

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

Palm Sunday Brunch Today, noon Hosted by our Youth Group in the parish hall

The St. James' youth group invites you to join us for our annual Palm Sunday Brunch. A freewill offering supports the youth group summer mission trip.



Good Friday Vigil Art Installation Help Needed

If you will be attending the Good Friday Vigil and can help place art at the altar during the service, please contact the office at office@stjamespotomac.org. Thank you.

Flowering of the Cross at Easter Sunday 10:30 service!

We invite you to bring cut flowers with six-inch stems to place in the wooden cross before the service. The cross will "blossom" with our flowers and be carried out triumphantly at the end of the 10:30 service on Easter.

Sunday School and Childcare

Sunday School is offered from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for children 2.5 years to sixth grade in the undercroft.
Childcare is offered 9:00 to 12:00 noon in the undercroft.

FaithTalk Mental Health Series, 9:15 a.m., parish hall

Join us for the last discussion on mental health issues. Our topic is "Continuing the Discernment: Review of the Series." On April 28, a five-week series, "Unafraid," begins.

Thank You from St. James' Youth: The youth wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to the men's breakfast prayer group, for their generous contribution of more than \$400! The donation, the proceeds from the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, will benefit the 2019 mission trip to help rebuild homes in Scranton, Pennsylvania. As always, the pancakes and sausage were top notch!

Letting Go and Spreading Joy: St. James' Community Spring Sale, Saturday, May 18, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Volunteers are needed on Thursday, May 16, 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, May 17, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Saturday, May 18, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Please sign up in the narthex to volunteer**, or contact Ann Nayback-Beebe.

Easter Flower and Music Remembrances Due Monday, April 15.

Please use the envelopes in the pews to offer your Easter gift and message of remembrance or honor. Gifts will be divided between Flower and Music funds, or you may designate either fund in the memo line of your check to St. James'.

COMING EVENTS

Join the St. James' Team! NAMI Walk Saturday, April 27 **Cabin John Regional Park, Bethesda, 9:00 a.m.**

Join the St. James' team to walk for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Montgomery County on April 27, 2019. It's a beautiful 5K (3 mile) walk. This is a family-friendly event. Dogs on leash are welcome! **Register at www.namiwalks.org** and search for the "St. James' Episcopal Church" team. **Support the team** with your check to St. James' and "NAMI Walk" in the memo line.

Grounds Clean Up Day! Saturday, April 27, 1:00 p.m.

Join us at the church after the NAMI Walk to help with gardening and mulching of the church grounds.

Sunday School Baked Goods and Garden Sale, April 28

Purchase delicious baked goods made by Sunday school students and their families, plus spring garden plants, in the parish hall after the 10:30 a.m. service. Sunday school seniors are raising funds to buy supplies to make sandwiches and bags of trail mix for Martha's Table.

Book Club, Sunday, April 28, 6:45 p.m.

Forty Autumns, by Nina Willner, is a family's story of courage and survival on both sides of the Berlin Wall. Join us at 6:45 p.m. in the parish hall meeting room to discuss this book written by a former American military intelligence officer about her family.

RSVP by April 19 for the Women's Retreat, May 4: **"The Courage to Show Up," one day or overnight**

Please join in a workshop for the women of St. James', **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Claggett Retreat Center in Adamstown. Use the flyer in the narthex to sign up.**

Holy Week and Easter Services

- ✠ **Maundy Thursday, April 18**
Holy Eucharist and foot washing, 7:30 p.m.
- ✠ **Good Friday, April 19**
Vigil, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.; Liturgy, 7:30 p.m.
- ✠ **Easter Sunday, April 21**
Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m.
Festival Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.
Brass, choir, and a glorious celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord!
Flowering of the Cross at 10:30.
Children's Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 service.

