



ST. JAMES' IN THE CITY
UPDATE

" respecting the dignity of every human being "

21 JANUARY 2018
THE THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Welcome to St. James' in the City!

We're happy to have you with us this morning. We hope you find our parish to be a place of welcome and invitation. After the service, come have a cup of coffee and visit our welcome table, where you'll find out more of what St. James' has to offer.

Remember to join our 15 minutes of prayer time in the church before the services for the life and ministry of this congregation.

Sunday School – TAKE A WHIRL?



Whirl Classroom Sunday School is a Bible-based curriculum designed to help kids (K-6) understand Scripture and how it applies to their lives. It's also an incredibly easy and fun program to teach! We have been blessed to have a continual Sunday School for over 3 years and our Sunday School has grown. We will soon be in need of other teachers/volunteers to invest in this ministry. Because we believe so strongly in Christian formation for our children, and keeping our momentum going, the clergy will be stepping in and out on occasion during the 10:30 service to help teach until we can get fully staffed with volunteers. So take a whirl! If you are a parent, or have experience with kids, and would like to help (or learn more), contact Rev. Jenifer.

Book Club Meets Today

Greetings Parishioners, The St. James International Book Club resumes today after the 10:30 AM service, in Hampton Hall on the 2nd floor. All are welcome to stop by. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact Gregory at medicaldiplomat@aol.com

Youth Confirmation Classes

Youth Confirmation classes will take place from Sunday, February 11th– March 25th from 12:15-1:30 with Confirmation taking place during the Great Vigil of Easter on March 31st. If you have a child who would like to be confirmed, contact Rev. Jenifer for more information.

Annual Meeting Scheduled for Jan 28

Our Parish Annual Meeting will take place Sunday, January 28th, 2017, at 12:30PM in the Parish Hall. Lunch will be provided. We will hear about the state of the parish and vote to elect new members to the Vestry and to be Diocesan Convention delegates. A list of pledging and contributing members is currently posted in the Parish Hall so that all those who understand themselves eligible to vote can make sure their names appear on the list. Once the Parish Meeting begins, that list shall be considered closed. No arguments as to eligibility shall be entertained on the floor of the meeting. To be a contributor of record, your name and the amount of your pledge or contribution must be known to the Rector/Bishop in Charge, the Parish Administrator and Parish Office Assistant, and the Treasurer. All are welcome to attend, regardless of your eligibility to vote.

2018 Women's Retreat

We are happy again this year to offer the women of St. James' a time to deepen their spiritual life in community. The retreat will be held after Easter at Mount Calvary on the weekend of April 20-22. Sharon Crandall, leader of Centering Prayer at the Church of Our Savior San Gabriel and a member of Prism ministries will lead us in a retreat about seeing ourselves as Gods beloved. We have 12 spaces reserved and the cost is \$300. Scholarships are available if it would help you to be able to attend the weekend. Speak to Holly, Ingrid, or Sara Jane if your interested or have questions. Make a deposit of \$50 today to reserve your space either by check to St James' (note women's retreat on the memo line) or via the church's online donations page selecting Women's Retreat. The remaining balance due to St James' by April 8th.

LEAVING BEHIND A LOVE LETTER

One of the hardest memories I have of my father's passing is that my family was forced to drive around the day of his death trying to find a mortuary and cemetery. The hospital where he died needed to move him after a certain amount of hours and needed to know where to send his body. My family climbed into my SUV and we spent the entire day of his passing having to tour all the available cemeteries. It was one of the most confusing and stressful days of our lives; when we should have been grieving, we had to worry about a lot of logistics. The stress on my mother and my family that day was difficult. But my mother did not have a plan even though my father had been ill for many years. She didn't want to have to think about it. The most recent numbers state that less than 50% of us have a Will. And a Will is just one piece of the end-of-life planning puzzle.

In Lent we will be offering two forums to help address how to plan and document our wishes so that we can leave our loved ones better prepared. We hope that you will take advantage of these two opportunities to learn more about this important topic! It's never too soon to leave your family this gift.

Blessings, *Jenifer+*

Forum Dates

February 25th 12:15-1:30: Jody Giles, the writer and creator of THE MISSING PIECES PLAN will be here to give us a comprehensive overview of how to prepare for "end of life issues" and what documents are essential for careful planning. The cost for this seminar is \$20.00 which includes lunch and a copy of Jody's book/workbook. (Scholarships available, please contact Mtr. Jenifer).

March 11th 12:15-1:30: Steven Carvel of The Law Offices of Steven Carvel, an Estate Planning, Trusts, and Probate Attorney will offer a general presentation on key terms and concepts of estate planning and healthcare directives from a legal perspective.

**R.S.V.P.s are Mandatory: jchatfield@stjla.org
Missing Pieces Plan: Please RSVP by February 4th
Legal Forum: Please RSVP by March 4th**

Rector Search Update

Letters were sent to all the candidates to schedule interviews. All candidates responded and gave their first and second choices as to when they were available. Interviews began on Saturday, January 20th, more news to follow next week.

Please continue to keep your search committee in your prayers.

Ingrid Finley-Scott,
Chair of the Search Committee and Vestry Member

CALENDAR

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY

Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Church	8:00AM
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	10:30AM
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDCARE AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN 4 AND UNDER.		
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	12:15PM
<i>Korean Language</i>		
Vestry Meeting	Conf Room	12:15PM
Book Group	Hampton Hall	12:15PM

TUESDAY 23 JANUARY

Food Pantry Prep	Street Lvl	8:00AM
<i>(volunteers welcome)</i>		
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Chapel	12:15PM

THURSDAY 25 JANUARY

Food Pantry Distribution	Street Lvl	7:30AM
<i>(volunteers welcome)</i>		
Centering Prayer	Chapel	9:15AM

FRIDAY 26 JANUARY

Soup Kitchen Prep	Parish Hall Kitchen	2:00PM
Soup Kitchen Meal	Parish Hall	5:00PM
Soup Kitchen Chapel	Chapel	6:00PM
<i>Volunteers are always welcome!</i>		

SUNDAY 28 JANUARY

Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Church	8:00AM
Sunday School	Sunday School Rm	10:30AM
<i>Childcare available for children 4 and under.</i>		
Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Church	10:30AM
<i>Worship Together with Korean Congregation</i>		
Annual Meeting	Parish Hall	12:15PM

SAVE THE DATE

January 28	Annual All-Parish Meeting & Lunch
February 11	Scout Sunday
February 14	Ash Wednesday
February 25	Missing Pieces Planning Forum
March 11	Estate Planning Forum
March 25-April 1	Holy Week and Easter Sunday
April 20-22`	Women's Retreat, Santa Barbara

ST. JAMES' PRAYER LIST

Supporting Our Brothers and Sisters with Prayer

We ask you to hold the following friends and parishioners of Saint James' close to your heart and in your prayers:
the Rev. Charles Saquety, Helen Nelson, Kay Wiley,
Eric Nelson, Shirley Perez, Bill Wasson,
Ogechi Ogbunamiri, Freddie Wright, and Harold Ahaiwe.

A PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Members and Friends of St. James,
It is with great sadness that I inform you of the death of

Jung Sun Kim

d. January 18, 2017

May her soul and the souls of all the departed through the mercy of God rest in peace and rise in glory.

Funeral arrangements will be announced when finalized.

We extend our condolences to daughter Grace and Grace's husband David Lee, and to the Lee and Kim families.

*"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,"
Romans 15:13*

Yours in Christ, +Catherine

ALTAR FLOWERS

Supporting the Altar Flowers ministry is a wonderful way to honor your loved ones and beautify our Altar at the same time. Please consider signing up for a Sunday, so that we may continue to adorn the altar with beautiful arrangements every week.

The sign-up calendar is located in the Parish Hall.
Suggested donation: \$150. Thank you for your generosity.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Many thanks to Ruby Rogers-Beckley and George Nicol for hosting coffee hour after the 8 o'clock service, and to Marsha Vargas for providing refreshments after the 10:30 coffee hour. Hosting coffee hour is a wonderful way to support St. James'. It offers hospitality and welcome to our fellow parishioners and visitors. Please sign up for a Sunday in 2018, the calendar is located in the Parish Hall.

Thank you for your generosity.



OUR COFFEE THIS MORNING

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