School and Childcare

Get into the true spirit of Christmas! As we finish this calendar year and begin 2019, we will be learning lessons related to Advent and Christmas. Join us for chapel, bible readings, discussions, and fun activities!

Special note: Children who attend Sunday School today may reserve a costume for the Christmas Pageant. The remaining costumes will be handed out at the rehearsal, which will be held 3:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Sunday School is held 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the undercroft. Childcare for infants and toddlers is offered at 9:00 a.m. Contact Andy Mason, Sunday School Co-Director, at SundaySchool@stjamespotomac.org.

Bishop Walker School Gifts to be Delivered December 20

Help bring joy to the boys at the Bishop Walker School. Wrapped gifts are due to the parish hall today. Delivery will be Thursday, December 20, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. (note time correction!). Contact the office if you'd like to be part of the delivery team and see the smiles!

Children Invited to Participate in the Christmas Eve Pageant

Children ages three through fifth grade are invited to grab a costume and join in the Pageant!

Please arrive by 3:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve for rehearsal, followed by snacks and then getting into costumes for the 5:00 p.m. service. Questions? Please contact Lindsay Ragheb.



COMING EVENTS

St. James' Advent Prayer Services by Conference Call

St. James' is offering prayer services by conference call for those who are home-bound or unable to attend worship in person. Services are held at 3:00 p.m. on Sundays in Advent, led by seminarian Mary Margaret Winn. To share in the prayers, please contact the office or Mary Margaret (mmwinn@stjamespotomac.org).

Thursday Morning Bible Study: We will break for the holidays, and resume on January 10 with the Way of Love Bible study.

St. James' Children's School Christmas Show

Thursday, December 20, 4:30 p.m. in the church

After the show, come to the reception in the parish hall to visit with Santa. Fun for children of all ages!

Cold Weather Clothing Drive in January

We will collect donations of cold weather clothing for Interfaith Works of Montgomery County on January 6, 13, and 20, in the parish hall after services. Donations of new or gently used winter clothing are appreciated. There are many sales of these items at this time of year. Please take advantage of the discounts! Men's underwear is especially needed. Questions? Contact Bill Wallace.

Inclement Weather? Call the office or check the website.

St. James' follows the MCPS guidelines for office and meetings closures/delays.

Christmas & Epiphany Services at St. James'

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Children's Pageant

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with special music

10:15 p.m. Special music and carols

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Christmas 1, Sunday, December 30

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

Feast of The Epiphany, Sunday, January 6

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship

12:00 noon Epiphany Brunch

