

Parents of Young Children 2009-2010

A calendar of activities and events for families with children under 6

September

10 Thursday Mom's Bible Study begins, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Each Thursday, The Rev. Craig Townsend leads a Bible study for moms. Study and discussions help prepare moms to share the Bible with their children. Meets weekly.

11 Friday Playgroup Welcome Coffee, 10:30 a.m.
We gather informally to meet one another and talk about the playgroups for the year. Please feel free to bring children and caregivers. Refreshments will be served.

13 Sunday Homecoming Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
This day marks the official return from summer. After the service, please join the rest of the congregation for lunch and fun activities outside on 71st Street.

14 Monday Playgroups begin
Mondays 10:30-12:00: Caregivers Group
Tuesdays 3:30-4:45: ages 3-5
Wednesdays 10:30-12:00: 0-12 months
Thursdays 10:30-12:00: 12-24 months
Fridays 10:30-12:00: 24-36 months

15 Tuesday Cherub Choir begins, 3:45-4:15 p.m.
Children 4 and older are invited to join the choir which offers an incredible program of music and worship education and is lots of fun. (3-5 yr. old Playgroup meets every Tuesday before and/or after Cherub Choir.)

17 Thursday We Love to Sing begins, 4:00-4:45 p.m.
We kick off the year with a Caregivers Appreciation Tea. Parents, caregivers and children are invited to join Vicki for a fast, fun 45 minutes of singing. *Cost: \$100 for the year*

17 Thursday Thursdays at St. James' begins, 4:45-6:00 p.m.
Join us for this weekly program offering a fun 45 minutes of education followed by dinner for all ages. 4:45-5:30 p.m. is our story/craft/activity time with dinner from 5:30-6:00 p.m. Families are invited to stay for all or part of the program. Nursery is provided for the little ones who might not make it through the entire time, allowing parents to stay and participate with older children.

Dinner: \$7/individual, \$15/family

20 Sunday Education Sunday, Bicentennial Preacher, The Very Rev. James Kowalski
The worship service schedule moves to 9:10 and 11:15 a.m. A Church School orientation, where teachers will be introduced, follows the 9:10 a.m. service. Church School classes will go to their classrooms, and parents will have the opportunity to ask any questions that they might have about Children and Family Ministries activities for the upcoming year.

Continuing weekly activities

Monday-Friday: Playgroups
Tuesdays, 3:45 p.m.: Cherub Choir
Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. Mom's Bible Study
Thursdays, 4:00 p.m. We Love to Sing
Thursdays, 4:45 p.m.: Thursdays at St. James'
For more information, see the Children's and Family Ministries brochure.

27 Sunday Fourth Sunday of the Month
At the weekly Toddler-Primary Chapel service, the fourth Sunday of the month is a Eucharist. As happens in Church, children receive bread and wine or a blessing based on the preference of the parents.



30 Wednesday PYC Party, 6:30 p.m.
Meet other St. James' parents of young children. Please invite any non-parishioners who are interested in becoming involved in playgroups and/or meeting St. James' parents. Nursery care will be provided.

October

4 Sunday Children's Eucharist, 9:10 a.m.
Join us this Sunday and each first Sunday of the month for a service geared primarily toward children. All of the children's choirs participate in this service, and the Primary Class children attend with their families. Each month we collect the First Sunday Food Offering of canned goods and non-perishable food items for the Yorkville Common Pantry. The Nursery and Toddler classrooms remain open during the Children's Eucharist.

4 Sunday The Blessing of the Animals, 4:00 p.m.
We gather on the steps of the church and walk together to Central Park. Don't forget to bring your pets and stuffed animals.

12 Monday Closed for Columbus Day

17 Saturday Communion Awareness Class, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Craig Townsend and Vicki Hall lead an instructed Eucharist and answer any questions that parents or children have about communion at St. James'.

18 Sunday Bicentennial Preacher,
The Rt. Rev. Hays Rockwell

24 Saturday PYC Pancake Breakfast, 10:00 a.m.

Dads will again be making the pancakes! Come for breakfast and enjoy the chance for kids to meet other kids and parents to meet other parents.

29 Thursday Halloween Party, 3:30 p.m.
Come join the fun and bring even your smallest goblins.

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Sunday Children's Eucharist, 9:10 a.m. All Saints

15 Sunday Bicentennial Preacher
The Rev. Mark Anschutz

December

3 Thursday Advent Wreath Workshop, 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.
This evening is a wonderfully festive occasion for all ages (young children need supervision). Create your own Advent wreath from the beautiful fresh greens and berries, straw wreath and candles supplied. A delicious supper is served.

5 Saturday Christmas Pageant rehearsal, 10:00 a.m.
For all children 4 years old and older.

6 Sunday Children's Eucharist, 9:10 a.m.

12 Saturday Christmas Pageant rehearsal, 10:00 a.m.
Gingerbread House Workshop
Share the Joy gift delivery day

13 Sunday Christmas Pageant, 4:00 p.m.
Come see our children re-enact the Nativity story and join in singing your favorite Christmas carols.

15 Tuesday Christmas Caroling, 5:30 p.m.
Join the St. James' community as we sing carols on the steps of the church.

20 Sunday Worship service at 10:30 a.m.

22 Tuesday Greening of the Church, 6:00 p.m.
Families are invited to join us in decorating the church and singing carols.

24 Thursday Children's Christmas Eve Service, 3:00 p.m.

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January

- 3 Sunday Worship service at 10:30 a.m.
- 10 Sunday 10:30 service, Bicentennial Preacher, The Rt. Rev. Mark Sisk
- 18 Monday Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 27 Wednesday Winter Parish Dinner and Art Show 7:00 p.m. (including children's art!)

February

- 6 Saturday Valentine-making Party, 10:00-11:30 a.m. A fabulous time of glitter and glue creativity and mess that's not in your apartment.
- 7 Sunday Children's Eucharist, 9:10 a.m.
- 15 Monday Closed for President's Day
- 16 Tuesday Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 17 Wednesday Ash Wednesday Children's Service, 4:00 p.m.
- 21 Sunday Bicentennial Preacher The Very Rev. Samuel Lloyd

March

- 7 Sunday Children's Eucharist, 9:10 a.m.
- 28 Sunday Palm Sunday, 9:00 a.m. With a palm procession around the block.

April

- 2 Friday Good Friday Children's Service, 4:00 p.m.
- 4 Sunday Easter Sunday Our Easter egg hunt follows the 9:10 a.m. service.

May

- 2 Sunday Children's Eucharist, 9:10 a.m. Family Picnic
- 9 Sunday Bicentennial Preacher, The Rev. Carol Anderson
- 12 Wednesday Community Festival, 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Sunday Parish Annual Meeting and Election
- 23 Sunday Recognition Sunday, 9:10 a.m.

Check www.stjames.org for updates.



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