

SUNDAY SERVICES OUTSIDE ONLY - LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE

THE GRAPEVINE

ST. JAMES PARISH • WILMINGTON, NC
WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

THE REV. PIERCE KLEMMT



A THOUGHT ON ADVENT

Would you agree that Thanksgiving is one of the most wonderful times of the year? It is the one holiday the retail economy has not been able to capture. There is something authentic about a holiday that does not require us to buy anything, but just invites us to gather our loved ones around a table and be grateful. Furthermore, there is something salutary about Thanksgiving being parked next to the season of Advent. It serves as a seasonal prelude. We often sing on the first Sunday of Advent following Thanksgiving “Let all mortal flesh keep silence.” It is a hymn that has a heavy, ponderous, sonorous melody that is thick with thanks and praise. Regrettably, “Joy

to the world” has already been blasting in the shops for weeks. And let’s face it, “Let all mortal flesh keep silence” isn’t as perky or lively as a Christmas Carol and likely not going to put you in the shopping mood while safe-distancing. Yet the hymn reminds us of something important: the story we are about to retell and the event we are about to celebrate again did not happen last week. The hymn reminds us that it is a story of waiting, waiting thousands of years before the event, and waiting now for its completion, its consummation in us. The late Henry Nouwen once observed that waiting, particularly in the culture of North America, is not particularly popular. And now I’m in this time of social isolation, it is wearing very thin. Most people consider waiting as a waste of time. Yet waiting is a major scriptural theme, and the restraining season of advent with its rich hymnody in a minor key, it’s candlelight in the darkening shadows, it’s blue and purple colors, is a time for us to slow down, to be quiet and to wait.

Advent means the world is pregnant with the seeds of God’s love. So let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand, ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

STEWARDSHIP MEANS STABILITY IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE

Facilities Administrator, Bill McKenzie, has helped us compile a list of some of our parish needs as 2021 approaches. The challenges posed by our climate and the pandemic are on the top of mind for our team. We want to share with you the three big-ticket items on our St. James “Wish List.” We encourage each of you to truly consider what it takes to meet the needs of our property and communications infrastructure.

- Our 180-year-old metal roof covering the Church building needs to be replaced. Water intrusion, both known and unknown, threatens the structural members, including the roof supports and masonry walls. The bid quoted this month indicates a project cost of about \$360,000.
- The audio/visual equipment in the Great Hall and the Church needs to be updated. These projects will enable events, lectures, and services to be livestreamed and recorded. Recent bids for these upgrades have been in the range of \$90,000.
- The HVAC systems that serve our campus are aging. We have been notified that two need to be replaced prior to their failure. A current proposal for this project is \$39,000.

ST. JAMES UPDATES

INSIDE SERVICES SUSPENDED FOR THE TIME BEING

ONLINE RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND AT:
www.stjamesp.org/

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Michael Stovall

CONDOLENCES TO:

Cathy Halligan on the death of her mother, Catherine Marks Freeman

Dr. L. Anderson Jackson (Andy) on the death of his wife, Adrienne Abbott Jackson

Ruth Carver on the death of her brother, Richard Jagers

Zander Koonce and Michael Stovall, Jr. on the death of their mother, Mary Hargrove Bellamy Koonce

Amy Taylor on the death of her sister, Josephine Gay Crittenberger Nall

The Family of Terry Forrest Turner

SERVICE TIMES

Our in-person services take place outdoors, two at Mt. Lebanon Chapel and one at our Downtown Campus. We are hosting two traditional services in the morning and a new service, Faith at 5, in the evening. During Faith at 5, we explore the different faces of worship together! We encourage everyone to come and share in the experience.

SUNDAY:

8:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II

9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II (Livestreamed)

5:00 p.m. - Faith at 5 - Holy Eucharist -Downtown Campus

GIVING ONLINE

Give online. To donate and support St. James Parish, visit: <https://onrealm.org/StJamesParish/give/pledge>.

LECTURE SERIES: DR. PAUL KAMITSUKA

Tuesday, December 8 | 7:00 p.m. | Zoom Webinar

The St. James Lecture Committee invites you to join us for a Live-Digital Event. Dr. Paul Kamitsuka of Wilmington Health will be leading a special discussion "Thoughts on the Christian Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic". The link to the webinar is available on our website.

SAVE THE DATE! SANTA'S COMING TO SJDS!

Saturday, December 12, 2020 | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Please join us for a socially distanced, drive-by visit with Santa at St. James! Enjoy coffee and crafts in your car as you await your turn to visit with Santa and have your photo taken with him on the front lawn of our beautiful church. The price this year is \$25 per car, and you may reserve your spot for a 30 minute window of time to enter the parking lot. Please visit our website to RSVP. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year!

FAITH AT FIVE: THE FEAST OF ST.NICHOLAS

Sunday, December 6th, 2020 | 5:00 p.m. | St. James Downtown

Join us for Faith at Five as we celebrate the feast day of St. Nicholas. This service on Sunday evening is planned to be family friendly as we share the legend of St. Nicholas, a real life saint of the church. Come to hear the stories of this famous saint who is the origin of our modern day Santa Claus. We are asking all who attend to bring new pairs of socks to be used for the homeless on our "sock trees." And in return for your generosity, be prepared for a special gift to you from St. Nicholas! "Children" of all ages are encouraged to come learn about St. Nicholas. Questions? Reach out to Cookie Cantwell at Cookie@stjamesp.org.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We look forward to what the year ahead will bring. There are many opportunities and needs before us as a community. Stewardship 2021: Nothing Can Separate Us is underway! As of 11/30/2020 we have received 172 pledges, compared to the 327 we received as part of our 2020 campaign. We encourage you to make your pledge today! You can even pledge online. Visit www.stjamesp.org/stewardship for a video with step-by-step instructions.

ANGEL TREE 2020

Let's spread some Christmas cheer this year! The Angel Tree will be out at Mt. Lebanon Chapel continuing Sunday, December 6th. Make plans to stop by and pick up your tags. If you are not attending church physically, you may certainly request a tag or several online by emailing Rachel Colonna at rcolonna85@gmail.com! We are continuing to partner with the Brigade Boys and Girls Club to sponsor 250 children with a gift cap of \$25 each. We still have quite a few children in need of "Angels." If you are able, please consider taking a tag and sharing some Christmas cheer.

ST. JAMES VISION STATEMENT

To build community through ministries that strengthen our faith.

ST. JAMES MISSION STATEMENT

To welcome all to grow in love of God and neighbor.

TODAY- DECEMBER 6TH - ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us December 6, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at Mt. Lebanon Chapel for the 2020 St. James Parish Annual Meeting. We hope you will make time to join us for the Annual Meeting as we discuss what comes next for our parish family. During this meeting we will elect a new Vestry slate, and share information regarding plans for 2021, the budget, and what to expect as we move forward with calling a new Rector.

We would like to take a moment to share with you the names of the candidates for the Vestry Slate Class of 2023:

KAY DOUGHERTY

Kay and her husband, David, moved to Wilmington in 2012, having retired from The Hill School in Pottstown, PA, where David was Headmaster and Kay was the Senior Director of Admission. Although there was a local Episcopal Church nearby, their church attendance consisted mostly of services at the school's on-campus chapel (two times during the week and once on Sunday). Kay graduated from Mary Baldwin College with a degree in mathematics and from the University of Virginia with a Masters in Secondary Education. She taught in both independent and public schools until her retirement. Since joining St. James in 2013, Kay has completed EFM, and has been a lector and a member of the Lecture Committee, the Evangelism Committee, and the Meals on Wheels volunteers. For several years, she and David offered a class at St. James to local high school students and their parents on "How to Navigate College Admissions." Within the Wilmington community, she has been a volunteer with Help Hub, One Love Tennis, and Women's Impact Network (WIN), and is on the Board of The Hill School of Wilmington. She has two grown sons - Leighton (Durham) and David (Greensboro) - and she enjoys reading, walking, and playing both bridge and Mah Jongg.

TOM HACKLER

I grew up in Raleigh and have a deep family history in Wilmington. Following graduation from UNCW, I went to work for Carolina Power & Light in Southport at our Brunswick Nuclear Plant, serving in a variety of roles over my 38 year career. My wife, Hope, and I were married at St. James by Rev. Bob Cook in 1987. Our son, Powell, held his Eagle Scout ceremony at Mount Lebanon Chapel in 2010. He and his fiancé, Janet, plan to be married there in October 2021. I have served for numerous years on the Lebanon Chapel grounds crews, and currently serve on the Mount Lebanon Chapel Board of Directors, president of non-profit Masonboro.org, treasurer of the Coach Bill Dooley Education Foundation and chairman of the City of Wilmington Civil Service Commission. In my spare time I enjoy being on the water with my family and friends.

LESLIE JARRETT

Growing up Lutheran outside of Raleigh, Leslie joined St. James four years ago when she and her husband (David) moved to Leland. When visiting St. James for the first time it felt like home. They became involved in the 20/30's group (now Bread Breakers) and Faith Formation. Leslie has also served as a greeter and most recently completed the Sacred Ground course as a part of the Racial Healing Task Force. Leslie and David are both graduates of Clemson University where they met in campus ministry. Leslie went on to Vet School at NC State and after graduation worked as a large animal (farm animal) veterinarian. This past year she started her own business - Align Mobile Veterinary Chiropractic. Leslie and David have two adorable children, Charlotte (2 years) and Henry (8 months). Charlotte loves the St. James Day School and Henry enjoys the recent outside services at Mt. Lebanon.

AL MARR

I was born into the Episcopal Church so it has literally been a part of my entire life and has been the foundation of my Christian upbringing and understanding. I was baptized at St. David's Episcopal Church in Cullowhee, NC and spent my formative years at the Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Burlington, NC where I was confirmed. I was an acolyte from fourth grade until graduating from high school. After finishing my residency/fellowship in orthopaedic surgery my wife and I moved to Wilmington and joined St. James (1999). Ron Abrams became the rector around the same time and came from my parents' parish in Fayetteville. Jane and I have raised and baptized all three of our sons at St. James. Two of them attended Virginia Episcopal School in Virginia. One of my fondest memories at St. James was attending Walker Taylor's Sunday school class where I learned a lot about the Episcopal Church and the history of St. James. I have served St. James as a Sunday school parent, Sunday morning men's cooking team, as member of the St. James athletic committee and as an usher on Sunday mornings.

PAUSE: MAKE SPACE FOR ADVENT

Thursdays December 10 & 17, 2020 | 7:00 p.m. | Zoom

Take a pause. Take a moment to re-center. Take a moment to reflect on the “reason for the season”. Take a moment to prepare to receive the gift that comes to us with the birth of Jesus. You are invited to join us on Zoom (probably not where you ever expected to spend so much time during the holiday season...) on December 10, 17 to reflect on Advent hymns, poetry and scripture. All are welcome. Questions, please email lindamurchison65@gmail.com. Zoom link may be found at: <https://www.stjamesp.org/blog/pause-make-space-for-advent/>.

YOUTH GATHERING

Sundays | 6:00 p.m. | Meet at St. James Downtown

All 6th - 12th graders are encouraged to gather on the lawn at St. James after the “Faith at Five” Worship Service. “Faith at Five” Worship will focus on “the real St. Nicholas.” Questions? Contact Cookie at cookie@stjamesp.org, or 910-264-5910.

ST. JAMES CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 13 | St. James Parish

Families are invited to help us film this year’s Christmas Pageant! If you are interested in recording your child or family sharing a few lines of the Christmas story, please reach out to Erin at communications@stjamesp.org. We ask that all submissions be returned to Erin by the 10th so that the final video may be released on Sunday, December 13th.

MARRIAGE MINUTE

Thursdays Starting December 3, 2020 | 8:15 p.m. | Zoom

“Pause” this Advent season for The Marriage Minute. We invite you this Advent season to pause for a few moments to look at some of gifts and challenges of marriage and how our faith connects of to God and to one another. Zoom link may be found at: <https://www.stjamesp.org/blog/marriage-minute/>.

EDUCATION FOR (LAY) MINISTRY

The Tuesday morning Education for Ministry (EfM) group will begin a new year in January, 2021. We meet by Zoom from 9 – 11:30am. We have several openings and friends from any church are welcome. EfM is a 4-year program that has been provided through the School of Theology in Sewanee, TN for over 40 years. It enables participants to explore and deepen their Christian belief through study of the Bible, Christian history, and theology. We examine our own beliefs and reflect on applying scripture to our everyday lives. We work to deepen our faith and to discover how to express it in service to others. To learn more about EfM and the Tuesday morning program, please contact: Rachel Pace at rppace@hotmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY: HANDEL’S MESSIAH

Wednesdays December 9 & 16, 2020 | 11:00 a.m. | Zoom

Please join our Wednesday Bible Study on Zoom during Advent for Advent music and the biblical texts of Handel’s Messiah. Optional readings and a background study guide will be available. Questions? Contact Cheryl at cheryl@stjamesp.org to sign up. Zoom link may be found at: <https://www.stjamesp.org/blog/wednesday-bible-study-handels-messiah/>.

ADVENT WORDS

Get creative with Advent Words! All are invited to participate in submitting photos, art, music, poetry, anything that matches one of the words on the list. Want to select a word? Reach out to Erin at communications@stjamesp.org and she will assist you!

TUESDAY STILL MATTERS

Tuesdays | 8:35 a.m. | Zoom

Join us on Tuesdays directly following Morning Prayer for a time of Bible Study and discussion of the Rev. Jay Sidebotham’s weekly blog, Monday Matters. Visit our website for more information.

GIVING SPREE

While it looks a little different this year, we’re inviting all of our parishioners to help support our Outreach Partners with their gifts. Instead of shopping this year, honor your loved one with a donation in their name! Visit the website for more information! <https://www.stjamesp.org/blog/>

PEOPLE COMPUTERS JESUS BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday | 7:30 a.m. | Zoom

Join us for People Computers Jesus Bible Study (PCJBS). We are “meeting” Wednesday Mornings online. If you’re interested in participating, reach out to Cookie at Cookie@stjamesp.org to learn how! Starting at 7:30 a.m.

JOURNEY THROUGH EAST CAROLINA

Get creative with Advent Words! All are invited to participate in submitting photos, art, music, poetry, anything that matches one of the words on the list. Want to

SANCTUARY IN ADVENT

December 21-24 | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | St. James Sanctuary

We know this Advent will be different. We all miss worshiping together in the sanctuary. While we aren’t able to safely return to indoor worship just yet, St. James Episcopal Church would like to offer the members of our parish the opportunity to sign up for a private time in the sanctuary for family photos with the Chrismon Tree and to be in the beautiful St. James sanctuary once more. Visit <https://www.stjamesp.org/blog/sanctuary-in-advent/>.

A WELCOME AND A FAREWELL

2020 has been a year of change, more so than anyone one could have expected. We entered 2020 welcoming Interim Rector Reverend Pierce W. Klemmt. When he accepted the call to join us at St. James Parish in Wilmington, he certainly was not anticipating the circumstances the year brought. However, he faced the challenges of meeting and leading a new parish under the orders of social distancing and times of turmoil with a smile, encouraging words, and a well-timed piece or two of classical music.

We have enjoyed our time getting to know Pierce and Tookie, even if most of it was done through the phone or computer screen. Pierce has been integral in leading our strategic planning initiative, driving stewardship, and providing a sounding board for our staff. It is with immense thankfulness that we wish him all of the best as he concludes his time in Wilmington on Sunday, December 27th. We will miss his gentle presence as he returns to Virginia and his family!

As we wish Pierce a fond farewell, we are excited to welcome The Reverend Michael Singer as our Priest-in-Charge on January 1, 2021. Father Michael will be joining us on our final stretch to calling our new Rector this spring.

The Reverend Michael Singer is very familiar with what it takes to lead a parish going through a time of transition. He retired from full-time active ministry in April 2020 as the Transition Ministry Officer for the Diocese of East Carolina. Prior to this, he served three, one-year positions as Interim Rector of St. Paul's Church, Greenville, St. Paul's Church, Beaufort, and Church of the Servant, Wilmington. Before beginning service as an Interim Rector, he was Rector of St. Mary's Church, Kinston for 17 years.

His Master of Divinity degree is from Nashotah House, a Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in Nashotah, Wisconsin and his undergraduate degree is in Religion and Philosophy from Morris Harvey College, now The University of Charleston, in Charleston, West Virginia. A product of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, he grew up in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, which is a small town approximately 35 miles west of Gettysburg. He has served parishes in Williamsport and Altoona, Pennsylvania.

In his years of active ministry, Father Michael has served as a Deputy to General Convention, the Millennium Development Goals Committee (Chair), Convention Planning Committee, Diocesan Trustee, Commission on Ministry (Chair), the Standing Committee, and the Christian Education Committee (Chair).

In his spare time, Father Michael enjoys walking, traveling, going to the movies, and spending time with his family... especially his 17-month-old grandson, Bennett. He has been married to his wife, Teresa, (a retired public-school music teacher) for 41 years. They are local to our area and currently reside in Leland, NC.

We look forward to welcoming them to St. James Parish in the new year.

A FAITH AT 5 MESSAGE: GOD HAS A PLAN *by Palmer Hackler*

The past couple of years my family and I have had many things thrown at us that we definitely were not expecting. Even though there were many tough times, I still had hope that everything would work out in the end. After hurricane Florence my life changed more than I had known it would. we had a huge oak tree fall on the house and garage where most of our stuff was at the time. While insurance was being figured out, we also had to figure out a living situation, and at the time I didn't really understand why God would let something like this happen to me, but things like my friends and the youth group here got me to see the bright side and helped me realize that in the end, everything would be okay. We ended up living with my grandmother for a few months before the Murchison family kindly offered for us to stay in their house at the beach. This was one of the best experiences I could have asked for and I will always remember the beautiful sunsets from the dock, swimming, and getting to walk over to the beach to surf. I cannot begin to tell you how grateful I am that I got to enjoy the beach there. This really made me see that God had a plan for us. At the beginning of quarantine, we moved back with my grandmother. And even though we couldn't be super close to each other, I got to bike ride and walk with friends who live near there, which made staying there for so long not so bad. There were a lot of times when we thought the house would never get finished, and we would have to live with my grandmother forever and I know she was super tired of us. When Covid started, things moved really slow with people working and ordering supplies for the house. But we did get most everything sorted out and moved in September. We have a wonderful screened in porch that we have fires almost every night and watch the sunsets in. I know that all of the prayers from friends and family made it possible for us to be where we are.

A FAITH AT 5 MESSAGE: HOPE HOMILY *by Sarah Thomas*

This holiday season as we gather around the Christmas tree and get closer to our families, we find ourselves just hoping for a normal holiday season amidst all the things that seem to be bringing that down. Sometimes it's hard to remember that in the midst of all this Covid talk God is still with us all the time, whether we're in church or on zoom. Over the last few months, there have been a lot of things that have been drastically changed because of Covid.

Halloween used to be my favorite holiday, but this year I wasn't even able to go Trick or Treating because no one in my neighborhood was putting out candy and there were barely any kids outside to scare. I had a great costume but no way to share it with the neighbors. Even though we weren't able to go trick or treating, we still each found a way to get into the Halloween spirit. I and my brother dressed up in costumes and ate tons of candy from our local store.

Another holiday that was changed was Thanksgiving. We all know the picture, a nice family sitting around a large table laughing with a turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, mash potatoes, and other things piled up in the middle. After dinner, everyone sits down on the couch with pumpkin pie and beer and watches the big football game of the night. Everyone always ends up gaining five extra pounds by the end of the meal(it's really more like 15 but we don't talk about that). This year the table was a little more empty than usual with some families not wanting to get near and food is harder to get. It might have made it seem less like the perfect picture but we were reminded of the little things we have to be thankful for this year.

When this pandemic first hit, we hoped that church would only be out for a few weeks, that this would blow over fast and things could go back to normal. Then, as the days turned into weeks, and the weeks turned into months, we were hoping for something to bring us back together as a community even if it wasn't in person.

Zoom has definitely helped keep that dream alive by bringing us all together through a screen, even when some of us don't even know how to turn on our video. We've all gotten used to hearing the annoying voice say "You're on mute" at least once during the call. Although we have hit a few obstacles along the way, the services online have been enough to quench that thirst for a community many of us have felt recently. We have made many quirks to try to make it easier and more up to the task over the last few months such as adding different music every morning, letting everyone that wants to participate in a reading, or just control the service. This has definitely helped those that have been too nervous to read in church in the past because it's a lot less scary on screen.

Those of us that are still in school have wondered what this year will bring, we have hoped for the first time ever that school would still happen and be full time, not this half in half out stuff. We hoped that over time, we would get used to it or it would become less confusing and frustrating. Now that I'm in high school, I have found that I look forward to the two days that I am in person at school. I absolutely love all my classes and it's been so much easier making friends and being myself as a lot of kids my age would say. Before I started coming to school in person, it was difficult keeping up with all my homework because I don't have the longest attention span, especially when it came to math. Only some of you can understand how incredibly aggravating online math is, especially when we can't even ask questions. Now that we are in person and able to ask questions in all of our classes, we have started to catch up on missing work and make it to every zoom.

We have hoped that we will be able to come to church for the Christmas Day service. Instead of dreading having to go to three services in one day, we are hoping to get to go to at least one! We continue to hope that by the time Easter rolls around we will be back in church for good so that we can have our Easter vigil and see the sunset from the top of the church, but it's been hard not knowing what the future will bring. It's been hard trying to figure out which type of mask to buy to stop the virus from infiltrating our families. Even when things look bleak and hoping doesn't seem to be enough, we have to remember that we will never have to hope for God's love. We will always have that, no matter what is going on in this world, he will always be with us. His love is never-ending and never failing, no matter whether you have a real tree or a fake tree(you know who you are). Although it's hard trying to hope for the best without a real community to touch on, God is that rock-solid thing that doesn't need hope to love you.

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the December 15th e-blast is Friday, December 11th.

JOURNEY THROUGH EAST CAROLINA

Please join the St. James team, as we participate in Bishop Skirving's special initiative, "Journey Through East Carolina." Journey Through East Carolina is an exciting and free opportunity for people around the Diocese of East Carolina and beyond to come together to MOVE, LEARN, PRAY and GIVE in new ways. This virtual 281-mile challenge is for ALL ages and abilities! We invite everyone to walk, run, roll, ride, or row to join in on this experience through the Diocese of East Carolina. This is not a huge time commitment, its just for fun. The Journey begins on the first Sunday in Advent and concludes at the Diocesan convention in February.

To begin the Journey: Go to the Diocesan website (<https://www.ecdio.org/journey.html>) and register. Be sure to choose ST. JAMES WILMINGTON as your team when you register.

You can choose to participate in any or all of the opportunities which are:

- MOVE - agree to get some good exercise each week by walking, running, biking, whatever you choose, and log in your weekly miles.
- LEARN - by registering you will be receiving weekly emails that help us get to know who all makes up the Diocese of East Carolina and learn fun facts about our neighboring counties.
- GIVE - there is an opportunity to donate to Trinity Center either as a one time donation, or a pledge to give an amount per mile you end up walking (biking, running, swimming, etc.)
- PRAY - through your weekly emails, you will receive an inspirational message from Bishop Skirving each week.

This Journey has just begun so there's time to register and participate! The "team" to join is simply called St. James Wilmington! Questions? email Florence Ellen Cowden at fecowden@aol.com

HELP WANTED: LETTER WRITERS

The Care Guild is unable to visit parishioners who are homebound or reside in care facilities, so you can imagine how these residents look forward to receiving mail! If you are interested in helping us bring joy to some of our community members by writing a letter or two, please email Beth Souther at bethsoutherfish@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL LECTORS: COME READ

As Christmas approaches, we find ourselves in need of more Lectors to read during our Sunday services. If you are interested in reading at one of our services, please reach out to Suzanne at Coordinator@stjamesp.org.

GIVE: ST. JAMES PARISH FOUNDATION

The primary purpose of the Foundation is to help our Parish manage maintenance expenses of our wonderful campus, which, as you can imagine, are extensive and expensive. The more valuable the Foundation, the more income will be available to help keep our campus in great shape. Currently the Foundation has assets of approximately \$3,700,000. It is essential that we increase the Foundation's assets. Gifts can be made, among other ways, with cash and stock transfers or through estate planning. To make a gift or learn more about the Foundation, please contact our Financial Administrator, Maria Hollopeter, at the church office or contact one of the Foundation Board Members. To learn more about the Foundation and its Board Members, visit stjamesp.org/st-james-foundation/.

NEXT WEEK AT ST. JAMES PARISH

MONDAY- FRIDAY, DEC. 7-11

MORNING PRAYER DURING QUARANTINE
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom | Led by Cheryl Brainard

MONDAY, DEC. 7

FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Perry Hall

TUESDAY, DEC. 8

TUESDAY STILL MATTERS
8:35 AM | Zoom

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00-11:30 AM | Zoom

WDAА BASKETBALL PRACTICE
6:30-8:30 PM | Perry Hall

LECTURE: DR. KAMITSUKA PRESENTS
"THOUGHTS ON THE CHRISTIAN RESPONSE
TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC"
7:00 PM | Zoom

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

PCJ BIBLE STUDY
7:30 AM | Zoom | Led by our Youth Group and
with Youth Advisor support

THE BIBLE & HANDEL'S MESSIAH
11:00 AM-12:00 PM | Zoom

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:00-8:30 PM | Zoom

THURSDAY, DEC. 10

PAUSE: MAKE SPACE FOR ADVENT
7:00 PM | Zoom

MARRIAGE MINUTE
8:15 PM | Zoom

FRIDAY, DEC. 11

ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE IN PARISH OFFICE
BY 12:00 PM

SATURDAY, DEC. 12

SANTA AT ST. JAMES DAY SCHOOL
9:00 AM-12:30 PM | Perry Hall Parking Lot

SUNDAY, DEC. 13

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel | BYOS*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
9:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel & ONLINE | BYOS*

SJDS CHRISTMAS PAGEANT- TBD
3:00 PM | St. James Parish | BYOS*

FAITH AT 5 - EXPERIENCE WORSHIP
5:00 PM | St. James Parish | BYOS*

YOUTH GROUP
6:00 PM | St. James Parish | BYOS*

***BYOS:** Bring Your Own Supplies- Please bring your own masks, chairs, picnic blankets, etc.

RESTRICTIONS AS OF 12-1-2020: We are limiting indoor gatherings to 30% of a space's capacity per the governor's guidelines for theatres and convention spaces and unlimited attendance outside provided that social distance protocols are being followed.

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