

THE NEVIL MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

-EPISCOPAL-
ARDMORE, PA



The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 12, 2025
8:00 a.m., Rite I

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Coming together from our week in the world, we ready ourselves to thank God for the baptism of Jesus.

Note: † Where this mark is seen, it is traditional to make the sign of the cross.

Please stand at the entrance of the ministers.

Celebrant † Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity *in unison*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Summary of the Law

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Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in excelsis *in unison*

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved

Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lord speaks to us in scripture and preaching about the revelation of his Son Jesus in his baptism.

First Lesson

Isaiah 43:1-7

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 *in unison*

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *

the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *

and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord *

all are crying, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Second Lesson

Acts 8:14-17

Reader A reading from the Act of the Apostles.

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

Suzanne Clune
Candidate for Holy Orders, Diocese of Pennsylvania

The Nicene Creed

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All stand and together say

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the † life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel.

As we celebrate the baptism of Christ, let us offer prayers to God who washes us in the blood of the Lamb.

For the conversion of the nations to our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Daniel, our bishop; for all bishops, priests, and deacons; and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all believers who put their trust in the incarnate Son of God; and especially for those in our Anglican cycle of prayer: the Church of the Province of West Africa; the churches in our diocesan cycle of prayer: St. James, Collegetown; St. Jude and the Nativity; St. Paul's, Oaks; St. Peter's, Phoenixville; Trinity, Gulph Mills; and in our companion diocese of Guatemala: San Matias, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our parish community of St. George's; for Joel, our priest; for the members of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament and the Guild of Saint Sebastian; for all of the children and youth of this parish; and for those in our parish cycle of prayer: Sue Kim, and George and Deb Newnham; that God will guide us with his wisdom, protect us with his strength, and provide for us from his bounty, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation: Aurelia Strickland, Liam Freberg, Grady Wickersham, Everett Patterson, Jordan Patterson, Trent Coonradt, Kara Cherwinski, and Xander Fingerut, and their families, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, and with special intention for the Grimsley family, Melinda, Bernadette Gaudio, Robert Gaudio, Megan Shields, Steve, Kennedy, Anne, David Bullock, Sharlene Levin, Debra Weiss, Hugh Walsh, Valerie Smith, Marie Weder, Vic Velez, Stephanie, Chris Coleman, the Pili family, Caroline Welty, Sue and Rich Kratzinger, Matthew Hetznecker, the Blatstein family, Gina Barson, Theresa, Jessica Jones, Richard Pound, Joe, Meg, Dan Little, Lyla Rose Dwyer, Pat Carrafa, Carrie, Karen Slossburg, Philippa Painter Pay, Alison, Howard, Jamie, Cynthia Pound, Mark Alston, and Elise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their birthdays, especially Lou Carol Fix, Sally Hale, Julie Ricci, Gina Brocklesby, Liz Havens, and Deb Newnham, that they may grow in grace as they grow in years, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those celebrating their anniversaries, that God may reveal himself to them more and more through each other in the sacrament of holy matrimony, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who † rest in Christ, for Henry Lyons, Jen Grimsley, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Joining our voices with the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, St. George our patron, and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ, as we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession of Sin *in unison*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand following the † absolution.

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Community Announcements and Welcome of Visitors

THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

Our risen Lord comes to us in His sacrificial banquet and we receive Him with grateful hearts.

Please stand at the presentation of the gifts.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer II

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Unison **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth of full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**
**† Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please kneel as the Celebrant continues.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." †

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.” †

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be † filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

The Lord’s Prayer *in unison*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei *in unison*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access *in unison*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Invitation to Communion †

*All baptized persons regardless of denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
If you desire a blessing instead, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*

The Postcommunion Prayer *in unison*

Please kneel.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing of Corporals

Celebrant Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

People **Who hath made heaven and earth.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Most gracious Lord, whose power is unspeakable, and whose mysteries are celebrated with hidden wonders: Grant we beseech thee that this linen cloth may be sanctified by thy merciful benediction, that thereon may be consecrated the Body and Blood of our Lord and God Jesus Christ, thy Son: who with thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God: world without end. **Amen.**

The corporal is then sprinkled with Holy Water.

† Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Each weekday, at least one member of the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament will pray with special intention for the Church and for the world, usually in the presence of the Holy Sacrament. The intercessions include those on our parish intercession list. In addition to those named in the Prayers of the People above, the Confraternity will also pray for:

Rita Strassburg, Lita Orlay, Neal Kearny, Shirley Jones, Elaine Tambon, Rasmus, Christine Boggi, Stephanie Tanner, Kukki, the Aurora family, Melissa Rhodes, Karen Garcia, Selma Slossburg, Renee Saraiva, Jessie, Leslie Taylor, Mary Liberi, Frank Dennis, the Lewis family, Lee West, Megan Pinkham, Betty O'Connor, Catherine Hunyadi, Ann Calef, Rita Leedy, Walter Haenn, and Marcia Bloom

GODLY PLAY SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our Godly Play Sunday School meets most Sundays at 10 a.m. from September to May. Godly Play is widely recognized as a premier Sunday School curriculum, where children learn about the love of God for them through the stories of the Holy Bible. Ask the Rector or one of the Sunday School teachers for more information ... or, better yet, ask one of the many Sunday School children who have learned so much from the program.

GODLY PLAY SCHEDULE FOR WINTER & SPRING 2025

Jan. 12:	Epiphany/ Holy Baptism	Mar. 23:	The story of David
Jan. 19:	Adam & Eve	Mar. 30:	The story of Daniel
Jan. 26:	The story of Abraham	Apr. 6:	Jonah and the whale
Feb. 2:	Youth Sunday	Apr. 13:	Jesus in Jerusalem
Feb. 9:	The story of Sarah	May 4:	The story of Job
Feb. 16:	The story of Jacob	May 11:	The story of St. Mary
Feb. 23:	The story of Joseph	May 18:	The story of Esther
Mar. 2:	The story of Moses	May 25:	The Psalms
Mar. 9:	The story of Ruth	Jun. 1:	The Mystery of Pentecost
Mar. 16:	The story of Samuel	Jun. 8:	Youth Sunday



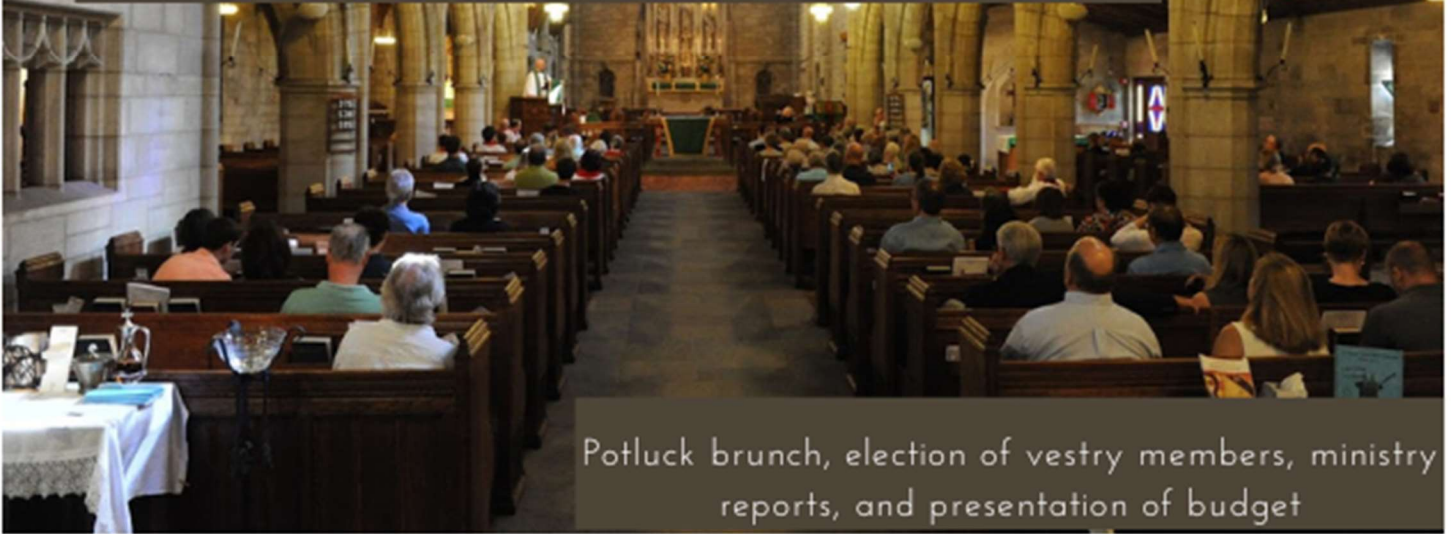
The Guild of Saint Sebastian, a membership guild for parishioners 18 years of age and younger, is intended for children and youth who are involved in athletics, the arts, or other extra-curricular activities. The purpose of the guild is to inspire these younger parishioners to achieve excellence to the glory of God, and for them to benefit from the prayerful support of the congregation by publicizing their accomplishments and including their important events in the Sunday prayers of the people. Members of the guild will receive a certificate of participation and gift at the end of the academic year. Please email me for more information or to apply. – Fr. Joel (rector@stgeorgeschurch.org)

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. *2 Timothy 4:7*

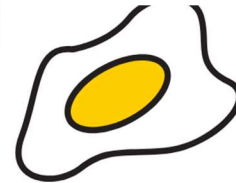
ST. GEORGE'S 2025

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, Jan. 26 at 11:30 a.m.



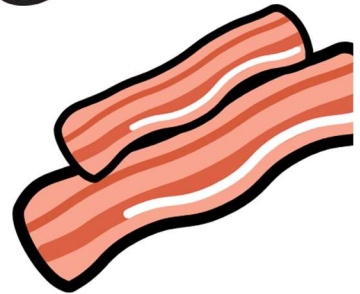
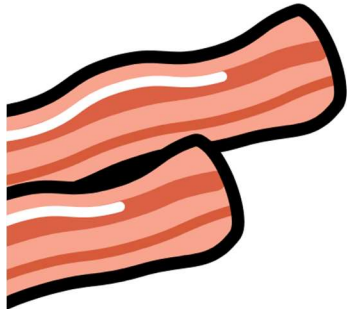
Potluck brunch, election of vestry members, ministry reports, and presentation of budget



JESUS SAID TO THEM,

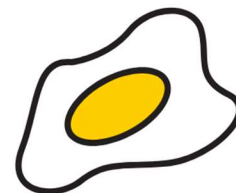
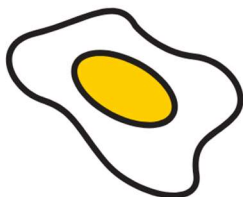
**“COME AND EAT
BREAKFAST.”**

John 21:12



**MEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
9 A.M.**

Join us for an all-you-can-eat breakfast.
Contributions appreciated but not required.
Boys welcome, too.





Wednesday Jan. 22,

2pm – 7pm

St. George's Episcopal Church - Parish Hall

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Brrr... It's cold outside and the St. James School students are in need of gloves and mittens! This is just a quick drive to collect what we can before this Tuesday, 1/14, when a representative from St. James will visit the St. George's Outreach meeting. We are looking for gloves and mittens for 11-14 year old boys and girls. Thank you for anything you can do before Tuesday!

Community Announcements

The sanctuary candle is offered to the greater glory of God and for the health and well-being of Fr. Steve and Mrs. Irene Snider by Ray Beckey and St. George's parishioners.

Music Notes: Next Sunday, Jan. 19, the Bluegrass Gospel Revival and the Children's/Youth choir will meet at 11:30 after coffee hour to rehearse music for Youth Sunday on Feb. 2.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service Opportunity: Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Monday, January 20. The Outreach Committee is organizing a meal prep that afternoon at 3:00. We will be assembling turkey and cheese hoagies for the men and women living at the Breaking Bread Community Shelter in Upper Darby. The meal will be delivered to the shelter that evening. We are looking for donations as well as 5-7 persons willing to help with the assembly. Please see the sign-up poster in the Parish Hall.

The Ardmore Food Pantry: We are collecting cereal (hot or cold), peanut butter, fruit or applesauce cups, macaroni and cheese. Collection bins are in the Sulgrave entryway.

The St. James School/Welcome Table: For the next few months we will be collecting cleaning products for The St. James School's Welcome Table. Please bring in Clorox wipes, Windex, liquid or powder cleaners, and place them in the large red bucket in the hall outside the parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity!

2025 Altar flower memorials. Donations and dedications for altar flowers and sanctuary candles are being taken. Contributions can be paid via check or online and are tax-deductible. These are excellent ways to remember and honor those who have died, or mark a significant occasion, while also edifying our St. George's worship. See the E-Tale for more information or contact the office.

SAVE THE DATES:

- January 14, 7 p.m.: Outreach Committee meeting
- January 20, 3 p.m.: Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Day
- January 22, 2 - 7 p.m.: Red Cross Blood Drive
- January 26, 11:30 a.m.: Annual Meeting
- February 1, 8 a.m.: Shortbread Gardeners
- February 5, 7 p.m.: Vestry meeting
- February 8, 9 a.m.: Men's Breakfast



Sunday School for children meets most Sunday mornings during the 10 a.m. service. Children leave church following the Collect of the Day and return for Communion.

Nursery: Nursery care is available each Sunday during the 10 a.m. service for our youngest members and visitors. The nursery is located in The Children's Ark and staffed by certified childcare providers. Please ask an ambassador to direct you.





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The Rev. Joel C. Daniels, PhD, *Rector*

Thanks to those who are helping today:

Lector: TBD

Intercessor: Joan Cesare

Server: James Burns

Chalice Bearer: Frank Hadden

Ambassador: TBD

Altar Set-up: Joan Cesare

Altar Guild: Jim Burns, Janice Capoferri,
Joan Cesare

Tellers: Stephen Lightcap, Chris Magnani

Coffee Hour: Joanne Rollo

Lou Carol Fix, *Organist/Choirmaster*
Violette DeSantis, *Parish Administrator*
Mark Alston, *Sexton*

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SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES

Holy Eucharist, Rite I - 8:00 a.m. ~::~ Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 10:00 a.m.

OUR MISSION

St. George's mission is to share together God's work in our lives through liturgy and sacrament, through joyous and caring fellowship, and through courageous and compassionate engagement with the world.