



St. James' Church

P ARISH LIFE



Fall 2007

The Parish Life Committee invites all interested parishioners to help out at any of the following events. Everyone is welcome, especially new parishioners, or parishioners who may not have been involved recently. So, if we don't manage to call you, please call us! We believe that at least half of the fun of these occasions comes from parishioners rolling up their sleeves and working together. Remember that enthusiasm is valued as much as skill, e.g. "food preparation" involves anyone from salad washers to gourmet chefs!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Homecoming

Homecoming is an intergenerational parish picnic held outside the church on 71st Street immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service. Meet new people and catch up with friends at the end of the summer. Lunch is served, and there are fun crafts and activities for children: a petting zoo, a visit from our local firefighters with their truck, and Polaroid photo button pins and keychains.

TUESDAYS, begins September 11

St. James' By Design

This intergenerational group meets weekly to create arts and crafts projects, help with church mailings, and prepare for the Christmas, Easter and Spring Boutiques. Members also sort and price donations given for The Second Time Around sale on November 17. Meet other parishioners in a friendly and informal setting. Lunch and light refreshments are served. Newcomers are always welcome!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

All Tucked In

This fall's luncheon features Genevieve Piturro, founder of The Pajama Program, a charity that collects pajamas and books for distribution to needy children around the world. With an introduction by Pamela Bimson Reade.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

Halloween & All Saints' Party

Join us for a spooky good time at the Children's Halloween & All Saints' Party. Costumes, witches, ghosts, food, crafts and fun activities. Have a Polaroid photo taken in your costume! Bring your friends!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

The Second Time Around

A sale of gently-used donations including jewelry, accessories, clothes, bric-a-brac and toys, to raise money for the Community Festival beneficiaries. Donations gratefully received until Thursday, November 15. Many opportunities to volunteer.

The St. James' Community Festival

Each year the Festival in May and its related events raise substantial funds for community outreach while providing fellowship for parishioners and our neighbors. This year five events will contribute funding for Community Festival beneficiaries:

November 16

The Second Time Around Sale

December 2

Christmas Boutique

March 2

Easter Boutique

May 7

Community Festival Benefit Gala

May 30

The Second Time Around Sale

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Advent Wreath Making Workshop

A festive occasion for all ages. Create your own Advent wreath with our supply of beautiful fresh greens and berries and candles on a straw wreath. Supper is served, and seasonal music sets the mood. (young children need supervision)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Christmas Boutique

A sale of handmade items created all fall by St. James' By Design along with Christmas gifts, wrapping paper, and a selection of other holiday items, as well as vendors selling exciting and unique gifts for your friends and family. An annual event that raises money for our Community Festival beneficiaries.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Women's Association Christmas Stocking Stuffing

A beneficiary of the Community Festival, this group distributes approximately 1,500 stockings each Christmas to organizations caring for sick and needy children. For more information, contact Bettina Nelson at 212.628-0823.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Gingerbread House Workshop

A magical morning spent decorating your own Gingerbread House. Ingredients are provided, you bring the ideas.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Share The Joy (delivery day)

Organized in cooperation with T.O.P.S. FOR YOU, Inc., a community-based resource center in Bushwick, the Share The Joy program enables parishioners to give new, wrapped Christmas gifts, large or small, to needy families, or to make donations to the Fund established for people in temporary need of financial help.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Cookie Exchange

As you drop off your Share the Joy gifts, be sure to participate in our cookie exchange. Bring two dozen of your favorite home-baked cookies with recipies and take home two dozen assorted cookies and recipies.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

Greening of the Church

Organized with the Altar Guild and suitable for all ages, the old English custom of "The Greening" begins with dinner hosted by the Parish Life Committee in Coburn Hall. We then make our way upstairs to prepare the church for Christmastide with greens, candles, flowers and setting out the nativity scene. (Young children need supervision.)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

Winter Parish Dinner and Art Show

Holy Eucharist 6:00 p.m.,
Reception and Art Show 7:00 p.m.
Dinner 7:30 p.m.
Please join us as we gather for the annual Winter Parish Dinner, this year combined with an all-parish art show.

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