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Save the Date

01/05/2020

Sunday Service – 8:30am

01/07/2020

Vestry Meeting – 6:30pm

01/12/2020

Sunday Service – 8:30am

01/19/2020

Sunday Service – 8:30am

01/26/2020

Sunday Service – 8:30am

01/29/2020

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

(Volunteers Needed)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



On behalf of Rev. Marlee, the Vestry and the St. James parish family, I would like to take a moment of your time to wish you a New Year that is filled with love, happiness, prosperity and all of the things that fill your heart with joy. May the blessings of God our Father, his son, our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit remain with you and your family throughout the coming year and may you be a blessing to everyone that you meet. If you are able, please come out and join us for our Sunday Service which starts at 8:30 AM.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

St. James Annual Parish General Membership Meeting – Sunday, January 19, 2020, immediately following the 8:30 am service. Refreshments will be served.

Thank You

We would like to give a **BIG** thank you to our Music/Choir Director, Sonya Genstein, the St. James Choir and all of you who participated in making our Advent and Christmas Season beautiful and special.



01/06 Marlee Norton

01/06 Vincent Picciotti

01/18 Christopher Porter



2019 St. James Angel Tree

Thank you for the outpouring of Christmas Angel Tree Gifts for children and older people. This year we collected 40 gift bags. Twenty for adults, eighteen for children who will get all or most of their wish lists. Plus there were two stuffed stockings that we are sure were “hung by the chimney with care. As always your generosity and support make these special ministries a great success. Remember that our Lord Jesus himself said “it is better to give than to receive” and “whatsoever you have done for the least of my brothers and sisters, you have done for me.”

Did You Know?

January is the first month of the year in both the Julian and Gregorian calendars, coming between December (of the previous year) and February (of the current year).

January begins on the same day of the week as October in common years, and April and July in leap years. January ends on the same day of the week as February and October in common years and July in leap years.

January is named for Janus, the Roman god of doors and gates. January and February were put on the calendar after all the other months. This is because in the original Roman calendar, winter did not have months.

Although March was originally the first month, January became the new first month because that was when people chose the new consuls (Roman leaders). The month of January always has 31 days. –Now You Know (Sources: calendars.com and Wikipedia.com)



01/17 Vic & Ellie Truelove

St James Staff

The Rev. Marlee R. J. Norton
Priest

Sonya Genstein
Musician/Choir Director

Denise Ciambrello
Administrative Assistant

Georgette Miller
Custodian

Joe Ciambrello
Sexton

St. James Vestry

Pam Bergey
Secretary

Denise Ciambrello
Junior Warden

Joe Ciambrello

Betty Dougherty

Sue Marion
Treasurer

Gene Porter

Betsy Schmidt

Horace Schmidt
Senior Warden



January's Announcements

Hanging of the Greens – Thank you to all who helped decorate the church for our Christmas Eve Service. It really looked beautiful and helped to create an atmosphere of peace and tranquility for the Christmas Season.

Holiday Altar Flowers – We would like to thank all of you who purchased Christmas flowers this year. Our Altar was filled with so many beautiful poinsettias that were either given in memory of a loved one or in Thanksgiving for a special blessing.

Help Others Stay Warm – If you have any winter coats, hats, scarves, mittens/gloves, socks, boots and blankets you don't plan to use, we keep a supply on hand for our monthly dinner guests, many of whom have little protection against cold weather. Please bring them to church or to the dinner if you're a volunteer. **Please, blankets, outer wear and socks only - no pants, shirts or sweaters.**

Thank you Rev. Catherine Kerr – A special thank you goes to Rev. Catherine Kerr who assisted Rev. Marlee with our Sunday Service on December 29th. The Rev. Kerr was our seminarian here at St. James during the summer of 2011. She was ordained in the Diocese of Pennsylvania. After her ordination, she was called to be the Rector of Good Shepherd Church in Hilltown, PA. Rev. Kerr retired from that position this year and we wish her all of the best in her retirement.

Food Donation – Our latest (November) donation of non-perishable food to a local food pantry totaled 76 pounds. That brings us to a total of 8,444 pounds of food since we began this ministry! A **BIG** thank you to all of you who contributed. Remember the words of our Lord "When I was hungry you fed me".

Property Maintenance – In order to help with the cost of maintenance for our large and aging property, buildings and cemetery, we are kindly asking that you consider making a donation to our Property Maintenance Fund. You can use one of the envelopes that are provided in the weekly bulletin or send your check to the parish office. Any size donation that you can give will be greatly appreciated by our Property Maintenance Committee as the work to maintain and restore our historic property.

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