



# THE SHELL

Saint James the Greater Episcopal Church

Making Christ Known Since 1712

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## Save the Date

04/01/2019

Parish House: Women of St. James – 6:30pm

04/03/2019

Parish House: Adult Bible Study  
6:30 pm to 8:00pm

04/07/2019

Sunday Service – 8:30am

04/10/2019

Parish House: Adult Bible Study  
6:30 pm to 8:00pm

04/14/2019

Sunday Service – 8:30am

04/17/2019

Parish House: Adult Bible Study  
6:30 pm to 8:00pm

04/21/19

Easter Sunday

Sunday Service – 8:30am

04/24/19

S.O.M.E. Dinner - 6:00pm to  
7:00pm

*(Volunteers Needed)*

## Christianity and the Easter Lily

Known to Christians as the “white-robed apostle of hope,” the Easter lily has also been a religious symbol since the birth of the Christian religion. The flower is even mentioned in the Bible quite a few times. It is said that when Eve shed tears of remorse as she and Adam left the Garden of Eden, white lilies sprang up where her tears fell.

Easter lilies are also admired as a symbol of motherhood and the Virgin Mary. In artwork, she is often depicted receiving a bundle of white lilies from the angel Gabriel at Jesus’ birth, and the flowers were said to have been found in her tomb after her death.

The most famous biblical reference to the Easter lily is when Jesus told his followers, “Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: They toil not, neither do they spin; and yet ... Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” It’s also believed that the lilies grew where Jesus’ sweat and tears fell to the ground during his crucifixion. Many churches today continue the long-held tradition and commemorate the resurrection of Jesus by adorning their altars with pure white Easter lilies.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday**, on April 14. Holy Eucharist Rte II with the traditional multi-part Gospel reading.

**Maundy Thursday**, April 18 - joint service w/Grace Church, Hulmeville, at Grace, 7:00 pm.

**Good Friday**, April 19 - at St. James, 7:00 pm.

**Sunday of the Resurrection, Easter Day** - at St. James, 8:30 am.

Note: this year there is NO Great Vigil at Grace on Saturday night.





- 04/02 Pat Lovett
- 04/04 Kaylie Ann Capriotti
- 04/06 Denise Ciambrello
- 04/07 Marc Schaumberg
- 04/20 Nelly Crispell
- 04/21 Michael Capriotti
- 04/22 Joe Ciambrello
- 04/24 Charlotte Whaley
- 04/29 Joyce Hughes
- 04/29 Linda Smith



04/21 Betsy & Horace Schmidt



## April's Announcements

**Bishop's Visit** What a wonderful day Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> was! Not even the gloomy, rainy weather could dampen that Spirit-filled morning. Bishop Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez preached, celebrated and carried out confirmations, receptions, and reaffirmations. The Church and the food and drink reception area looked gorgeous. Lots and lots of people pitched in to make the day a success – many thanks especially to the Altar Guild, the Women of St. James and everyone who did last-minute jobs on Sunday morning.

**Gifts from the Bishop** Bishop Gutiérrez met with the vestry to discuss some of the challenges facing St. James and how the Diocese might support us. As a result, he promised us two wonderful gifts. First, the Bishop's office will pay for a trust attorney to look into what we might do to wrestle our trusts away from Wells Fargo in North Carolina and/or enable us to increase the amount of interest that we receive from them. And secondly, he is sending us a check to cover one full year of our monthly dinners for hungry neighbors. Thank you Bishop Gutiérrez and may God continue to bless your ministry.

**Designer Purse Bingo** On Saturday, **May 4<sup>th</sup>** St. James will host our sixth Designer Purse Bingo fundraising event. Please mark your calendar and tell your family and friends. Tickets are available from Betty Dougherty for \$30.00 ea. Purchas early – there are only 14 seats available and they go quickly! The sign-up sheet is on the table behind the pews to reserve tickets. We hope to see all of you at this fun event!!!

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***Now You Know*** - Did you know that the word Easter comes from the Old English word *ēastre*; of Germanic origin and related to German *Ostern* and *east*; perhaps from *Ēastre*, the name of a goddess associated with spring.

(Source: Dictionary.com)



## St James Staff

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## St. James Vestry

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Joe Ciambrello  
Betty Dougherty

Sue Marion  
Treasurer

Betsy Schmidt

Horace Schmidt  
Senior Warden

Vic Truelove

## Church Financial News

St James Financials: General Fund			
February, 2019		Year to date: January 1 – February 28, 2019	
Trust Income:	\$ 0.00	Income:	\$ 21,244.93
All other Income:	\$3,132.00		
Total Income:	\$3,132.00		
Expenses:	\$10,441.09	Expenses:	\$ 20,080.88
January Net Income:	-- \$7,309.09	Year to date Net Income:	\$ 1,164.05

**Dinner for Neighbors in Need** – March's S.O.M.E. dinner for our hungry neighbors drew 68 guests and 16 volunteers. Dinner for that evening consisted of salad, pork chops, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables and desserts. A BIG thank you to all who contribute their time, talents and treasure to this important ministry. Remember our Lord said "what so ever you do for the least of my brothers and sisters, you have done for me."

**Pew Plaques** – Pew plaques are available and some have already been installed on the ends of the pews in the center aisle. This is a great way to memorialize a loved one while supporting our church. The cost is \$250.00 each and they can be ordered by contacting the office.

**Prayer Requests** – If you would like to have someone placed on the prayer list, please call the office. If you would like to have a card sent to them, please give their name and address to Jackie Keller (215-788-8271) Jackie writes and mails St. James' get well and condolence cards and cannot do so without an address.

**Pastoral Need?** – Please contact the parish office with your or others' pastoral care needs, such as being placed on the prayer list, requesting a home Communion, reporting a death, alerting us to a hospital stay and so on. We always regret finding out after the fact that someone was sick or in the hospital.

**Would You Like to Pray for Others?** – People with long-term, chronic illnesses and issues are on our Intercessory Prayer List for as long as needed. A list of the names who need our continuing prayers can be found on the table behind the pews. Please feel free to take one if you would like to participate in this most important ministry. You can do it on your time and wherever you choose. Please see Denise or Ruth Barton if you would like to add a name or remove a name from the list. The list will be updated on an as needed basis.

**Burial Lots** – Are you or someone you know in need of a burial lot? If so, why not choose our own beautiful and peaceful churchyard? Our rates are extremely competitive. Please see Horace Schmidt or call the office at (215) 788-2228 if interested.

### Contact Us

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