

THE SHELL

Saint James the Greater Episcopal Church

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Save the Date

05/03/2019

Parish House: Set up for Designer Purse Bingo

05/04/2019

Parish House: Designer Purse Bingo from 6:00pm to 10:00pm

05/05/2019

Sunday Service – 8:30am

05/12/2019

Sunday Service – 8:30am

Happy Mother's Day

05/19/2019

Sunday Service – 8:30am

05/26/2019

Sunday Service – 8:30am

05/27/2019 – Memorial Day

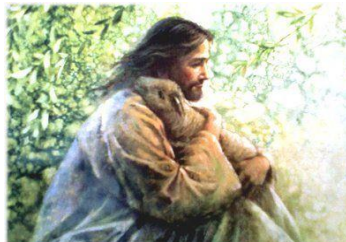
10:00am - VFW Ceremony in graveyard off Cedar Street

05/29/19

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

(Volunteers Needed)

Jesus the Good Shepherd



The **Good Shepherd** (Greek: ποιμήν ο καλός, *poimén o kalós*) is an image used in John 10:1-21, in which Jesus Christ is depicted as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Similar imagery is used in Psalm 23. The Good Shepherd is also discussed in the other gospels, the Epistle to the Hebrews, the First Epistle of Peter and the Book of Revelation. The image of the Good Shepherd is the most common of the symbolic representations of Christ found in early Christian art in the Catacombs of Rome, before Christian imagery could be made explicit.

From [John 10:11-18](#)

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who doesn't own the sheep, sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and flees. The wolf snatches the sheep, and scatters them. The hired hand flees because he is a hired hand, and doesn't care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and I'm known by my own; even as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep, which are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will hear my voice. They will become one flock with one shepherd. Therefore the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. No one takes it away from me, but I lay it down by myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. I received this commandment from my Father. (Source: Wikipedia online dictionary)

RECTOR'S CORNER

Thank You!!! A **BIG** thank you to the many people who pitched in to make our Holy Week and Easter worship beautiful and meaningful – the Altar Guild, Readers, Ushers, Greeters, Counters, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir Members (and Sonya!), and everyone who contributed to the flowers. And of course, everyone in the congregation.

Caminos Feature The new magazine of the diocese, Caminos (which means, walking the road or Way together) has a feature on the Bucks County clericus – all the clergy of the county's Episcopal churches. If you do not receive a Caminos at home, copies are available on the table behind the pews.



- 05/06 Matt Flack
- 05/17 Brianna Whaley
- 05/18 Trudy Margavich
- 05/19 Erin Ewing
- 05/19 Dottie Hardy
- 05/26 Bill Keller



- 05/10 Sue and Earl Marion



May's Announcements

Designer Purse Bingo On Saturday, **May 4th** St. James will host our sixth Designer Purse Bingo fundraising event from 6:00pm to 10:00pm in the Parish House. We would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets, made one of the gift baskets or who volunteered to help out. The success of this event could not be possible without you.

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.

Happy Mother's Day On behalf of the entire family at St. James Church, we would like to wish all mothers a very happy and blessed Mother's Day. Without your love and care we would not be the people that we are today!!



Now You Know – Did you know the month of May (in Latin, *Maius*) was named for the Greek Goddess *Maia*, who was identified with the Roman era goddess of fertility, *Bona Dea*, whose festival was held in May. Conversely, the Roman poet *Ovid* provides a second etymology, in which he says that the month of May is named for the *maiores*, Latin for "elders," and that the following month (June) is named for the *iuniores*, or "young people" (*Fasti VI.88*).

Church Financial News

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St James Financials: General Fund			
April, 2019		Year to date: January 1 – April 30, 2019	
Trust Income:	\$ 8,808.49	Trust Income:	\$ 20,105.42
All other Income:	\$ 8,181.50	All other Income:	\$ 23,287.86
Total Income:	\$16,989.99	Total Income:	\$ 43,130.77
Expenses:	\$ 9,008.16	Expenses:	\$ 45,130.77
April Net Income:	\$ 6,721.39	Year to date Net Income:	\$ - 1,737.49

Dinner for Neighbors in Need – April’s S.O.M.E. dinner for our hungry neighbors drew 75 guests and 13 volunteers. Dinner for that evening consisted of salad, roasted chicken, 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.

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