

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 church lower level for fellowship and some light refreshments after the 10:30 service.

It's Rally Day! Barbecue Picnic at noon behind the church



Parish picnic from Mission Barbecue on the church back lawn, with **Blessing of the Bags and Backpacks**. Sponsored by St. James' Sunday School and Fellowship ministries, in cooperation with St. James' Children's School.

TODAY

Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God, by George and Carolyn Dick.

Children's Activities and Childcare in the undercroft
Childcare is offered from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. for infants and toddlers. We have activities for children at 10:30 a.m. Next Sunday is the start of Sunday School!

FaithTalk: Becoming a Healing Presence, 9:15 a.m.
Join us in the parish hall meeting room for the discussion.

Sunday School Parents Meeting, 12:15 p.m.
Please come to St. James' Children's School (below parish hall) for a meeting with Rev. Meredith.

Youth Group to Gaithersburg Sky Zone, 5:15 p.m.
Parents will need to fill out the Sky Zone waiver form, either online or at the facility. Cost per youth is \$10 which covers bounce and pizza dinner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School Volunteers Needed for Fall
We are in need of Sunday School volunteer teachers and assistants to be part of our program in the fall. The commitment is flexible; simple lesson plans are provided; fun and blessings are guaranteed! For more information, please attend the parents (and volunteers!) meeting today at 12:15 p.m. at St. James' Children's School.



St. James' Fall Community Sale

Saturday, September 28, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donations are accepted at the church back shed on Sundays between noon and 1:00 p.m., on set-up days (below), or by appointment.

Volunteers are needed to sort, price, and cashier:
Setup Thursday, Sept. 26, 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Setup Friday, Sept. 27, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sale Saturday, Sept. 28, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Questions? Email to: office@stjamespotomac.org.

COMING EVENTS

Thursday Morning Bible Study Starts September 12
All are welcome to this small-group study of Isaiah, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Thursdays in the parish hall meeting room. We'll use a Kerygma study guide; contact the office for information: office@stjamespotomac.org.

Quarterly State of the Parish Address, September 15
Don't miss the big news about our Visioning plans! Hear Rev. Meredith's report 11:45 a.m., in the parish hall.

St. James' Book Club, Sunday, September 22
We'll discuss *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan in the parish hall at 6:45 p.m. All are welcome.

Confirmation Classes Begin September 29; Sign up now for November 3 Confirmation

On November 3 the Bishop will visit St. James'. Adults and youth who are interested in being confirmed or received must attend our Confirmation class series. Come have fun and learn about what it means to make a mature commitment to Christ. Pizza will be provided!

- We will meet for five Sundays, beginning on September 29, after the 10:30 service.
- Sign up with Rev. Meredith by September 22, rector@stjamespotomac.org.
- Those interested in being confirmed in May are encouraged to participate in this class series; we may not offer classes in the spring.



Blessing of the Animals, September 29 Sunday at 1:00 p.m. behind the church

Bring your leashed or crated pets to the back yard of the church for a special service of blessing and thanksgiving for our pets.



Safeguarding God's Children Fall Training

All volunteers and staff working with children are required to take or renew the training. Contact the parish office for information, office@stjamespotomac.org. Training takes place on Saturday mornings in September and October. Dates, locations, and registration information at www.edow.org/forms-and-resources/safe-church/safeguarding-gods-children.