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That glistering cross, once a symbol of a terrible torture, now clear and beautiful, points to the greater power of love.

The St. James' Epistle

December 2010

Pretty Pictures

In a few days you will receive St. James' Christmas card. It's lovely. It always is. It also contains helpful schedule information about Advent and Christmas services and the events unique to this time of year, which is why we send it sooner rather than later. But when I first saw it, what struck me is that although it calls up images and memories of St. James' at Christmastime, it actually presents the whole of the Christian faith in a single picture. No small feat. So, while I hope you will enjoy it when it arrives, putting it someplace where you can see and admire it (and check it for those service times!), I thought you might be interested in all that's going on in that seemingly straightforward photograph. It won't detract from its beauty, but it may help bring the season's message more sharply into focus.

It is a picture taken of the high altar. The altar itself is covered in pine boughs, as you might expect, given the season. But these are used at Christmas precisely because they remain green in every season (evergreens) and so came to be seen as fitting emblems of the everlasting promises of God fulfilled in Jesus Christ. (That, by the by, is also why wreaths—circles with neither beginning nor end—are used at Christmas; they do a fine job symbolizing eternity.) Yet even as we find ourselves visually caught by some of the classic Christmas decorations, we may notice the scene on the reredos, that amazing carved and gilded screen that rises up behind the altar. It is a carved portrait of the Last Supper, with Jesus standing and blessing his disciples at the end of the meal. How do we know it's the end? There are only eleven disciples present. There is a seat with a

cloak draped over it, and we are meant to understand that Judas has left this last meal in haste, setting off to do the work of betrayal. Crucifixion has drawn near.

One approach would be to pile the greens a little higher and mass a few more poinsettias to obscure that image. Yet we do not. Instead set right in the center of the Christmas decorations is the altar cross, one that we use primarily for festival services. It is unusual, and unique to St. James' Church. The base is a wooden miniature of St. James' Church itself, easily recognizable with its distinctive steeple. Yet that replica can only be seen up close; it is dwarfed by the cross that rises from it, a cross itself that is quite unusual. Made of crystal, it not only refracts light, making it shine more than any metal, but also allows us, when we are at the altar rail, to see through it to that Last Supper scene. It is "Chou's Cross," having been commissioned and given by Ken Straus, a lifelong parishioner, now deceased, in memory of his wife Elizabeth (known to everyone as Chou). Ken remarried and his widow, Brenda Straus, is always glad when we use the cross, remembering Ken as well as Chou by its presence.

In that simple picture on the front of a Christmas card, everything that is central to our lives and faith appears. The greens gathered there recall us to the Christmas story, surely reminding us of our own Christmases past, but also bringing to mind that first Christmas and the baby born into this world. The cross, given in memory of a beloved wife, speaks first to the sorrow that death brings in its wake. But Ken, who had the vision for that cross and imagined it while still grieving, trusted that his Chou was again alive and well through Jesus' victory over death. He wanted that cross brilliant and clear. The Last Supper, visible through it, points as well to

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A Campaign for St. James' Future

St. James' Launches \$12.5 Million Capital Campaign

For the past year we have looked back with pride and joy on the exceptional history of our parish—two centuries of leadership in building our ministries to serve each other, our city, and the world.

In keeping with our heritage and our responsibilities to future generations at St. James', early this year the Vestry began to consider how best to secure the financial resources we need to support those ministries and to maintain St. James' renowned standard of excellence in all that we do. Their conclusion was that a capital campaign might be an effective way to achieve that necessary support. During September and October 2010 nearly 200 parishioners attended twelve small group meetings held to report on the church's needs and goals, to create a case for support, to suggest a capital campaign, and to elicit parishioner views. The support was indeed there, as reflected in parishioners' comments at the meetings and especially on the questionnaires they completed before leaving. Accordingly, at its meeting on October 20, the Vestry voted to launch a capital campaign to raise \$12.5 million to be used in two ways:

- \$9.5 million would be added to our investment portfolio to restore it to its pre-recession earning potential, providing current income we need for our many diverse ministries;
- \$3 million would be used to pay off the loan on our Bicentennial Organ.

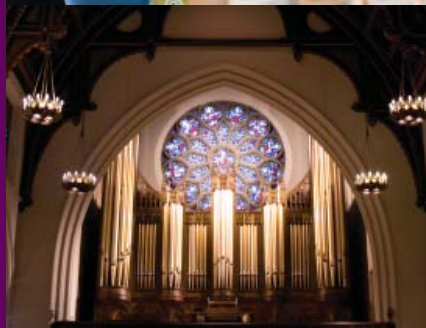
Those attending the small group meetings were pleased to learn that our financial stewardship has doubled since 1999 and agreed that we must not lose the momentum we have gained in the last decade. In fact, achieving the financial

support to maintain our programs and ministries assumes and depends on continued growth in parishioner giving, not just reaching a capital campaign goal. So, with festivities and fanfare, we are coming to the end of our celebration of St. James' founding 200 years ago, and we are looking forward to creating a vibrant legacy that others can celebrate 100 years from now. We will kick off the capital campaign along with our annual stewardship campaign with a festive celebration in January.

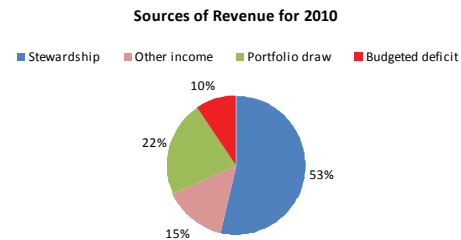
The Case for Support: Restoring our Investment Portfolio

For many years, St. James' annual operating revenue has included money taken from its investment portfolio. That money (the draw) is determined by calculating 5% of the average value of the portfolio over the past eight quarters. Over the last several decades it has been necessary to draw more than that 5% each year in order to pay our bills. In other words, we have been running deficits every year. In 2004/2005 the Vestry adopted several goals, one of which was to eliminate those budgeted deficits by 2010. A concerted effort to cut costs and develop new revenue sources while increasing parishioner giving allowed us to make significant progress, reducing the deficit by \$250,000 in each of three consecutive years, and we were on target for a zero deficit by 2010. This would have been an historic achievement and a wonderful capstone to our Bicentennial celebration. However, the recession of 2008 brought our progress to a halt. Our portfolio was devalued by over \$10 million, from around \$25 million to less than \$15 million. Equally devastating was the damage inflicted on our generous stewards—our members. Many became unemployed or under-employed, and significant growth of revenue through stewardship became impossible.

Now, as 2010 is coming to a close, our portfolio is recovering well, having in fact exceeded market benchmarks, due in large part to the dedicated work of our investment committee. However, it is still worth several million dollars less than its pre-recession high. Also, because the 5% spending rule looks back eight quarters, we are in the midst of the lowest draws in recent history, and 2011 will be lower still, so our deficits are increasing. Parishioner giving has also recovered somewhat, most notably during 2009 as members responded to the financial crisis by giving even more sacrificially to St. James' Church. Thank you.



Here is a snapshot of our current operating revenue:



Stewardship	\$2,300,000
Other income (space rental, etc.)	\$632,000
Portfolio draw (5% rule)	\$942,000
Budgeted deficit (any draw beyond 5%)	\$410,000
Total	\$4,284,000

Expenses: Over the past decade we have aggressively and successfully controlled our costs, maintaining a flat budget, which in real terms means a reduced budget. When inflation is factored in, our cost containment has been truly impressive. We have cut operating expenses in every way imaginable, but we have also had to cut programs and staff. We now have the lowest level of clergy staffing in forty years.

Getting back to equilibrium: With a successful capital campaign, we would not need to draw more from our portfolio than the prudent 5% amount. By adding \$9.5 million to our investment portfolio, the resulting 5% draw would be large enough to eliminate the deficit. Any growth in revenue for programs and staff, however, would still depend primarily on increased parishioner giving. Only with continued growth in annual stewardship will we be able to change our mind set from "What else can we cut?" to "What is God calling us to do?"

The Case for Support: The Bicentennial Organ

We have just dedicated our new Bicentennial Organ, a magnificent addition to our worship now and a gift for many generations to come. How did this all come about?

During the renovation of the church ("The Master Plan") our organ was severely damaged by our contractor's failure to implement the protection plan detailed in their contract. The damage was first discovered late in 2001 and the Music Committee began working on a solution immediately. Between August 2002 and August 2003 they obtained estimates from five different organ companies to repair/refurbish the organ. The bids were between \$1 and \$1.6 million, and no one would offer a guarantee. In 2004 the com-

mittee presented the Vestry with a proposal to approve up to \$4 million to replace the organ. According to the minutes of the regular meeting of the Wardens and Vestry of St. James' Church held on Tuesday, December 21, 2004, "The Music Committee's proposal was presented... and the Vestry approved the [Bicentennial Organ] project." The budget proposed that evening was:

The chancel and gallery organs	\$2,400,000
Casework (design, fabrication and installation)	850,000
Building preparation (lighting, electrical, etc.)	650,000
Publicity, inaugural concert series, endowment, etc.	100,000
Total	\$4,000,000

Funding for the organ: In a move uncharacteristic for St. James', the Vestry ordered the organ before designated funds were in hand. We were in the midst of a legal battle with the insurance companies and contractors over settlement for the damaged organ. Because of this litigation, our attorneys advised us not to raise funds or to discuss the case. To do either could jeopardize the size of the insurance settlement.

Music has long been central to our life at St. James', and an organ central to that music. Therefore, the Vestry was confident that the parish would want the caliber of instrument we now have, and they placed the order on that basis.

So we now enter the fund-raising stage. The total cost of the organ came to \$4 million. \$1 million has been received from generous donors and a disappointing insurance settlement. The \$3 million balance is on loan at a very low interest rate (currently less than 1%) and will come due in 2012. Of the funds raised in the capital campaign, \$3 million would be allocated to paying off this loan. With the loan paid, the parish would once again be debt free.

The Case for Support: Our Legacy

We have celebrated 200 years of ministry. Looking back reminded us of the faith, generosity and grace with which St. James' met its challenges in generations past. We launch this campaign confident that those same gifts will lead us to meet this new challenge, so that future parishioners will be able to celebrate our legacy.

Please feel free to contact any member of the Vestry if you would like to discuss the Campaign. By email, the Vestry may be reached at vestry@stjames.org.

—Diane Lansing and Sam Hutcheson
For All the Saints Steering Committee

Steering Committee

The Vestry is pleased to announce the members of the steering committee for St. James' joint campaign, For All the Saints. This campaign will combine our 2011 stewardship drive and our \$12.5 million capital campaign. The Rector and the Vestry gratefully acknowledge all those who have agreed to lead this important effort.

Co-Chairs: Paul and Peggy Bitler, Missy Condo, Phoebe Stanton

Committee Members: Anne Anthony, Wolcott B. Dunham, Jr., Holcombe Green, Rachele Grieco, Sam Hutcheson, Diane Lansing, Waddell and Kristina Stillman, John and Donna Trammell, Campbell Wharton

Staff Liaison: John Scibilia

Ex officio: Brenda G. Husson, Rector; Mary B. Malhotra, Senior Warden; William P. H. Hoar, Junior Warden



Advent and Christmas Service Schedule

Sundays of Advent

November 28, December 5, 12
8:00, 9:10, 11:15 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 12, 4:00 p.m.

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 19
8:00, 10:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24
3:00 p.m. Children's Service and Eucharist
4:30 p.m. Christmas Music
5:00 p.m. Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols
10:00 p.m. Christmas Music
10:30 p.m. Festive Service of Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25
10:30 a.m. Festive Service of Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday After

Christmas
Sunday, December 26
8:00, 10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist

Pastoral Eucharist

Friday, December 31
11:30 a.m. Eucharist and Luncheon

The Feast of the Holy Name

Saturday, January 1
12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday After

Christmas
Sunday, January 2
8:00, 10:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.
Holy Eucharist

The Feast of the Epiphany

Thursday, January 6
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II with Procession of the Kings

2011 Vestry Elections

Annual Meeting May 15, 2010

At its May meeting, the parish will elect a Warden for a two-year term and four of the twelve Vestry members for three-year terms. Parish members will have the opportunity to vote throughout the week prior to the meeting and on the morning of May 15 before the meeting.

Each year a Nominating Committee is formed to choose and present a slate for our Vestry election. The Nominating Committee consists of a chair and eight members, including a mix from the congregation at large and from the current vestry. The Rector serves on the Nominating Committee *ex officio*. Members are appointed for two-year terms and may serve two consecutive terms. This year's committee is chaired by Anne Anthony and is now being formed.

In 2011, William P. H. Hoar will have completed his second two-year term as Warden and is eligible for re-election. Sam Hutcheson, Madeline Schroth and Charles McGill will complete their Vestry service, having served two full terms. Patricia Ranson, who has completed one three-year term, is eligible for re-election.

The Vestry has directed the Nominating Committee to nominate one person as Warden and to prepare a slate of candidates for Vestry. Please consider prayerfully those members of the parish who would further the witness of St. James' and our ministries through Vestry leadership. The by-laws require that all nominees for Vestry member be baptized persons at least 18 years of age, in regular Sunday attendance, and have contributed to the support of the church for at least 12 months prior to the Annual Meeting. In addition, a Warden must be a communicant member with current or previous Vestry service. Please take a look at the more detailed list of the expectations and responsibilities for Vestry service (at right).

The Nominating Committee will meet weekly beginning in January and will present a slate of nominees to the Vestry at its February meeting. In order to facilitate communication with the Nominating Committee, photographs of its members will be posted in the Parish House. The Committee will accept suggestions until January 31, 2011. Please contact any one of the Committee members in order to share your suggestions or leave written thoughts in an envelope marked Nominating Committee and placed in the Rector's mailbox at the reception desk.

Expectations and Responsibilities of a Vestry Member

Congregational Participant

- Participate regularly in Sunday Worship
- Attend forums, special events and programs of the church in order to come to know the wider parish community
- Demonstrate leadership in stewardship
- Active involvement in committees and programs of the church
- Pledge to St. James' with tithing as a goal

Parish Leader and Representative

- Support and encourage the ministry of the Rector
- Support and encourage the staff in carrying out the mission of the church
- Communicate responsibly with the congregation, the Vestry, the Rector, the staff and the community

Responsible and Active Member of the Vestry

- Attend all Vestry Meetings (normally ten each year)
- Reach out to parishioners through stewardship calling
- Participate in Vestry subgroups as required by the current work of the Vestry
- Take part in budget development and review
- Attend the annual Diocesan Convention at least once every three years
- Participate in bi-annual mutual ministry review with the Rector and the rest of the Vestry
- Attend annual Vestry retreat
- Attend scheduled Leadership Retreats each year
- Serve as a Vestry Liaison to one or two standing committees or guilds
- Attend committee meetings and events
- Participate in planning with chair and staff liaison as necessary
- Act as Vestry Greeter before Sunday services at least once each month
- Count the Sunday collection regularly



A Month of Celebrations

St. James' parishioners of all ages and with a variety of ministry interests look to December as one of the highlights of the church year. Here is a look at the month's activities day by day. For "register online" information, see the online calendar at www.stjames.org.

Advent Wreath Making Workshop

Thursday, December 2, 3:30-7:00 p.m.

Our first festive event of the Advent season is a creative evening for all ages. We supply all the makings for your wreath, including beautifully fresh greens, a straw frame, berries and an Advent candle set. Small children need supervision at this event. Seasonal music sets the mood. Pre-paid wreath reservations are \$25, and reservations are appreciated. Dinner is an additional \$5 per person. *Register online.*

City-Wide 20s/30s Christmas Party

Thursday, December 2, 6:30 p.m.

Trinity Wall Street will host the annual Christmas party for young adults from Episcopal churches around the city. Friends and newcomers are welcome! RSVP to Kate Salisbury at 212.774-4239 or ksalisbury@stjames.org.

Christmas Boutique

Sunday, December 5, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

A longtime tradition and Community Festival fundraiser, the Christmas Boutique is a fun day of Christmas shopping for the parish and guests. Drop by and visit one of our many unique vendors selling jewelry, toys, cashmere wraps, holiday gifts, children's clothing and much more! Bring your Christmas list and don't forget to tell your neighbors and friends to stop by.

Sea Turtle Talk

Tuesday, December 7, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Children in kindergarten and older are invited to St. James' to hear Sea Turtle Conservancy (STC) Executive Director David Godfrey's presentation on sea turtles. STC is the world's oldest sea turtle research and conservation group. These ancient creatures are among the most important indicators of the health of the world's marine and coastal ecosystems. The cost of the session is \$10/child. Following the talk and slide show, there will be an opportunity to sponsor a satellite-tracked sea turtle, which can be followed online, for \$25.00. More information on the work of the STC may be found at

www.conserveturtles.org. For more information on the St. James' event contact Laura Forte at ljforte@gmail.com.

Family Friday Movie Night

December 10, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Pizza, popcorn, and a movie with friends! Let's get ready for Christmas with a great movie, *Elf*. \$5 per person with a maximum of \$15 per family. For more information contact Peggy Bitler at peggybitler@aol.com.

Gingerbread House Workshop

Saturday, December 11

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

A magical morning spent decorating your own gingerbread house. An incredible assortment of candy is provided; you bring the ideas. Each house is \$35; \$5 additional for pizza and a drink. Paid reservations in advance are required. *Register online.*

Share the Joy . . . with a child

Saturday, December 11

This year St. James' annual Share the Joy gift drive will be donated to the children from the Osborne Association. Imagine having a parent you can't see regularly, can't talk to, who can't help you with school work or discuss important decisions in your life. That is the reality for more than two percent of our nation's children. A total of 1.2 million children have a parent in prison. These children suffer grief and loneliness as a result of their parent's incarceration. In 2006, St. James' Church embarked on Partners in Mission-Children, a ministry to transform the lives of children of incarcerated parents. St. James' volunteers tutor the children, provide SAT preparation, accompany them on visits to see their parents in prison, and join them for monthly field trips and activities (*at right*). St. James' volunteers have been touched by the children's resilience, courage, and joy, and have been transformed themselves.

There are three Share the Joy Christmas Trees with ornaments suggesting gifts placed around the church. Please take several ornaments, purchase the gifts and return them *unwrapped* to the church on Saturday, December 11 by 11:00 a.m. (or on an earlier day). You will help transform a life and help a child have a wonderful Christmas Day.



Winter events with Partners in Mission – Children

Saturday, December 11: Gingerbread House decorating

Tuesday, December 28: Trip to Sing Sing Correctional Facility

Saturday, January 8: Ice skating at Chelsea Piers

Saturday, February 12: Bowling at Chelsea Piers

Tuesday, February 22: Trip to Sing Sing Correctional Facility

Wednesday, February 23: Trip to Sullivan Correctional Facility

To join Partners in Mission-Children events and trips, RSVP to Elizabeth Calvert at calvert.elizabeth@gmail.com or 212.832-8624. For prison visits, space is limited and RSVPs are needed at least six weeks in advance.

Adult Education Forum

Sunday, December 12, 10:30 a.m.

The Death Penalty and the Innocence Project, Madeline deLone, Executive Director

The Innocence Project was founded in 1992 by Barry C. Scheck and Peter J. Neufeld at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University to assist prisoners who could be proven innocent through DNA testing. To date, 261 people in the United States have been exonerated by DNA testing, including seventeen who served time on death row. Executive Director Madeline deLone and exoneree Alan Newton will speak on this organization's work.



The Choir of St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 12, 4:00 p.m.

Bring your friends and family for a wonderful Sunday afternoon experiencing the journey of Joseph and Mary and the birth of the baby Jesus in a unique retelling by our children ages 4 and up. All welcome.

All-Parish Caroling

Tuesday, December 14, 5:30 p.m.

Join the Boys' & Girls' Choir, Canterbury Choir, and parishoners to sing Christmas Carols on the steps of the Church. Hot chocolate, cider, and cookies follow. All are welcome to come and "make a joyful noise"!

Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Thursday, December 16, 6:00 p.m.

The Choir of St. Paul's School, Concord, New Hampshire, Colin Lynch, director, sings music of Victoria, Biebl, Rütli, Cooman, Desmours, and others. Free admission; all welcome.

Pastoral Eucharist and Festive Luncheon

Friday, December 31, 11:30 a.m.

This lovely seated Eucharist is especially designed for those who have mobility problems or who have difficulty attending regularly scheduled services on Christmas Eve. The luncheon which follows is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and visit with the clergy. For more information, contact the Rev. Will Peyton at 212.774-4255 or wpeyton@stjames.org.

Pretty Pictures

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both the power of death and the greater power of God. With Judas' cloak clearly in the foreground we see the depth of human sin and our capacity for evil, the very reason that death entered into the world. Yet Jesus standing there, even on the brink of crucifixion, reminds us that Jesus entered into the world to stand in for us, willing to enter completely into human life, even when doing so meant entering fully into the horror of human death. Born into this world as we all are, living in this world as we all do and dying as each of us must, Jesus' resurrection is the promise that his new life foretells our own. That glistening cross, once a symbol of a terrible torture, now clear and beautiful, points to the greater power of love, a love that speaks to moments of personal sorrow but is powerful enough to address the grief and sorrows of the whole world.

When that card arrives, we hope you'll think it's lovely. It is, for it points us to the limitless love of God.

—The Rev. Brenda G. Husson, Rector



Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Schedule

Saturday, December 4

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Costume and music pick-up for all non-speaking parts

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Part and scene rehearsal for speaking parts and group leaders / costume pick-up

Saturday, December 11

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Music and movement rehearsal for all non-speaking parts

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon:

Part and scene rehearsal for speaking parts and group leaders

Sunday, December 12

2:00 p.m.

Speaking parts run-through

2:30 p.m.

Full cast final walk-through

4:00 p.m.

Pageant performance

Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans

Presidents' Day Weekend, February 18-21

Youth in grades 8-12 will travel to New Orleans over Presidents' Day weekend to assist with the ongoing rebuilding efforts through the Diocese of Louisiana. This will be St. James' fifth trip to New Orleans since Hurricane Katrina. The registration deadline is December 31. Contact Kate Salisbury at ksalisbury@stjames.org or 212.774-4239.



Clergy Discretionary Fund

In the holy season of Christmas we celebrate the truth that God chose to enter fully into human life, bringing light into darkness through the gift of Jesus. The Clergy Discretionary Fund is a powerful way to share the hope of this season. The Fund helps individuals through short-term crises, often providing a bridge back to a more secure future. It carries no administrative cost; your entire gift goes to those who need our help. Those receiving help are screened by St. James' clergy and the clergy alone make decisions about funding; confidentiality honors the dignity of those who receive assistance.

The ministry of the Clergy Discretionary Fund continues throughout the entire year, but is particularly dependent upon Christmas gifts to ensure that its work may go forward. Please be generous and help us spread the good news of this season. You may make a gift online at www.stjames.org/CDF.html. Or mark your gift for the CDF and mail it to the church or place it in the offering basin during Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Thank you!

—The Rev. Brenda G. Husson, Rector

Christmas Shopping Online?

St. James' is an Amazon Associate. If you order from amazon.com, first go to www.stjames.org and click on the Amazon button at the bottom of the homepage. This will bring you to the familiar Amazon page where you can log in to your account. Amazon knows you've reached their site from the St. James' homepage and will make a 4-6% contribution on the purchases you make.

Food Donations for Yorkville Common Pantry

On the first Sunday of every month, children and adults are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to the altar when at communion. Donations go to the Yorkville Common Pantry, New York City's largest privately run food pantry. At other times, donations may be left in the baskets near the Parish House reception desk or in the Narthex.

Donate in December: stuffing mix, canned cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, cake or brownie mix, instant mashed potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, canned gravy.

Year-End Financial Information

You can access your 2010 commitment and contribution records anytime through the parishioner login at www.stjames.org. For assistance with using the online system, or to have a copy of your year-to-date giving record sent to you, contact Stewardship/Membership Coordinator Jessica Oliveri at 212.774-4243 or joliveri@stjames.org. If you want to receive credit from the Internal Revenue Service for any gifts made to St. James' in the 2010 tax year, all contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2010. If you are planning to make a gift of securities, it must be received by December 31. If you are planning on giving a year-end gift by credit card, debit card, or ACH, please try to make your gift by Friday, December 24th.

Many more employers match donations to religious institutions than before, so please check with yours to see if a match is possible. Thank you for your support of St. James'.

Parish Register

October 2010

Baptisms

Matthew Alexander Harwood, son of Courtney and Rammy Harwood

Jacqueline Marie Malik, daughter of Paige and Evan Malik

Christopher Martin Nelson, son of Martha Nelson and Kristine Petersen

Bowen Arthur Oberle, son of Jane and Christian Oberle

Jaden Marcus Schloss, son of Camille and Jamiel Schloss

Donald John Trump III, son of Vanessa and Donald J. Trump, Jr.

Weddings

Peter John Malafronte and Christi Ellen Fallon

Martin Herbert Skoble and Gabrielle Heath Howard

Burials

Cynthia Chisholm Saint-Amand

Judith D. Peabody



A letter and photo were received recently from L'Institution Primaire de Carrefour-Feuilles in Port-au-Prince, Haiti recently, expressing "warm greetings and grateful thanks" for the St. James' Toddler/Primary Chapel offering for 2009-2010, which helped the school purchase some new benches and teaching materials.



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December Calendar

Advent and Christmas Service
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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00, 9:10, 11:15 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.

Weekday Worship Schedule

Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m.

followed by Bible study

*More information may be found on the
pages in parentheses*

- 2 THU Wreath Making Workshop (5)
20s/30s Christmas Party (5)
- 4 SAT Christmas Pageant rehearsal (6)
- 5 SUN First Sunday Food Drive (7)
Fair Trade Coffee Sale (8)
Christmas Boutique (5)
Youth Bake Sale (at Boutique)
- 7 TUE Sea Turtle Talk (5)
- 10 FRI Youth Host Friday Night
Dinner Program
Family Movie Night (5)
- 11 SAT Share the Joy Delivery Day (5)
Gingerbread House Workshop (5)
Christmas Pageant rehearsal (6)
- 12 SUN Youth Brunch
Christmas Pageant (6)
- 14 TUE All-Parish Caroling (6)
- 16 THU Lessons & Carols for Christmas (6)
- 19 SUN 20s & 30s Brunch
- 31 SAT Pastoral Eucharist and Luncheon (6)
Malawi Mission Trip Deadline

and Save the Date for

- 6 JAN The Feast of the Epiphany
- 18-21 FEB Youth Mission Trip
- 15 MAY Parish Annual Meeting (4)
- 14-26 JUN Malawi Mission Trip

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St. James' Church is a community that actively shares the love of Jesus Christ with each other, our city and the world.

Brewing Up Social Justice

and a Good Cup of Coffee: Fair Trade at St. James'

Beginning last January, every time you've enjoyed a delicious cup of coffee at St. James', you've been enjoying Fair Trade coffee. Not only is the coffee in your cup organic, but it is helping low-income farmers and their families in Haiti, Central and South America.

The Mission Committee buys Haitian Mountain Bleu coffee from the non-profit Singing Rooster. The company's philosophy is to support the existing coffee industry in Haiti—100% of the proceeds are returned to Haiti—while encouraging sustainable coffee growing practices.

St. James' also buys coffee, chocolate, tea and hot cocoa from Equal Exchange, a concern that works with small farmers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the United States and, like Singing Rooster, is committed to supporting sustainable farming practices. Equal Exchange also helps the small farming co-ops by facilitating access



to credit and guaranteeing a minimum price for the products that the farmers sell.

By selling Fair Trade coffee, the Mission Committee hopes to encourage awareness about the importance of buying Fair Trade products. In addition, the sales raise money to allow St. James' to continue to serve Fair Trade coffee on Sundays, at the meal programs, and at all church meetings.

Please help St. James' remain a Fair Trade Coffee church by purchasing your coffee, tea, chocolate and hot cocoa from the Mission Committee. The products will be available at the Christmas Boutique and on the first Sunday of every month. Know that by doing so, you are working for social justice throughout the world!

—Dolly Bross Geary