

Glossary

The **9:10 a.m. service** is a service of Holy Eucharist that is welcoming to families. Children and youth serve as acolytes, lay readers, prayer leaders, ushers and chalice bearers, and the children's choirs sing.

Acolytes carry crosses, torches, flags and banners in the procession and assist the priests during the liturgy at the 9:10 a.m. service.

Children's & Family Ministries is the umbrella group for everything that goes on for families with children birth through sixth grade.

Children's & Family Ministries Committee

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The **Children's Eucharist** focuses on young children at the 9:10 a.m. service on the first Sunday of each month. The Primary class students worship with their parents, all of the children's choirs sing, one Church School class writes and leads the Prayers of the People, all of the children are invited up to the front for the homily, and the First Sunday Food Offering is received.

The **Church School Offering** is the total of offerings taken up in our Church School classes and/or received in the Children's Offering Envelopes. The recipient of each year's CS offering is chosen by the children and teachers.

Communion Awareness classes are offered twice each year. Children and parents participate in an instructed Eucharist and are able to ask all the questions that they have about communion. The fall class will be Saturday, October 23, at 10:00 a.m.

Decalogue Leaders lead the reading of the Ten Commandments during Advent and Lent at the 9:10 a.m. service.

Family Fridays will be offered periodically throughout the year featuring evenings of bingo, movies, and Lego competitions, with pizza, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Watch for emails and notices in the Sunday leaflet for Family Friday dates.

The **First Sunday Food Offering** responds to food donations requested by the Yorkville Common Pantry. On the first Sunday of each month at the 9:10 a.m. service, parishioners are encouraged to place food donations in the basket in front of the altar on the way to receiving communion. This concrete way of giving is understandable even to our young children.

Lay Readers read the lesson at the 9:10 a.m. service.

The **Nursery** is a room maintained for our youngest parishioners, ages 0-2. The room is staffed by the same three wonderful women every Sunday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Parents of Young Children is the group that organizes programs and activities for children ages 0-5. Activities include: Playgroup Welcome Coffee, Playgroups, the fall Pancake Breakfast, and fall and spring parties for parents.

A **Pledging Member** is someone who has let the church know their financial commitment to the parish (what they intend to give) for annual operations in the calendar year. The gift(s) to fulfill the commitment may be made at one time, every week, or in another giving pattern during the year.

Prayer Leaders lead the Prayers of the People at the 9:10 a.m. service.

Sunday Morning Hospitality includes coffee and donut holes made available in Sunderland Hall from 8:30-9:05 a.m. Coffee service will continue following the 9:10 a.m. service.

The **Toddler-Primary Chapel Service** is a brief worship service in the Primary classroom. The children light the candles, take up the offering, make a prayer circle and say "Thank you, God for ...", hear a homily by one of the clergy and extinguish the candles. On the 4th Sunday of the month, this service includes communion.

The **Worship Cart** at the back of the nave provides packets for children's use during the service. Each packet contains crayons, a pencil, paper and the Sunday Paper, an activity page for children based on the Gospel lesson of the day. A letter to the parents on the back of the Sunday Paper helps parents continue the teaching of the day throughout the week.



Calendar

September

10	Friday	Playgroup Welcome Coffee
11	Saturday	Acolyte Training
12	Sunday	Homecoming
13	Monday	Playgroups begin
14	Tuesday	Choir rehearsals begin Tuesday afternoon Bible Study begins
16	Thursday	We Love to Sing, Drama on Thursdays and Thursdays at St. James' begin
18	Saturday	Acolyte Training
19	Sunday	9:10 and 11:15 a.m. services begin; Church School begins
30	Thursday	Parents Party

October

3	Sunday	Blessing of the Animals
17	Sunday	Bicentennial Guest Preacher: The Rev. Canon Victoria Sirota
23	Saturday	Communion Awareness Class
28	Thursday	Children's Halloween Party
30	Saturday	Parents of Young Children Pancake Breakfast

November

14	Sunday	Festive Bicentennial 10:30 a.m. service and reception, The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Shori, Guest Preacher
20	Saturday	Diocesan Choir Festival

December

2	Thursday	Advent Wreath-making
4	Saturday	Christmas Pageant rehearsal
7	Tuesday	Sea Turtle Talk
11	Saturday	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
11	Saturday	Gingerbread House-making
12	Sunday	Christmas Pageant
14	Tuesday	Parish Caroling
22	Wednesday	Greening of the Church
24	Friday	Children's Christmas Eve Service at 3:00 p.m.

January

6	Thursday	Epiphany Service
22	Saturday	Dance for Grades 5-7
26	Wednesday	Winter Parish Dinner
29-30		Boys' & Girls' Choir Festival, Philadelphia

February

4	Friday	Family Friday Bingo Night
12	Saturday	Valentine-making Party

March

8	Tuesday	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
9	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Children's Service at 4:00 p.m.

April

17	Sunday	Palm Sunday
22	Friday	Children's Good Friday Services at 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.
24	Sunday	Easter

May

1	Sunday	Family Picnic; Choral Evensong
15	Sunday	Annual Meeting
22	Sunday	Church School Recognition Sunday

For times and calendar updates, visit www.stjames.org.



2010-2011 Music for Children & Youth

Choirs

Boys' & Girls' Choir (grades 3-12)
Tuesdays 4:15-5:30 p.m. *or*
Wednesdays 3:45-5:00 (choose one)
St. Cecilia Choir (grades 1-2)
Thursdays 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Cherub Choir (ages 4-6)
Tuesdays 3:45-4:15 p.m.

Benefits

- Help lead worship
- Learn to read music
- Sing like the angels
- Meet new friends
- Make recordings
- Travel to exciting destinations
- Be a part of a team that works and plays hard

Progression through the graded choir program is based on a combination of age and musical ability. As such, choristers can move at their own pace through our Voice for Life curriculum, which will not only help teach music fundamentals, but allow individual recognition of progress through ribbons, medals, etc. Participating in the chorister program for children and youth is also a good way to teach the importance of faith and encourage a lasting involvement in the church, although church membership is not required.

Suzuki violin class

We offer a tuition-based program available to children and youth of all ages that meets Sunday afternoons during the school year.

For questions or to enroll, contact
Christopher Jennings
Associate Organist-Choirmaster
and Music Associate for Children & Youth
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Sundays

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Nursery is open for ages 0-2.

9:05 - 11:00 a.m.

Toddler Class (2-3 year olds)
Primary Class (4-6 year olds)

One part of the Toddler and Primary experience is their chapel service each week, led by one of the clergy.

9:10 a.m.

Children first grade and older go to worship with their families. All children are welcome at the service. Our clergy love having children in worship. If you find that your child is disturbing you, you are welcome to go out to Sunderland Hall for a few minutes where you will still be able to hear the service.

10:15-11:05 a.m.

Church School for children first grade and older. We use the Seasons of the Spirit curriculum which is lectionary-, arts- and worship based.

Worship Leadership Opportunities

at the 9:10 a.m. Service

Children **4 years and older** are encouraged to sing in the choirs.

Children in the **3rd grade and older** are encouraged to serve as acolytes. Training is scheduled for September 11 and 18.

Children in the **4th grade** lead the Decalogue during Advent and Lent.

Children in the **5th grade and older** are invited to read the Lesson.

Children and youth in **6th grade and older** lead the Prayers of the People.

Youth in **8th grade and older** serve as ushers.

Youth in the **11th and 12th grades** who have demonstrated leadership and commitment to St. James' are offered the chance to serve as Chalice Bearers.

How do I sign up? Check the appropriate box on the enclosed registration form or contact Vicki at vhall@stjames.org.

For Parents: the Adult Education Forum welcomes parents at 10:30 a.m. each week. Look for information about Parenting Forums/Discussions in the Epistle and the Sunday announcements.

Weekdays

Playgroups

0-12 months: Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. - noon

12-24 months: Thursdays 10:30 a.m. - noon

24-36 months: Fridays 10:30 a.m. - noon

3-5 years: Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Caregiver group: Mondays 10:30 a.m. - noon (all ages)

These groups are a wonderful way to meet parents of young children, ages 0 to 5, who are part of the St. James' parish. A dedicated "caregivers group" is offered for working parents: however, please note that caregivers are welcome at all playgroups whenever personal schedules make it difficult for moms or dads to accompany their child. All St. James' playgroups are adult/child. Playgroups are open to all who are interested. For those with kids who nap: please come early or leave late. We would love to have you.

There will be a Playgroup Welcome Coffee on Friday, September 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the Planitzer Nursery. This is a good time to meet other parents, ask questions about the playgroups, and submit your registration form, if you have not already done so. We hope you will join us.

Fees, pledging members / non-pledging members:

Fall (September 13 - December 23) **\$225 / 275;**

Spring (January 3 - June 30) **\$275 / 325;**

Full season, **\$475 / 575**

A donation for the nursery is also welcome. The registration fee for the Playgroups covers insurance, cleaning, and supplies. For financial assistance, contact Vicki Hall. We are continuing an effort to refurbish all toys and supplies in the nursery for the playgroups. Although new toys are always welcome, we are trying to purchase age-appropriate toys for each group. Cash donations would be most welcome and should be forwarded to Vicki Hall, marked for Nursery Toys and Supplies. We hope to maintain the nursery's high standard of cleanliness, and appreciate your help and contributions.

Bible Study for Moms

New Tuesday afternoons at 3:45 p.m. (during the

3-5 year-old Playgroup and Cherub Choir rehearsal),

parishioner Dolly Geary will lead a weekly Bible study.

Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. (right after the 8:00

a.m. service of Holy Communion) St. James' clergy lead

multi-week sessions on various topics.

Thursday mornings at 9:15 a.m., the Rev. Craig

Townsend leads the "Mothers' Bible Study," after school

drop-off, that takes up the Gospel lesson of the week.

Thursdays

We Love To Sing!

Thursdays 4:00-4:45 p.m.

A time for fun for any child to come together with an adult to sing! Vicki accompanies on guitar.

Fee: fall \$100, spring \$125, full year \$200

Drama on Thursdays, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

A class for children who have aged out of We Love to Sing! and who want to express their creative energies through drama.

Fee: fall \$100, spring \$125, full year \$200

Thursdays @ St. James'

Not here on Sundays? Here is weekday Christian education for your children and their connection to St. James'. Education, fun, and dinner for the family.

4:45-5:30 p.m.: creative education time, including Bible storytelling, Praying With Our Hands, Hurry Up and Wait, Celebrating Advent, Living Lent at Home, It's Our Night to Cook, and crafts and activities for bringing the Bible to life.

We divide into two age groupings: older and younger, each group having age-appropriate activities and all coming together for dinner. Additionally, the nursery is always available so that parents/caregivers can give attention to the older children knowing infants are wonderfully cared for.

5:30-6:00 p.m.: buffet dinner (the children choose the menu the previous week)

Fee: the cost of dinner is \$7.00 for an individual and \$15.00 per family. If you would like to pay for the meals in advance, the cost for an individual is \$210 for the year and \$450 for a family for the year. (Pre-payment is not necessary; it is offered as a convenience for those who don't want to have to remember to bring cash each week.)

Questions about Playgroups?

Contact

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For more information about other programs for

children, contact Vicki Hall, 212.774-4232

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This flyer contains the program descriptions and a registration form for the Children's and Family Ministries area at St. James' Church. We are excited about our offerings and hope that your family is able to participate in several of them. For your convenience, there is a glossary to help explain our program. We ask that you fill out the enclosed registration form, listing each child and checking off the program or programs for which you wish them to be registered. Feel free to photocopy the form if additional space is needed, pick up an extra copy at St. James', or register online at www.stjames.org. We look forward to meeting those of you who are newcomers and to seeing each of you this year. It's going to be an exciting year! Questions? Please let me know!

Dear Parent,

2010-2011



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