



St. James' Church

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Throughout his earthly ministry, Jesus Christ called his disciples to lives of service, compassion and justice. As Christian disciples in the early 21st century, we too are called to serve others, especially those in need and the poor, and to work for greater justice in our world. St. James' mission programs provide numerous opportunities to answer Christ's call to service and social concern, individually and communally, in our neighborhood, our city and the world. We hope that you will answer Christ's call by participating in St. James' mission ministry.

Community Outreach

Homeless Shelter: In partnership with Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, St. James' volunteers staff a shelter for twelve homeless men every weeknight of the year. Contact Nina Maldari.

Tuesday Lunch Program: Each Tuesday volunteers prepare and serve a sit-down lunch to approximately eighty of our homeless and hungry Upper East Side neighbors. Contact Nina Maldari.

Friday Dinner Program: Each Friday evening from September through June, and each Tuesday evening in July and August, volunteers prepare and serve a three-course sit-down dinner to eighty of our low-income neighbors, including seniors. Contact Nina Maldari.

Toiletries Project: Throughout the year, St. James' collects sample size toiletries which are combined into

toiletry kits for our Tuesday Lunch and Friday Dinner Program guests. Contact Nina Maldari.

Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter Clothing Drives: In the late 1970s, St. James' was instrumental in establishing the Neighborhood Coalition for Shelter (NCS) to help homeless people in the community rebuild their lives. St. James' continues our sponsorship of NCS by providing volunteers and financial support. Contact Nina Maldari.

Alcoholics Anonymous: St. James' provides space to fellowship groups of A.A. on Sunday, Monday and Thursday evenings.

Habitat for Humanity: Several times a year, St. James' volunteers participate in Habitat building projects. Contact Nina Maldari.

Housing Advocacy: In cooperation with other faith-based organizations,

Fall Events Calendar

Wednesday, September 19
St. James'/Osborne Partners for Children Fall Kick-off Event

Wednesday, November 7
Presentation on Summer Mission Trips to Malawi

St. James' advocates for more equitable governmental housing policies on the city, state and federal level. Contact Nina Maldari.

St. Ann's Church in the Bronx: Once or twice a year we gather with the St. Ann's community to work on a service project, worship and share a meal. Contact Nina Maldari.

Women's Association Christmas Stocking Stuffing: This group distributes approximately 1,500 stockings each Christmas to organizations caring for sick and needy children. Contact Grace Beacham.

Share the Joy: In cooperation with T.O.P.S. FOR YOU, INC., a resource center in Bushwick, Brooklyn, each year members of St. James' donate wrapped Christmas gifts for parents to give their children. Contact Grace Beacham.

Global Mission

Partners in Mission-Africa: St. James' has a partnership with the Anglican Diocese of Southern Malawi. As part of our partnership, 25 members of St. James' traveled to Malawi in 2007 to help build two clergy houses. Future trips are planned. St. James' also sponsors a priest from Malawi each fall to work at St. James' and study at General Theological Seminary. Contact Nina Maldari.

Partners in Mission-Haiti: St. James' has a partnership with two Episcopal parishes on the south coast of Haiti. In February 2007, twelve parishioners traveled to work with these partners on various projects. Future trips are planned. Contact Nina Maldari.

Immediate Disaster Relief: St. James' raises funds within the congregation in response to natural disasters such as the tsunamis, hurricanes and earthquakes to assist Episcopal Relief and Development in its disaster recovery efforts. Contact Nina Maldari.

Prison Ministry

St. James'/Osborne Partners for Children: In partnership with the Osborne Association, St. James' works with children who have a parent in prison. Members of St. James' serve as mentors to children while others accompany children on prison visits and social outings. In addition, a full range of services is provided to each child in the program to ensure that he or she obtains necessary educational, social and financial support. Contact Stephanie Loomis.

Prison Ministry Advocacy: This ministry seeks to raise community awareness on issues related to the criminal justice system. Its most recent activities focused on ending the use of capital punishment in the U.S. Contact Nina Maldari.

Grants

Grants Committee: Each year the Grants Committee awards a total of \$185,000 to non-profit agencies in New York City which have annual operating budgets of less than \$500,000 a year. The agencies are carefully selected by the Committee each year based on RFPs and site visits. Contact Pam Stebbins.

New Ventures: The New Ventures Committee awards a total of \$300,000 a year to various beneficiaries. The Committee awards \$225,000 to non-profit agencies in New York City which focus on adult literacy and \$75,000 for schools in Africa which are related to the Anglican Church. Contact Pam Stebbins.

St. James' Community Festival: Five events, the Community Festival Benefit Evening, the Easter Boutique, two Second Time Around sales, and the Christmas Boutique, raise money for non-profit beneficiaries who provide social services throughout the New York area. In recent years some of the money raised at these events has been given to the Grants Committee for distribution to its non-profit beneficiaries. Contact Grace Beacham.

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