# 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

# **Annual Parish Meeting Today**

**Come hear about the state of the parish** and elect vestry and diocesan delegates. Check in for voting at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall.

**Breakfast served by St. James' Youth** with a freewill offering to support the youth 2020 summer mission trip.



AND Christmas Ornaments and Decorations Sale! In the parish hall after services, find a variety of ornaments and decorations at low prices.

**Flowers on the Altar** are given by Lori Minasian and Doug Throckmorton, in thanksgiving for God's many gifts and the blessings of St. James' parish, friends, and family.

**The Rose on the Altar** is in celebration of the birth of Nadine Claire Barrick, born November 11 to Chris and Leah Barrick, and grandbaby of Carol and Billy Barrick.

### Special Guest Singers at 10:30 a.m. – Girl Scouts!

The singers joining us today will have sung with the 10,000 girls and adults with the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital, held Saturday, November 16 at the Chantilly EXPO Center. They have traveled here from North Carolina, Massachusetts, Canada and Scotland. They will continue to travel and practice music for "Sing Into Fall," a Council event at a camp in Virginia next weekend.

**No FaithTalk Today.** Next week is the last episode of our series on listening skills, 9:15 a.m. in the parish hall.

### Sunday School and Childcare

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

## We're Gathering Gifts to Celebrate Newton and Todd

On December 8 we'll honor our Music Director, Newton Lewis, on his 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary at St James'! On December 15, our deacon Todd Thomas will be ordained to the priesthood at a 4:00 p.m. service at St. James'. (You're invited!) We're collecting contributions for a "purse" for Newton and a stole for Todd. Please make checks to St. James' with "Newton's 20<sup>th</sup>" or "Todd's Stole" in the memo. **Please also let us know if you can bring finger foods** to the December 8 reception in the parish hall.

# COMING EVENTS

### Samaritan Ministry Thanksgiving Donations

Donations to Samaritan Ministry are due to St. James' by Tuesday November 19, or to Samaritan directly by Wednesday November 20. Pick up a shopping list from the table in the narthex. Gift cards for \$25 at Giant grocery stores are available from the church office.

Potomac Interfaith Communities Thanksgiving Wednesday, November 20, 7:30 p.m.

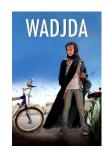
Celebrate our interfaith friendships and pray for Creation at Saint Raphael Catholic Church, 1513 Dunster Road, Rockville MD. Creation-themed art and service projects follow worship. Bring non-perishable food donations for Manna Food Center. Children and teens ages 8-18 are invited to be part of an interfaith choir that will rehearse at 6:30 p.m. (same day) and sing at worship.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner – Open Invitation

Alone on Thanksgiving? Our deacon, The Rev. Todd Thomas, and his family invite you to share dinner in their home in Olney at 1:00 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, November 28. RSVP and receive driving directions by emailing todd@stjamespotomac.org or contact the parish office at office@stjamespotomac.org or 301-762-8040.



### **Girls Just Wanna Have Fun! Women's Movie Night Friday, November 22** We'll view and discuss *WADJDA*, a film about a young girl living in Saudi Arabia, determined to raise enough money to buy a bike in a society that sees bicycles as dangerous to a girl's virtue. Bring snacks to share in the undercroft, 7:00 p.m.!



## Book Club Sunday, November 24

All are welcome to the parish hall library at 6:45 p.m. to discuss *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.

## Lunch and Learn Holiday Sing-Along! Tuesday, December 3

Lunch and Learn welcomes all to its



annual Christmas lunch and Sing-Along at 11:30 a.m. in the undercroft. RSVP for the Chicken Out lunch to the office or Jo Ann Thompson. After lunch in the undercroft, we'll go up to the church (transportation up is available) where Cheryl Stafford and Newton Lewis will lead us in singing Advent/Christmas songs.