

St. James'
Episcopal Church
LEESBURG, VIRGINIA



FALL 2024

Oktoberfest, September 29



EVENTS

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 18 | 10 a.m.

Prayers for a safe and fun year of learning!

Homecoming & Ministry Fair

August 25 | 10 a.m.

A special Sunday for parishioners to learn where their gifts can be used to further the work of God through ministry at St. James'.

*** Centering Prayer Retreat**

September 14 | 9 a.m.-12 noon

Unlike other forms of prayer that might focus on requests, thanksgiving, or praise, contemplative prayer seeks to foster a quiet, loving presence to God's own presence. Join us as we seek union with God beyond words, thoughts, and emotions.

** new for Fall 2024*

St. James' Newcomer Class

September 15 | 11:15 a.m.

Join Fr. Chad to hear more about the history, values, and mission of St. James, and discover what it means to be a member of the Episcopal Church. You will also learn more about our active ministries and ways to get involved.



*** George C. Marshall Lecture Series**

September 18 | 5:30 p.m.

Presented by the George C. Marshall International Center, this lecture will focus on two selfless Loudoun leaders: Dr. Claude Moore and George C. Marshall. Follow the QR code for more information and to register.



Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont

September 20-22

Relax, spend time with your St. James' family, and take advantage of opportunities for games, hiking, prayer labyrinths, and even salamander catching! Register by September 3 via the QR code or find a paper form in the narthex.



Blessing of the Animals, October 5

Sunday
@Mornings
ST. JAMES

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* Fifth Sunday Family Service

September 29 | 10 a.m.

Every 5th Sunday (which happens 4 – 5 times a year), our 10 a.m. service will prominently feature children and students of all ages. All are welcome to join us for these more casual and family-friendly worship services.

Oktoberfest

September 29 | 11 a.m.

An annual St. James' favorite presented by the Men's Service Ministry including traditional German fare and attire. Invite your friends and neighbors, and bring a dish to share!

Feast of St. Francis: Blessing of the Animals

October 5 | 5:30 p.m.

Creatures of all kinds are welcome!

* Acolyte Festival

October 12 | 10 a.m.

Washington National Cathedral is delighted to welcome acolytes from across the country each year to celebrate this vital ministry of service and faith. Follow the QR code to learn more and contact Rev. Marybeth Sanders Wilson if you're interested in attending with the St. James' crew!



7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist (*thru August*)
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (*beginning September 1*)
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
(*see back page for Adult Forum Offerings*)
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II (*livestreamed*)



Confirmation

October 13 | 10 a.m.

Join us for a special service of Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation. The Rt. Rev. James "Bud" Shand will be our visiting bishop.

Trunk-or-Treat

October 27 | 11 a.m.

Costumes, games, and goodies, all right from the safety of the St. James' parking lot!



Important Dates:

September 1: New Early Service time: 8 a.m.

September 8: All Formation resumes

December 1: Advent begins

Baptism Dates:

September 1

November 3

January 12

February 9

June 8

Baptism Instruction Classes:

October 20

January 5

April 6

June 1



ADULT FORUM

Sundays at 9 a.m.

In-person and Livestreamed *No forum on October 13*

Exploring Our Episcopal Identity

September 8 – October 6

All are invited to join Fr. Chad in this 5-Week Series as we delve into the rich history, spirituality, and ethos of the Episcopal Church. We will explore various facets of our Episcopal identity, including the history of our tradition, our ancient creeds and sacraments, and the significance of our Sunday liturgy. Whether you're seeking to be confirmed, received into the church or are a lifelong Episcopalian, this class is designed to deepen your understanding and appreciation of what it means to be part of the Episcopal Church.

September 8

Knowing our History

September 15

What We Believe:
Creeds and Sacraments

September 22

The Bible: Stories about
Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

September 29

The Book of Common Prayer
& The Christian Year

October 6

Navigating the Church:
From Parish to Worldwide Church

"Hurry, Scurry, But Do Not Worry"

October 20

Join Carol Hathaway and Elaine Nunnally as they discuss their children's book, "Hurry, Scurry, But Do Not Worry." The book's artwork is inspired by our own St. James' Church.

Is Jesus God?

October 27 – November 24

Join Michael Fabian and bring your questions as we discuss Jesus' nature and divinity in this five-week series.

October 27

How do we know about Jesus?
What proof do we have that he even existed?

November 3

Are the Gospels historically accurate?
How do we know?

November 10

Were the 1st-century Jews expecting a
divine messiah? How did the Greeks and
Romans think about divinity?
How do we think about it?

November 17

Was Jesus eternally divine?
Did he attain divinity at his resurrection?
At his baptism? At his conception or birth?

November 24

The Titles of Jesus in the gospels: Messiah,
Christ, Son of Man, Rabbi, Rabboni,
Savior, Son of the Living God,
my Lord and my God.
What did these titles mean to his early
followers and what do they mean to us?

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