



The Church of St. James the Less **Friday, November 18, 2011**

THIS SUNDAY IS PLEDGE SUNDAY

This Sunday is Pledge Sunday, the day when parishioners make pledges for the financial support of the Church of St. James the Less for the year 2012. As you prepare to make your pledge please consider two important things: First, God is the Creator and Source of all things. Our lives, our abilities, those we love, and all that we possess come from God. We live by God's grace. Your pledge for the support of God's Church should express both your desire to honor Him above all things, and your thankfulness to Him for His great love. Second, your pledge is essential for the ongoing operation, health and growth of the Church of St. James the Less. Without your support all the wonderful things that we do, and all the progress that we have made in recent years, will not be able to continue. Pledge cards were mailed to all our parishioners; however, if you need one they will be available in the back of the church and at the cloister door. It is also possible to make your pledge securely by going to our website and following the prompts: <http://stjamesthelesscarsdale.org/pledge-form>.

TRANSFORMING THE LIVES OF CHILDREN **THROUGH MUSIC NOV. 19th**

CELEBRATING THE GENIUS OF BEETHOVEN & BRAHMS

Tomorrow evening St. James will be present our Fifth Annual Benefit Concert to raise money for seriously underprivileged children from Mt. Vernon on Saturday, November 19th. The concert will feature the Canadian Chamber Orchestra of New York City, our Parish Choir, Senior Youth Choir and the Scarsdale Interfaith High School Girls Choir, with our own Justin Bischof as conductor. A very special component in celebration of the 5th year will be the Edward Williams School Choir in Mount Vernon joining our children in singing Peace is, a folk song, with the orchestra. The orchestra will perform several masterpieces including Brahms' *Symphony No. 1*. The cost to fully sponsor a child is \$2,000. **Every** dollar from ticket sales will go to send children to the Wagon Road Camp in Chappaqua, where they will be given opportunities previously unknown to them. Tickets are \$75, \$250, \$500 & \$1,000 & \$5,000 and can be purchased by calling 723-6100 ext 203. Please be as generous as you can.

PARISH FORUM THIS SUNDAY – A LOOK AT ISLAM

Please join us this Sunday for the Parish Forum as we welcome Mark Fichtel back to St. James for a slide presentation exploring some of the points where Christianity, Judaism and Islam converge. Mark will review the 1000 year old cultural and military rise of Islam. He will conclude with a brief analysis of the problems Islam must overcome in order to regain the vibrant creativity it lost.

WELCOME BACK ORGANIST ANDREW AGER

On Saturday night and Sunday we welcome back organist and composer Andrew Ager from Ottawa, Canada. He will play for our 5th Annual Children's Benefit Concert and then again for our 10:00 am Sunday Service.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE CANCELED

It is with regret that we announce that the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service which was scheduled to take place this Sunday evening has been canceled. We learned recently that it would not be possible to have the Service at the Westchester Reform Temple and, for a number of reasons, we were unable to transfer it to another location.

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

On Sunday we will be distributing grocery bags to fill for the needy families served by the Scarsdale United Interfaith Food Pantry. Through this joint interfaith effort food gathered from area churches and synagogues is delivered to three agencies in the Bronx serving those in need – one Catholic, one Jewish, and one Protestant. Please consider donating some, or all, of the items listed on the bag so that others may have a brighter holiday season. Bags will be collected at church the following Sunday, November 27. Please contact Holly Moetell (723-0272) if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

SR. YOUTH GROUP VISIT TO CATHEDRAL

This Sunday November 20 our Sr. Youth Group will go into New York to visit the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Their visit will include a vertical tour which will take them on an adventurous "behind-the-scenes" climb more than 124 feet through spiral staircases to the top of one of the world's largest cathedrals. They will learn stories through stained glass windows and sculpture and study the grand architecture of the Cathedral while standing on a buttress. The tour will culminate on the roof with a wonderful view of Manhattan. The group will meet after church, have lunch in the city, visit the Cathedral and do the vertical tour at 2 pm, and return around 4 pm. To attend you **MUST** let June Winward know if you are coming so that rides to the city can be organized. This is going to be a really special event, so we hope you can make it! RSVP: june.winward@verizon.net

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARCIA BALZAC

It is with sadness that we announce that a Memorial Service for Marcia Balzac, who died on October 30, will take place on Saturday, November 26 at St. James the Less at 12:30 pm. Marcia lived in Scarsdale all of her life, and was the wife of John Balzac who died last year. She is survived by her daughters Kathleen Balzac Ramsey and Patricia Balzac O'Reilly and five grandchildren. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

ADVENT WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP NOVEMBER 27TH

On November 27, after the service, all are invited to come and make beautiful Advent wreaths. We will have brass rings, greens, ribbons and candles available. This is a wonderful way to experience the sacred season of Advent in your home.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA IN SUPPORT OF THE NURSERY SCHOOL

Please mark your calendars. There will be breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 10th from 9 to 11 am in the Parish Hall. I will include Arts & Craft tables. The cost is 20.00 for family of 4 and 5.00 per person. Come join us in support of the Nursery School playground projects.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We pray for Collette Zakovich, Jerry Winterrowd, Diana Corbin, Eileen Wilkinson, Kohl Angelo, Freddie Arone, Devon Higham, Jerry Reeves, Walter Schwer, Mary Raimondo, Darwin Williams, Lisa Gould, Richard Anderson, Andrew Indreny, Maryellen Meehan, Rick Mahig, Richard Palladino, Gavin Bischof, Kaye Reiber, Dan Lewis, Alexander Franchi.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Ushers	8:00 am	Rick Reuter
	10:00 am	Jim Hallowell, Darwin Williams, Margot Catherwood
Greeters		John & Barbara Palmer
Acolytes		Cecilia Perez, Annabelle Stanley, Georgina Stanley,
Lay Euch.	8:00 am	Tom Niles
Ministers	10:00am	Cheryl Smith, Kofo Coker
Lectors		Jim Dugan, Carol Van Atten
Altar Guild		Marge Davies, Calliope Blyden, Joan Ballantyne, Ruth Brooks,