

2017-2018
ResourceGuide
for St. James's Episcopal Church



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* These ministries benefit from the financial support of St. James's in addition to the time and talent of volunteers.

Grow and flourish together...

Dear Friends,



In an age of emails, twitter and Facebook, a printed parish guide can seem like a quaint relic of a bygone age. Isn't most of the information in this booklet already available on our church's website? While I know of the various rationales for dispensing with some printed material, I believe this parish guide is essential to describing the life in Christ that we share as members of this St. James's community.

As Christians we are people of the Book. Our story as God's people is told through Holy Scripture in the lives of men and women just like you and me. They shared our faults, our virtues, and our struggles. God's presence in their lives should not be a surprise. The Gospel of St. John reminds us *"that the word became flesh and dwelt among us."*

The Christian Faith at its core is an incarnational faith. Our story as God's people continues in our lives as a living breathing response to the good news of what God has done through our Savior, Jesus Christ. This guide incarnates our Christian faith because it is a physical representation of who we strive to be sustained by God's grace and all encompassing love.

This guide also serves as an evangelistic tool that can be given to neighbors and shared with friends. It can be an invitation to others who do not know us, to explore this community and become more deeply involved in the life that we share together.

This is your invitation to grow in your life in Christ and to deepen the faith we share as members of this St. James's community. As the Book of Common Prayer says in one of its ancient prayers, *"take, read, mark, and inwardly digest this guide so our Faith in Christ can grow and flourish together."*

God's blessings,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'John'.

Worship Schedule

Sundays at St. James's

Labor Day – Memorial Day

- 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 9:00 a.m.* Holy Eucharist, Rite II and Children's Chapel
- 11:15 a.m.* Holy Eucharist, Rite II (1st & 3rd Sundays) *or* Morning Prayer, Rite I (2nd & 4th Sundays)

Memorial Day – Labor Day

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 10:00 a.m.* Holy Eucharist, Rite II

* Services are streamed live on our website: www.doers.org

Serving at

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Worship Ministries

Altar Guild

Altar Guild is the ministry that prepares the church (with specific attention to the altar) and chapel for worship services, including weddings, funerals and baptisms. The Guild takes care to ensure that each feast day, most especially in Advent, Christmas, Holy Week and Easter, is celebrated visually and sacramentally appropriately to reflect the church season. The Altar Guild has six teams who serve every sixth week.

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Flower Guild

This ministry is for those who love to create beautiful flower arrangements. Members will arrange flowers at the altar for some worship services, as well as special events.

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Acolyte Guild

The Acolyte Guild is comprised of young people, sixth grade and up, who serve as crucifers (the lead crucifer assists the priest with the elements at the altar), banner bearers and torch bearers during the worship services.

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Lay Eucharistic Ministry

Lay Eucharistic Ministers serve as chalice bearers during Eucharist services. They also serve as lectors and acolytes to the priest at the 7:45 a.m. worship service. LEMs also provide in-home communion to those parishioners who are unable to attend church.

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Lectors

Lectors read the scripture passages for both the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services, once or twice each four to five months.

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Name Tag / Greeter Ministry

On designated Sundays, volunteers greet people and help them prepare and wear name tags.

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Ushers

Ushers welcome worshippers with bulletins, introduce newcomers, answer questions and guide people during our worship services, take up the offering, and deliver altar flowers to shut-ins and parish members.

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for the 9:00 a.m. service;

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service

Video Ministry

Volunteers operate the video equipment for each service that we webcast – two on Sundays (September through May) and one on Sundays in the summer – as well as special services and other events during the year. This ministry allows those who cannot attend services because of poor health or other reasons to watch our services.

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Wheels Ministry

Volunteers provide transportation each Sunday morning to Westminster-Canterbury residents who attend the 11:15 a.m. worship service. Training for driving the WCR van is provided.

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St. James's

Music Ministries

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Cherub Choir (*Kindergarten to Grade 2*)

Rehearses Wednesdays from 4:00 to 4:50 p.m.
Sings monthly at the 9:00 a.m. service

Children's Choir (*Grades 3 to 5*)

Rehearses Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Sings monthly at the 9:00 a.m. service

Youth Choir (*Grades 6 to 12*)

Rehearses Sundays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Sings monthly at the 11:15 a.m. service

West Gallery Choir

Choir for adults who want to sing music in a variety of musical styles and want to gain a foundation in music and choral technique

Rehearses Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Sings at the 9:00 a.m. service

Parish Choir

Choir for more experienced singers who want to sing a wide range of choral repertoire in the Anglican tradition
Rehearses Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Sings at the 11:15 a.m. service

Guitar Ensemble

Rehearses Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m.
Plays at the 9:00 a.m. service

Singing Lessons

Six-week singing class beginning in September and January. Meets Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m.

Virginia Home Sing

At 7:00 p.m., on the fourth Monday of each month (September through May) Members of the Guitar Ensemble, the choirs, and interested parishioners meet at the Virginia Home and lead the residents in singing.

Children's Ministries

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Sunday Storytime

Volunteers for this ministry serve our two year olds in the nursery during the Christian Formation hour. Each volunteer will have an opportunity to read a story and talk about values and character with the children. Simple age appropriate crafts may be incorporated into this time with the children. Volunteers can serve in this new program once or on an ongoing basis.

Godly Play

A team of four or five storytellers and doorkeepers serve one of our three *Godly Play* classes: our 3 year and 4 year old class, our Pre-K class and kindergarten class, and our first grade class. Volunteers alternate between telling the story and welcoming the children into the sacred space of the *Godly Play* classrooms. Volunteers are encouraged to be present twice each month during the Sunday school program year.

Growing in Faith Rotation Model

Volunteers are able to share a wide range of talents while serving in this ministry. Workshop leaders, shepherds, service coordinators, and materials volunteers engage with the second through fifth graders in this Sunday school program. Shepherds are encouraged to be present in the classroom twice per month during the program year. Workshop leaders serve as leaders for one lessons over the course of several Sundays. They can lead one lesson or several throughout the program year. Service coordinators and materials volunteers work behind the scenes approximately once each month during the year.

Nursery

Parent volunteers engage with infants, toddlers, and pre-school children in the nursery each Sunday during the 9:00 a.m. service and the 10:00 service in the summer. All parents whose children spend time in the nursery are encouraged to be a part of this ministry.



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Children's Chapel

The Children's Chapel program is offered during the 9:00 a.m. Eucharist throughout the program year. Adult volunteers welcome the children into the chapel and support the clergy as they lead the children in worship.

Baptismal Banners

Each child who is baptized at St. James's receives a handmade baptismal banner. Parishioners can help create banners with a team of volunteers. No artistic talent is required to participate, only simple tracing, cutting, and gluing are involved. Service in this ministry can be performed at home or at church.

Advent Fair

Volunteers can serve in this ministry by preparing materials in advance or they can serve as guides to assist families during the Advent Fair which will be held December 3, 2017.

Christmas Pageant

Volunteers assist with costuming and chaperoning pageant participants during both the dress rehearsal and the pageant. Volunteers also assist with costumes, props, and lighting. The pageant will be December 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. and the dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 16 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Vacation Bible School

VBS volunteers serve in a variety of roles both leading up to and during the program. Volunteers serve in planning, decorating, and materials procurement prior to VBS. The week of VBS volunteers serve as shepherds and activities leaders. Youth volunteers are welcome and encouraged to serve at VBS. Vacation Bible School will be June 18-22, 2018.

International and Domestic Missions

St. James's has a rich history of domestic and international mission trips. Each year, we send 8-10 mission teams out to share God's love through service. A mission trip is an opportunity to immerse oneself in community, prayer, laughter, and hard work. These trips are both challenging and rewarding. Most mission trips do not require special skills – just willing hands and a compassionate heart! Many of the trips are open to youth and adults – check with the trip leader to find out more. The trips and dates listed here are subject to change, and some new missions are in the works. Please watch the eChimes and Sunday Chimes for updates throughout the year.

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World Pediatric Project

Fall 2017

In recent years, World Pediatric Project patients Anelle, Angelo, Sofia, and Fidel have brought great joy to our parish. This year, we look forward to being matched with another WPP family. Through this locally-based organization, our church will sponsor a child to travel to Richmond from a developing country for life-saving surgery. St. James's will support them by providing meals, planning fun activities, and more. This is a wonderful mission opportunity for families with young kids to do together, and for parishioners who would like to build international relationships but are unable to travel far from home.

Cuba

September 28-October 7, 2017

We have a very special partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Cuba that began in 2013. This fall, a group will travel to Santiago de Cuba to continue working to rebuild a church. They will also visit Havana. This trip is full, but be on the lookout for future opportunities.



Haiti

November 6-12, 2017

This will be our seventh year partnering with The St. Joseph Family, an organization that serves the most disadvantaged populations in Haiti. Our team will visit Port-au-Prince and Jacmel, where we will work with Wings of Hope, a home for children and adults with disabilities. This trip is full, but be on the lookout for future opportunities.

New Orleans

November 12-17, 2017

Twelve years after Hurricane Katrina, low-income people in New Orleans are still struggling to rebuild their homes, reclaim their jobs, restore their neighborhoods and return to their lives. St. James's mission teams have been a part of the recovery from the beginning, but there is still more to do. In the fall of 2017, we return to New Orleans under the auspices of Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans (RHINO), a ministry of St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church for work that may include community gardens in the food desert of the Ninth Ward and wetlands reclamation, with the purpose of protecting New Orleans from encroaching salt water and storm surges.

Nashville

2018 dates to be determined

A brand-new mission for women is in the works. At WomanKind 2016, we were inspired by our guests from Thistle Farms, a powerful community of women who are healing from prostitution, trafficking, and addiction. During the summer of 2017, an exploratory team from St. James's visited Thistle Farms headquarters in Nashville, TN to learn more about mission opportunities. Stay tuned for more details.

Honduras

2018 dates to be determined

The church's longest running mission continues to flourish in this country with one of the poorest economies in Central America. Over the past twenty-three years, our mission teams have built many meaningful relationships with our friends

at Our Little Roses Home for Girls in the city of San Pedro Sula, and more recently, with a small church in the mountains outside the city, San José de la Montaña. This mission involves some work and lots of play.

Richmond

Summer 2018

Our city has many needs, and this mission trip allows participants to spend a week making a difference right here in our own community. In recent years, we have partnered with project:HOMES, Inc. and Virginia Supportive Housing, two excellent nonprofits serving low-income and formerly homeless neighbors in Richmond. Work will likely include home construction and repair projects.

Youth Missions for Junior and Senior High Schoolers

Summer 2018

Going on a mission trip is always a highlight of the summer for our teenagers and a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and service to others. We offer two mission trips specifically for youth each summer: the 3-day "Mini-Mission" is for students finishing 5th-8th grades, and the week-long "Youth Mission" is for students finishing 9th-12th grades. Youth are welcome to participate in any of the other St. James's mission trips with an accompanying parent. Please join us on January 7, 2018 for our Summer 2018 Preview Event to learn more about these mission opportunities.



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Servant Ministries

Area Congregations Together In Service (ACTS)

ACTS is a network of congregations representing a broad spectrum of faith traditions and many community partners working together in Greater Richmond to prevent homelessness. ACTS provides case assessment, referrals, and emergency financial support to individuals and families who are in financial crisis and who are at risk of losing their housing. ACTS and St. James's crisis ministry through the office of Nancy Warman work in strong partnership. Volunteers help in the ACTS office and serve on the St. James's ACTS Advocacy Ministry Team.

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ACTS Advocacy Team

The ACTS Advocacy Team serves to raise awareness and interest in the work of ACTS among members of St. James's. It has created and sustains a template of ideas and activities that can be used by other ACTS partner congregations to educate their members about the important mission of ACTS and to suggest possible funding strategies within the congregations.

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Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School

Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School is an independent, faith-based middle school for students of limited resources primarily from Richmond's East End neighborhood. All students receive a full-tuition scholarship to attend. Volunteers serve as tutors, classroom volunteers, chaperones, and mentors. We also welcome help from those who are able to do maintenance work.

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CARITAS Intake

October 14-December 15, 2017

CARITAS Intake provides a safe and warm space in the church basement for CARITAS guests to wait in the late afternoon for the CARITAS bus to pick them up and provide transportation to their overnight site. Two to three volunteers are needed each evening (generally 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.) to provide hospitality and general oversight of the Michaux House building. CARITAS staff is responsible for intake and client needs.

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CARITAS Shelter

January 20-27, 2018

CARITAS Shelter provides hospitality and overnight shelter in Michaux House for 35-40 CARITAS guests for a week. Volunteers are needed to help with hospitality, breakfast and dinner meals, bagged lunches, laundry, activities such as board games, movies, special events, and evening worship.

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Circles RVA



Volunteers serve as "Allies" to a Circle "Leader," an individual who is living at 150% or less of the federal poverty guideline and who wants to move out of poverty. Allies offer support and encouragement and enlarge the "Leaders" community networks helping him/her gain access to community resources and to build social and economic networks that help the individual move out of poverty and reach one's life plan and goals. Volunteer "Allies" work alongside many other volunteers and are provided training and understanding of the Circles foundational curriculum and process.

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DAN (Doers Action Network)

A team of volunteers who serve on an “on-call” basis to provide periodic support and assistance to a member of the church, such as minor plumbing work, changing light bulbs, short-term yard work, shoveling snow, limited household chores, hanging pictures, transportation, balancing a check-book, organizing health care documentation, or providing a friendly visit. This team provides in-reach ministry to those who are members of our St. James’s family and especially to those who are financially or physically unable to care for themselves.

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Doers Doing in the Community

These doers support community agencies that support, uplift, and strengthen the lives of those in our Richmond metro community who are in need. Team members respond to a particular agency need for “helping hands.” Our team ministry currently focuses on Virginia Supportive Housing and Housing Families First (Hilliard House,) but we go where we are needed! Activities can include painting and decorating a resident room or a common area in the facility, helping to clean the apartment of someone who is physically and mentally unable to do so, providing a meal and sharing dinner with residents and more.

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The Giving Tree

Volunteers plan and implement the annual Christmas ministry that allows our congregation to provide gifts to children and senior adults who participate in the program of the Peter Paul Development Center and to children in need who are served by our emergency outreach fund or by other selected community agencies.

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goodChoice Mentoring

Volunteers serve as coaches in this financial education program – a partnership between the church, Goodwill, and the Virginia Credit Union – designed to help people break the cycle of pay day loans and to encourage financial responsibility and stability. Coaches provide three hour-long, one-on-one mentoring sessions.

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McGuire Veterans Ministry

Volunteers host an ice cream social for patients on the polytrauma and spinal cord units of McGuire Veterans Hospital and for their families and staff. Team members gather for a visit each 4th Tuesday of the month, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. to offer hospitality, listening ears and “ministry of presence.”

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Mentoring in City Schools

Volunteers serve as lunch buddies to first graders at Bellevue Elementary School. In addition, some “doers” provide classroom assistance and serve as mentors in other school systems and at the Peter Paul Development Center and Anna Julia Cooper Episcopal School.

Contact: Paulette Pullen, 282-0030
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Ministry Care Teams

Volunteers serve on an “as needed basis” to work with the Director of Servant Ministry/Social Worker to offer a helping hand to clients who have been referred to the church for emergency financial assistance and need other types of support. Volunteers provide a friendly visit, transport to doctor’s appointment, occasionally do grocery shopping and generally offer occasional non-financial support.

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Peter Paul Development Center

An outreach and community center serving Church Hill and neighboring communities in Richmond's East End, PPDC's mission is to build a community of learners by engaging and challenging children, families, and seniors. This is accomplished through programs that enhance academic achievement, provide cultural enrichment, and promote self-esteem and lifelong self-sufficiency. Many volunteer opportunities are available for working with both children and seniors.

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Professionals in Action

A team of volunteers with professional expertise, such as accountants, lawyers, financial planners, eldercare/nursing home specialists, and building contractors who provide consultation to the Director of Servant Ministry/social worker in addressing issues and questions that relate to the needs of a church member. Volunteers work on a periodic "as needed" basis. When a need arises, a member of this group is called for consultation on how to help resolve a particular need. Information is confidential and only used by staff and the clergy.

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project:HOMES

Working through project:HOMES, a community agency that provides services to elderly citizens, our volunteers work together several times a year to renovate or repair the homes of low-income elderly city residents. Kyle Martin is our professional building contractor who supervises and welcomes even those with no building experience! Andy Smith serves as lay leader for volunteer coordination.

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REAL Advocacy Team (re-entry into society)



Recovering from Everyday Addictive Lifestyles Program is the Richmond City Justice Center's (RCJC) premiere program. REAL's purpose is reducing recidivism through ensuring residents (inmates) are prepared for re-entry into society. Volunteers provide mentoring and support where needed as residents find their place back in society: provide a Sunday dinner family meal for those living in the REAL transitional house or drop off food during the week; serve as a financial or budget coach; serve as a mentor/friend support system; serve as a resource advisor for real life issues such as clothing, food, transportation, identification, and employment.

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RVA Rapid Transit Advocacy Team

This group works with ecumenical partners and others around our city to bring effective rapid public transportation to metropolitan Richmond. A rapid transit system for greater Richmond would connect job-seekers with employers and county residents with downtown attractions, having a positive impact on our region's economy. As part of our grassroots work in this area, we are also working on race relations through a partnership with Mt. Gilead Full Gospel International Ministries, a predominately African-American church in Chesterfield County.

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St. James's Children's Center

St. James's Children's Center is a special place where at-risk children reap the benefits of three quality educational programs: Early Childhood, After School Enrichment and Summer Intervention. Talented and passionate teachers give young learners the luxury of time to be children. Students discover and pursue their own ideas and passions and acquire a life-long love of learn-



ing. Volunteers serve in many capacities: sharing and teaching talents like art and dance, providing board and committee leadership, mentoring young learners, reading to children, accompanying students on field trips, and assisting our administrative staff. Your loving presence can make a lasting difference in the life of a child.

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Stewards of the Earth

This committee meets regularly to pursue green initiatives, both as a parish and as individual Christians. We are deeply grateful for the beauty of God’s creation, and invite all to join us in our work to preserve it. By reducing the size of our own environmental footprint, with God’s help, we intend to have a positive impact on the future of our church and community. Team members serve as representatives to the Diocesan Stewardship of Creation Committee (SoCC) and encourage theological study and practical applications of environmentalism and care for our Earth.

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Safe Harbor

This mission is to create an environment where services and support for survivors is readily available, and healthy relationships are modeled and encouraged. Volunteers provide support and encouragement while providing services such as helping with cleaning shelter space, providing lawn care, painting an office space, or providing a meal for the residents of the human trafficking shelter.

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Episcopal Church Women

Every woman of the church belongs to the Episcopal Church Women. ECW members volunteer their time in many outreach projects associated with church. You’re invited to join in!

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Fellowship

Food Force Ministry

Food Force meal ministry brings church friends together in the kitchen for lots of chatter and for outstanding outreach to community folks in need of nutritious food. Volunteers prepare home-cooked meals and deliver them to community homeless and low-income people who receive meals at the Salvation Army and other community meal sites. There are four teams that meet monthly – two on Tuesday mornings, one on Friday morning, and one on Saturday morning (men’s cooking team).

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Helping Hands

Volunteers supporting church members is what this team is all about. Team members take turns providing meals to church members who are in need of support due to an illness or death in the family or when celebrating the birth of a child.

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Hospitality Committee

This team of volunteers serves “on call” to provide planning and preparation for special receptions and events including such things as Blessing of the Animals reception, Bishop’s Confirmation reception, Easter brunch, Pentecost celebration and Founders Day receptions.

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Very Special Eve

"Dare to Say Yes: Choosing Between What's Good and What's Best" Shrine Mont Parish-wide Retreat Weekend

October 20-22, 2017

Do you ever feel like your life is rushing by so fast that you are actually missing it? Do you find that you are over-committed, over-extended, and over-tired? Do you ever just want to hit the pause button and take a moment to catch your breath? Or maybe you feel paralyzed by all the choices facing you right now, unable to decide which direction to go in your life? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions then the Parish Retreat is for you. Join us for a weekend of pressing pause, breathing in God's goodness, and daring to say "Yes" to the spiritual practice of going slow, as writer and speaker Jerusalem Greer helps us all discover how we can begin to choose between what is good and what is actually best for the current season of our lives, learning to map out a path from over-committed to intentionally-thriving.

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The Feast of St. James's

October 25, 2017, 5:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

St. James's Church. Advance registration is required.

Everyone in our Parish is welcome to join us for fellowship, dinner, and entertainment as we welcome Cynthia and John McCard, celebrate our extraordinary parish, and conclude the Annual Giving Campaign. Volunteers produce this grand celebration. Opportunities to serve include as a welcoming and wayfinding host, at event check-in, table setting and decorating, table hosting, cooking, helping with the entertainment and presentations, and cleanup.

Contacts: Dick and Andy Bennett, 358-8908
or Rbennett@hccw.com and
andyharrisonbennett@gmail.com
Brent and Tracy Schneider, 378-4583
or tracydschneider@gmail.com and
brentjschneider@gmail.com

Taste of St. James's

November 15, 2017

The Taste of St. James's debuted in 2011 as the Holiday Gourmet Food Sale. This event funds St. James's Food Force, our outreach ministry to homeless residents in Richmond. Volunteers are needed to prepare soups, casseroles, appetizers, and baked goods, as well as to staff the event. Also, plenty of shoppers are needed to come and buy all the delicious treats for sale!

Contact: Annie Witthoefft, 402-0566
or anniewitthoefft@gmail.com

Mardi Gras for Missions

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Many volunteers and partygoers are needed to host our annual Fat Tuesday feast and auction. All proceeds support St. James's many mission trips.

WomanKind 2018: "Lift Up Your Hearts: The Transformative Power of Word & Table"

February 23 & 24, 2018

In Luke, the Kingdom of God is described as a Great Banquet Table with room for all. Yet today we witness the frightening pronouncements made daily that marginalize, dehumanize, and banish women, people of color, immigrants, refugees, the LGBTQ community and more. We must ask ourselves: Who belongs at the table? How inclusive is the table? Who are we inviting to the table? Who are we not inviting? Who are we giving up on? Jesus invited and welcomed — and invites and welcomes still — all to God's table. You are invited to join us for keynote speakers Neichelle Guidry and Sara Miles, preacher Emily Scott, and a number of exciting workshops, lively fellowship, and meaningful worship.

Contact: Meta Braymer, 353-4284
or mbraymer@comcast.net



Society of St. Margaret Retreat Retreat (SSM)



Dates TBD, Duxbury, MA

For this guided and quiet retreat we journey to the coast of Massachusetts just south of Boston to the Society of St. Margaret, “an Episcopal Religious Order of mission-focused Sisters living an ancient tradition with a modern outlook.” One of the Sisters will lead this retreat, during which time we will observe with them the Great Silence from 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. each day. We arrive between 4:00-5:00 p.m. Thursday and depart after lunch, approximately 2:00 p.m., on Sunday. Air travel through Logan Airport is arranged on your own. Space is limited to 14 people, so sign up early! Visit <http://societyofstmargaret.org/> to learn more.

Register: Anita Lisk., 355-1779, ext. 313
or alisk@doers.org

Contact: Hilary Streever, 355-1779, ext. 317
or hstreever@doers.org

Special Concerts and Services

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| September 24, 2017
5:00 p.m. | Evensong
Parish Choir |
| October 8, 2017
9:00 a.m. | Bluegrass Mass
West Gallery Choir, Guitar Ensemble |
| November 19, 2017
5:00 p.m. | Evensong
Youth Choir |
| December 3, 2017
5:00 p.m. | Advent Lessons and Carols
West Gallery and Youth Choir |
| December 17, 2017
5:00 p.m. | Christmas Pageant
Cherub, Children’s and Youth Choirs |
| December 24, 2017
10:30 p.m. | Christmas Eve Choral Prelude
Handel: <i>Messiah (Part I)</i> |
| January 14, 2018
5:00 p.m. | Martin Luther King, Jr. Evensong
Norfolk State University Concert Choir
with St. James’s Choirs |
| January 16, 2018
7:30 p.m. | AGO Masterclass and Recital
James David Christie |
| February 11, 2018
5:00 p.m. | Evensong
St. Catherine’s Chorale and St. Christopher’s
Glee Club |
| March 18, 2018
9:00 a.m. | Dylan Mass
West Gallery Choir, Guitar Ensemble |
| April 20, 2018
7:30 p.m. | Organ Recital
David Briggs |
| June 3, 2018
10:00 a.m. | Jazz Mass
Parish and West Gallery Choirs with
John Winn Jazz Band |





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Memorial Garden Team

Volunteers provide oversight for the care and maintenance of the Memorial Garden, help with physical gardening, and maintain updates of the Memorial Garden remembrance book. Currently, garden work is up to date and a small committee maintains the seasonal plantings.

Contact: Bill Gregory, 673-3853
or waghouston@aol.com

Men's Cooking Team

Men only! These men love to cook together in the St. James's kitchen on the third Saturday of each month. As part of Food Force ministry, they prepare and deliver home-cooked meals to community agencies that provide meals for homeless and low-income children and families. In addition, this team is recognized for its best ever New Orleans cuisine served at Mardi Gras for Missions as well as special events!

Contact: Harry Moore, 784-3986
or hmoore@wfofr.com

Money Counter Ministry

Our joyful team members arrive each Monday in the church office to carefully sort and count Sunday offerings and prepare them for deposit.

Contact: Mason Beazley, 355-1956
or amthb@aol.com

Music Hospitality



This team of volunteers loves music and gathering together afterwards for fellowship and good eats! Volunteers serve "on call" to provide easy appetizers, sweets and savories for receptions following about 6 music events throughout the year.

Contact: Alice Campbell, 787-5766
or Alice.k.campbell@dominionenergy.com (Nights and weekends:
Palcam6666@gmail.com)

Parish House Volunteers

Parish House Volunteers answer the phone and greet visitors and may help staff with administrative tasks such as stuffing envelopes, folding letters, and other light office work. Volunteers can serve morning or afternoon hours and/or be "on-call".

Contact: Emily Thrower, 355-1779, ext. 312
or ethrower@doers.org

Supper Clubs

Let us break bread together! We hope to offer another round of Supper Clubs in the 2017-2018 program year. Parishioners will gather for informal potluck dinners in groups of 8-10. Participants take turns hosting supper clubs in their homes. This is a great opportunity for newcomers and long-timers to get to know one another better and share food and fellowship. Stay tuned for dates and more information on Supper Clubs.

Contact: Carmen Germino, 355-1779, ext. 319
or cgermino@doers.org.

Wednesday Night Dinner Teams

Team members enjoy working together in the church kitchen, providing delicious dinner meals and opportunity for wonderful gathering of church friends. Teams of 5-8 volunteers plan, prepare and serve dinner each Wednesday night (6:00-7:00 p.m.) during the program year, September through April. Each team is reimbursed for its expenses and serves generally 3-4 times per program year.

Contact: Nancy Warman, 355-1779, ext. 333
or nwarman@doers.org

Welcome Ministry

Volunteers provide food and special welcome to newcomers that come to meet one another and clergy and staff of the church. Gatherings with morning coffee and sweets are provided between services on several Sunday mornings throughout the year, and, once or twice a year, all newcomers are entertained in the home of a church member.

Contacts: Tina Sherrod, 447-7866
or cbemig@yahoo.com

Learning at St. James's

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Christian Study

Sunday Morning

Adult Forum

*Last Sunday of the Month, 10:15 to 11:00 a.m.,
Valentine Hall*

One Sunday a month we gather for a wide variety of programs on topics of Christian concern in today's world. This is a chance for us to host speakers, and exchange questions and ideas. Each year, we talk about local ministries, celebrate seasons of the church, and hear from leadership and clergy about spiritual topics.

Short Courses

*First Three Sundays of the month, 10:15 to 11:00 a.m.,
Michaux House Basement, Gibson Atrium, or other*

Three Sundays a month a variety of conversations will be held around the campus, covering a wide range of topics that in the past have included prayer, Christian practices, Biblical themes, eco-theology and so much more! Short courses will be one to three Sundays in length.

Intentional Spirituality Group

*First Sunday of the Month, Program Year: 10:15 a.m. to
11:00 a.m., Summer Months: 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.
Peterkin Parlor*

What does it mean to be spiritual as a Christian? How can we develop spiritual disciplines that bring us closer to Christ daily? Led by Br. Leo Campos and the Rev. Hilary Streever, the Intentional Spirituality Group is a holy space for walking in the way of Christ together. We share ancient and new spiritual practices, prayerfully read relevant books together, hold each other accountable to disciplines, and support each other in the Way. Drop in or come regularly!

Contact: Br. Leo Campos, brleocos@gmail.com
Hilary Streever, 355-1779 ext. 317
or hstreever@doers.org

Baptismal Guides

by registration

Baptismal preparation for parents, godparents, and adult baptismal candidates is held during the educational time between the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. services for one Sunday and Saturday prior to the scheduled baptisms. Baptismal Guides are trained lay leaders who serve as mentors and guides to adult candidates for baptism and the parents and godparents of infants as they prepare for their child's baptism. Follow-up gatherings, calls and reunions help keep the parents in contact with one another and with life in the parish. Contact us if you would like to join the Baptismal Guides ministry team or if you are interested in baptisms at St. James's.

Contacts: (to register) Anita Lisk, 355-1779,
ext. 313 or alisk@doers.org

Blair Bible Study

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Wednesday Evening

*Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel and
dinner at 6:00 p.m. in Valentine Hall.*

Christian Journey

*Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., Michaux House,
Room 304*

This engaging series invites deeper inquiry into issues relevant to the ongoing faith journey of adults. No commitment needed – drop in any time for one or all the classes!

Contact: Hilary Streever, 355-1779 ext. 317
or hstreever@doers.org

Pilgrim's Path

*Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Michaux House,
Room 302*

Want to join the church, learn more about being an Episcopalian, or be baptized or confirmed? This is the class designed to provide a grounding in three areas of Christian discipleship: worship, study, and service. Topics include theology, the Bible, church history, the Book of Common Prayer, the creeds, liturgy, service, and prayer. This class is required



preparation for adults seeking baptism or confirmation and is highly encouraged if you intend to join the Episcopal Church. Each week a clergy-led class is followed by small group discussion and Bible study. The 10-session course convenes in the fall and again in the winter/spring. Participants who attend either session may be baptized, confirmed, reaffirmed or received into the Episcopal Church when the bishop visits in the spring.

Register: Anita Lisk, 355-1779, ext. 313
or alisk@doers.org

Contact: Hilary Streever, 355-1779, ext. 317,
or hstreever@doers.org

Small Groups

Spiritual Book Club

*Mondays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.,
Michaux House, Valentine Hall*

The Spiritual Book Club has been meeting for more than a decade. The group reads a mixture of novels, histories, works of theology, and books on spirituality. If you love to read and discuss good literature, you're invited to attend.

- September 25 - The Long Loneliness,
by Dorothy Day
- November 6 - A Christmas Carol,
by Charles Dickens
- January 8 - Gaudy Night, by Dorothy Sayers
- February 5 - A Wrinkle in Time,
by Madeleine L'Engle
- March 19 - Dream Land: The True Tale of
America's Opium Epidemic,
by Sam Quinones
- April 23 - Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy,
by John Le Carre
- May 21 - The Women in the Castle,
by Jessica Shattuck

Contact: Hilary Streever, at 355-1779, ext. 317
or hstreever@doers.org

Book Study: The Tuesday Readers

*Second Tuesdays, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.,
Michaux House, Fagan Parlor*

The Tuesday Readers begin this program year with The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World, by the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Douglas Carlton Abrams. Tuesday Readers will reunite to discuss this book on Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Michaux House. At the September meeting we will also review other titles, both fiction and non-fiction, for the coming year.

Contacts: Mary Lou Rumble, 874-6374
or mtrache@rawlslawgroup.com

Diane Dodd McCue,
ddoddmccue@vcu.edu

Brown Bag Book Group

*First Thursdays noon – 1:30 p.m.
Michaux House, Room 306*

The Brown Bag Book Club Group reads and discusses both fiction and non-fiction selections recommended and selected by members. The book list is determined in late summer for the next year and is available on the church website and calendar publications. All interested readers are invited to bring a lunch and join in the lively and thoughtful discussions.

Contact: Linda Owen, 240-5546
or lindaowen23@gmail.com

Education for Ministry

*Tuesdays, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Michaux House, Youth Lounge*

Are you seeking to deepen and grow your faith? Education for Ministry (EIM) is designed to help us understand our lives and shape our actions in a program created and directed by the University of the South (Sewanee) that has been teaching Christians for over 40 years. Its curriculum of study, worship, theological reflection, and small group interaction is one of the most comprehensive theological education experiences available, outside of seminary. There is a tuition fee;



scholarships are available. Visit the Sewanee EfM website at efm.sewanee.edu.

Contacts: Jane Dowrick, 327-1602
or efmvirginia@gmail.com
Rosie Messer, 716-0748
or rosawmesser@gmail.com

Mindfulness Meditation

*Second Friday of the month, September through June
Third or Fourth Friday of the month, July and August
10:00 to 11:15 a.m., Michaux House, Room 306*

Gena Adams-Riley, Mindfulness Meditation teacher in RVA, leads a monthly adult group sit followed by a talk on a variety of topics relevant to Mindfulness and Meditation. Whether you already have an ongoing meditation practice or meditation is completely new to you, just come sit. Gena has had a personal meditation practice for 21 years and has worked with others in contemplative practices for 15 years. Visit www.genaadams-riley.com for more information.

Cost: \$25 per session; scholarship assistance available

Contact: Gena Adams-Riley,
sitwithgena@gmail.com

SelfStarters

Second Wednesday of the month at 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at Gather in Scott's Addition (2920 W. Broad Street)

Entrepreneurs, freelancers, sole-practitioners, and self-employed workers now have a monthly place to go to share ideas, offer support, provide guidance, hear meaningful presentations, and network with other SelfStarters. This is a group that both nurtures and challenges our members in a warm and open environment, never forgetting to reflect on our business issues through the prism of our Christian faith.

Contact: Jay Sandusky
jaysandusky@gmail.com

Bible Studies

Sunday Bible Study

*First three Sundays of the month,
10:15 to 11:00 a.m., Parkinson Room*

The Sunday morning Bible Study focuses on Jesus's core message. Look at it holistically and it leads you on a specific path to a joyful life. Come and see, and find the narrow path! This fall the class will continue with the Gospel according to Mark.

Contact: Thom Blair, tblair@doers.org

Tuesday Men's Bible Study

*Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Michaux House,
Valentine Hall*

A weekly hour of fellowship, discussion, and good food. Areas of study for this group have included the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, the Book of Acts, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Genesis, and Exodus.

Contact: Patrick Strickler, 539-1306
or jpstrickler@verizon.net
Stephen Spraker, 282-6773
sspraker@bbtscottstringfellow.com

Women's Bible Wisdom

Second and Fourth Tuesdays 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Michaux House Library

This Bible study meets twice a month to read together through a biblical book or theme at a time. We explore when and under what conditions the passages were written, and prayerfully ask how God is speaking through them now to us as Christ's followers. At the first meeting of the program year, September 12, we will choose our next topic of discussion.

Contacts: Mary Lou Rumble, 874-6374
or mtrache@rawlslawgroup.com
Hilary Streever, 355-1779, ext. 317
or hstreever@doers.org



Living Faith Bible Study

Wednesdays 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., Michaux House, Room 205

This opportunity for spiritual refreshment and enlightenment begins with a period of silence for prayer and meditation, followed by study and discussions that help to make our Christian faith a “living faith” and apply the witness of the Scripture to our everyday lives. At our first meeting of the program year, September 13, we will discuss our format and possible topics for the year.

Contacts: Mark Cooper
markcooper1966@gmail.com
Betse Trice, 282-4726
or betset@hotmail.com

Lectionary Ladies

Wednesdays 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., Michaux House, Room 205

This is a lectionary Bible Study for women of all ages. Each week, we examine the scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday, often using the lectio divina method of praying with scripture. This Bible Study provides an opportunity to deepen one’s experience of the readings and sermons on Sundays.

Contacts: Kitsie Garland, 359-0024 or
kitsie.garland@verizon.net
Carmen Germino, 355-1779, ext. 319
or cgermino@doers.org

Thursday Men’s Bible Study Breakfast

Every other Thursday at 7:30 a.m., Michaux House, Valentine Hall

We are led by Christ’s example of service to others, and members take turns in leading the morning worship and explaining the following Sunday’s readings, or in the cooking and cleaning up of the breakfast meal.

Contact: Tom Baker, 393-9726
or bakergang@verizon.net

Sisters in the Word

Thursdays 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., 5324 Cary Street Road

In this weekly Bible Study, women from St. James’s and other local churches gather for coffee, fellowship, reflection on God’s Holy Word, and prayer.

Contacts: Kit Bredrup, 282-4629
or kitbredrup@gmail.com
Carmen Germino, 355-1779, ext. 319
or cgermino@doers.org

Field Trips

Contact: Hilary Streever, 355-1779, ext. 317
or hstreeverdoers.org

Nature walks with Johnny Townsend and Hilary Streever

Saturdays, Dates TBD

One profound place for Christians to see and appreciate God’s hand at work is in creation itself. Join botanist and parishioner Johnny Townsend and nature buff the Rev. Hilary Streever as we visit nearby parks with spirits filled with curiosity and eyes wide with wonder at God’s creatures.

Good Help for Victims of Violence: Tour of the Bons Secours Forensic Nurse Unit

January 20, 2017, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Join us on a tour of the Forensic Nurse Program at St. Mary’s Bon Secours Hospital to learn more about how their team works with our local police forces to serve victims of violence and human trafficking in our area and collect valuable evidence for use in trials. Though this is a powerful educational experience, please note that some may find this conversation difficult.



Children's Sunday Christian Study

Contact: Becky Page, 355-1779, ext. 314
or beckypage@doers.org

Sunday Storytime

Two year olds

This story-based program will introduce values and character lessons through children's literature, simple crafts, and bible verse. Sunday Storytime will take place in the nursery during the Christian Study hour.

Godly Play

Combined 3 & 4 year old class, combined Pre-K & Kindergarten, and First grade.

The *Godly Play* curriculum is based on storytelling and wondering. Children develop the language of their faith while exploring lessons from the Bible and our faith tradition as they are welcomed into the sacred space of the *Godly Play* classroom.

Growing in Faith Rotation Model

Second grade through Fifth grade

The *Growing in Faith* Workshop Rotation Model offers our elementary children a way to experience scriptural stories and faith lessons through a variety of learning styles. Workshops include art, cooking, games, Legos, music, science, storytelling, and video. Each lesson is presented over a period of three to four weeks in varied modalities and emphasizes active learning to help children connect the spiritual lessons to their own lives.

Worship Services

Children are welcome at all services. A clergy-led homily, designed and most meaningful for children pre-K through third grade, is offered in the Children's Chapel during the 9:00 a.m. worship. At the Eucharist and baptism, all children may observe the celebration on the chancel rug or at the altar rail and baptized children may receive communion.

Nursery Care

Childcare is offered for infants, toddlers, and pre-school children on Sunday mornings from 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and other special services throughout the year. Experienced and trained caregivers work alongside parent volunteers to provide a safe environment of play and fellowship for our youngest parishioners.

Children's Special Events

Advent Fair

Sunday, December 3, 2017

10:15 a.m. in Valentine Hall in the Michaux House

Held during the Christian Education hour, the Advent Fair is an opportunity for all parishioners to create a variety of Advent-themed crafts and enjoy fellowship as we prepare for the season of Advent.

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 17, 2017

5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

A highlight of the Christmas season, the children and youth of St. James's present the sacred story of the birth of Jesus in a service filled with traditional hymns and scripture readings.

Vacation Bible School

June 18-22, 2018

9:00 a.m. to noon

Vacation Bible School is offered at St. James's for one week each summer. All children age three through rising third grade are invited to participate in a fun-filled, week-long Bible study with storytelling, arts, crafts, games, and music.



Youth Ministry

Contact: Mary Beth Abplanalp, 355-1779, ext 334 or mbabplanalp@doers.org

Mission and Values

St. James's Youth Ministry loves and supports our youth through joyful Christian Community so that they may explore a relationship with Christ, find their identity in God's love for them, and serve God as Doers of the Word.

Ministry Values

- Community – We develop and celebrate friendships.
- Love – We love others as Christ loves us.
- Acceptance – We welcome and celebrate all as members of the body of Christ.
- Faithfulness – We are grounded in God's love and seek to grow in faith and service.
- Fun – We embrace a playful environment.

Sunday Morning Youth Groups

"JYF" or Junior Youth Fellowship

Middle School Youth Group for 6th-8th graders

Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Michaux House, Room 304

Youth in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades meet together with a team of adult youth leaders. Youth group builds a welcoming community that has fun exploring our faith through games, projects, and service to others. All youth are welcome to attend regardless of prior involvement. Adult volunteers are welcome, too!

Youth Confirmation Class

9th graders

Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Michaux House, Room 302

This year-long program empowers 9th graders to grow in relationship with each other and with God. We look carefully at what it means to be an Episcopalian and identify how each of us is called to live out our faith using the unique gifts God gives us. Students are empowered to make their own faith choices and as a church community we support them unconditionally. Older youth who

desire to be confirmed, but did not participate in the 9th grade program, are encouraged to contact Mary Beth Abplanalp or a member of our clergy about a customized confirmation process tailored to your individual situation.

"SYF" or Senior Youth Fellowship

High School Youth Group for 10th-12th graders

Sunday mornings from 10:15-11:00 a.m.

Michaux House, Room 306

Youth in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade and adult youth leaders meet in a relaxed environment with a focus on building relationships and exploring ways to live out our faith through mission and service. Much of what we do is driven by the interest and energy of the group and we have a ton of fun new offerings this year including a Lock-In September 23-24, 2017. All youth are welcome to attend regardless of prior involvement or membership. Additional adult volunteers are welcome too!

Youth Retreats for 6th - 12th grades

Retreat weekends to Shrine Mont are a great opportunity for youth to have fun with new and old friends and explore their faith outside the rhythm and routine of daily life. Advance registration is required for all youth retreats.

Senior High (9th-12th) PYM Weekend

November 3-5, 2017

SNOWFEST Winter Retreat (6th-12th)

February 9-11, 2018

6th & 7th Grade PYM Weekend

April 20-22, 2018

8th Grade PYM Weekend

May 18-20, 2018

Youth Mission Trips

Summer 2018

Going on a mission trip is always a highlight of the summer for our teenagers and a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith and service to others. We offer two mission trips specifically for youth each summer: the 3-day "Mini-Mission" is for middle school students finishing 5th-8th grades,



and the week-long “Youth Mission” is for high school students finishing 9th -12th grades. Youth are welcome to participate in any of the other St. James’s mission trips with an accompanying parent. Please join us on January 7, 2018 for our Summer 2018 Preview Event to learn more about these mission opportunities.

Second Quarter Young Adult Ministry

Adults in their second quarter of life, mid-20s to mid-40s, make up the fastest-growing segment of the population at St. James’s. The energy emanating from our parishioners (of all ages) continues to attract young folks seeking a church home. We strive to provide those in this age bracket with opportunities to come together as a group within the larger parish community. Come join us!

Contact: Mary Beth Abplanalp, 355-1779, ext. 334, or mbabplanalp@doers.org

Mission And Values

The St. James’s Young Adult Ministry inspires young adults to play together as a faith community, grow spiritually, and serve as Christ’s hands in this world.

Ministry Values

- Faithfulness – We listen and respond to the Holy Spirit.
- Fun – We enjoy celebrating and laughing. ‘Nuff said!
- Inclusion – We strive to be a welcoming community to all.
- Relationships – We seek to grow more connected to God and each other.

Retreats And Pilgrimages

As a busy urban parish, it is essential that we take a break, as a community, to rest and refresh ourselves and our spirits.

Contact and registration for all retreats:
Anita Lisk, 355-1779, ext. 313
or alisk@doers.org

Read, Mark, & Inwardly Digest: Lectio Divina Workshop & Retreat

September 8-9, 2017

Lectio Divina is the ancient Christian prayer practice dating from the 3rd century A.D. which uses sacred scripture as the anchor and launching off point for devotional work. The four movements of Lectio are lectio (Bible study), meditatio (meditation), oratio (prayer), contemplatio (contemplation). You are invited to join Br. Leo Campos in this workshop and retreat Friday evening, September 8 and Saturday morning and afternoon, September 9.

Contact: Br. Leo Campos, brleocos@gmail.com
Hilary Streever, 355-1779, ext. 317
or hstreever@doers.org

“Dare to Say Yes: Choosing Between What’s Good and What’s Best”

Shrine Mont Parish-wide Retreat Weekend

October 20-22, 2017

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Advent Retreat

December 1 & 2, 2017, Valentine Hall and the VMFA

Icons are not only beautiful objects, they are considered sacred windows to the Divine. Join the Rev. Dr. Vienna Cobb-Anderson Friday evening at St. James's for an introduction to icons, then gather again Saturday morning at the Virginia Museum of Fine Art for an opportunity to learn about and pray with the wide variety of icons on view there.

Contact: Hilary Streever, 355-1779, ext. 317
or hstreever@doers.org
Vienna Cobb-Anderson,
wieniii@mac.com

"Holy Wandering: Labyrinths as Contemplative Prayer and Pilgrimage" Lenten Retreat

March 9 and 10, 2018, Valentine Hall, the Sanctuary, and the Parkinson Room

Labyrinths were first created in European medieval cathedrals as a way for Christians unable to travel to the Holy Land to have a profoundly holy experience of sacred pilgrimage following Christ. You are invited to join parishioner and trained spiritual director Fontaine Williamson at this contemplative and quiet retreat closing with an intimate eucharist. Friday evening March 9 and Saturday morning and afternoon, March 10.

Contact: Fontaine Williamson
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Society of St. Margaret Retreat Retreat (SSM)

Dates TBD, Duxbury, MA

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El Camino de Santiago: The Portuguese Way



May 2018

Did you know El Camino de Santiago actually is composed of several pilgrims' paths? This year, join the Rev. Dr. Mark Cooper on the Portuguese Way, which leads north out of Porto, Portugal to Santiago, Spain. Exact plans are still in the works, but pilgrims will likely bicycle for a few days and then walk the remainder of the Way.

Contact: Mark Cooper, 703-980-0130
or markcooper1966@gmail.com

St. Cuthbert's Way

June 2018

This walking pilgrimage begins at the Melrose Monastery in Scotland and proceeds east, visiting sites significant in the life of St. Cuthbert and St. Aidan, and concluding with two nights on Holy Island, England. Here the ruins of the Lindisfarne Monastery still mark the site of one of the earliest Christian communities on the British Isles. Though this pilgrimage is filled, please contact the Rev. Hilary Streever if you are interested in future pilgrimages along this Way.

Contact: Hilary Streever, 355-1779, ext. 317
or hstreever@doers.org

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