

Parents of Young Children



Programs for 2011-2012

St. James' Church

865 Madison Avenue · New York, NY 10021

Parents of Young Children 2010-2011

*A calendar of activities and events for families
with children younger than six-years-old*



September

- 9 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.
- 11 Sunday **10:30 Service**
Childcare for ages 0-4
Special activity for ages 4 and older
- 12 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
- 13 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.)
- 13 Tuesday Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study begins
- 15 Thursday Thursday Morning Bible Study begins, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- 15 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: \$200 for the year*

15 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; \$15/family*

18 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.

25 Sunday Education Sunday
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.

29 Thursday Parents 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

- 2 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.
- 2 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.
- 10 Monday Closed for Columbus Day
- 20 Thursday Children's Pumpkin Festival, 3:30 p.m.
Come join the fun and bring even your smallest goblins.
- 23 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
- 29 Saturday PYC Pancake Breakfast, 9:00 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.

November

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

December

1 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.

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

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

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

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

13 Tuesday Christmas Caroling, 5:30 p.m.
Join the St. James' community as we sing carols on the steps of the church followed by a family supper.

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

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

25 Sunday Christmas service at 10:30 a.m.

January

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

2 Monday Building closed for New Year's holiday

5 Thursday Children's Epiphany Service at 5:00 p.m.

16 Monday Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

25 Wednesday Winter Parish Celebration

Bible Studies: The Bible Project

This year we will read the Old Testament from start to finish over the course of the academic year. We invite all parishioners to join us. The Sunday forums will focus on the week's reading or themes that will illuminate the readings. Small group discussions meet on: Tuesday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. led by Dolly Geary (at the same time as one of our playgroups and Cherub Choir), Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. (immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Eucharist), Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m., and Sunday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. (prior to the 6:00 p.m. service).

Continuing weekly activities

Monday-Friday: Playgroups

Tuesdays, 3:45 p.m.: Cherub Choir

Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m.: Bible Study

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Thursdays, 4:00 p.m. We Love to Sing &

Drama on Thursdays

Thursdays, 4:45 p.m.: Thursdays at St. James'

For more information, see the Children's and

February

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

11 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.

20 Monday Closed for President's Day

21 Tuesday Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
5:00-7:00 p.m.

22 Wednesday Ash Wednesday Children's Service, 4:00 p.m.

March

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

April

1 Sunday Palm Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
With a palm procession around the block.

6 Friday Good Friday Children's Services,
4:00 & 5:30 p.m.

8 Sunday Easter Sunday
Our Easter egg hunt follows the 9:10 a.m. service.

May

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

9 Wednesday Community Festival, 6:00 p.m.

13 Sunday Parish Annual Meeting and Election

20 Sunday Recognition Sunday, 9:10 a.m.



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