



Clothing for the Thrift Shop

St. James' Thrift Shop

409 E. Lancaster Ave, Downingtown
(Located in the basement of St. James' Church)
610-873-7812

Hours of operation: Monday – Thursday 10am to 3pm

The Thrift Shop offers clothing, small household items/linens, books and toys at very affordably prices. All items are donated by the community to help support low income individuals and families. The Thrift Shop also provides emergency assistance to individuals and families with their needs for clothing, household items. Gift Certificates, to be used for clothing, are given to the Lord's Pantry to be included with the Christmas distribution of food and gifts. St. James' Parish Office also gives out Gift Certificates to those in need. Items that were donated in excess of the needs of the shop are in turn donated to many community support groups: The Lions Club for used glasses and the Salvation Army. Excess books in good condition were given to various local libraries. Proceeds from the Thrift Shop help support the various support groups that meet at St. James' Church and outreach projects of the church



The St. James' Place Apartments complex is located behind our church on ground formerly owned by our church. In the mid-seventies, with encouragement from Father Bartholomew and in cooperation with Weiner Associates of Wilmington, our church was successful in convincing HUD (US Housing and Urban Development) to finance the construction of St. James' Place, a subsidized rental project for the

elderly. Weiner Associates and Arbor Associates, both of Wilmington, Delaware, own, administers and operates St. James' Place; and our church is a limited partner (1%) without any operating responsibilities. The Board of St. James' Place, Inc., assists the tenants of St. James' Place with their social and recreational needs and activities. Approximately fifty members of the community, the church, and the tenants of St. James' Place Apartments constitute the membership of St. James' Place, Inc. There is a board of eighteen members elected from among the membership. Income from various investments is used for activities for the residents. Membership in the organization is open to anyone interested in assisting with the social and recreational activities for the residents. This is another opportunity for our parish members to participate in the Outreach activities of St. James'. We need more members, and it is important that parishioners of St. James' join in to strengthen the relationship between St. James' Inc. and St. James' Church. Membership is free, all we ask is that members share a little of their time with us. We have six meetings a year: 7:30pm, the second Wednesday in the months of January, March, May, September and November, and the Annual Meeting the fourth Wednesday in March. During the year, we have two dinners, one at Thanksgiving, and one in the spring, a Christmas Party, and a picnic in July. Any elderly person who meets the HUD eligibility requirements for subsidized rental units is eligible to apply for an apartment. Applications can be obtained from Mrs. Karen Harris at the office located in St. James' Place. Weiner Associates and Arbor Associates approve or disapprove applications based on HUD eligibility requirements. All apartments have been filled continuously since 1979, but apartments do become available when a tenant changes residence or dies. At this time, applications are being accepted for a waiting list. Please contact Scott Settle if you are interested in becoming a member of St. James' Place, Inc. or serve as a volunteer for programs that would be of interest to the residents.



Lord's Pantry of Downingtown

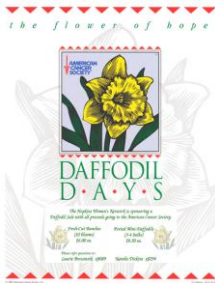
The Pantry is an all year outreach program. We have a shopping cart for donations of food, and monetary gifts are always welcome to help with overhead expenses. St. James' has helped with a "Souper Bowl" Sunday held on Super Bowl Sunday, with the Thanksgiving Day Baskets and the Angel Tree at Christmas. Thank you to the members of St. James' who donate monthly to support the Pantry. Jan Leaf, director and her volunteers spend untold unpaid hours coordinating the Pantry's many

activities. Last year the Pantry served 2,566 households (4285 adults, 3545 children and 472 seniors) in Downingtown. The Pantry now serves the Exton/Lionville area and is supported by the churches in that area. There are about 30 volunteers, but new volunteers are always needed and welcomed.

Visited their website for more information <http://www.lordspantryofdowningtowntown.org/>.

They are located at 141 E. Lancaster Ave, Downingtown, PA 19334

and their phone number is 610-873-1149.



Daffodil Days

This project is run by the Chester County Chapter of the American Cancer Society. Orders for bundles of fresh daffodils or potted small daffodils are taken in February for delivery in March. All money goes to help the fight against cancer through research.



Making Communities Stronger.



St. James' focuses on ECS in May. The mission of Episcopal Community Services is to address the unmet physical, emotional and spiritual needs of people both in the Church and in the wider community throughout the 5 county area of our diocese. ECS seeks to help individuals, families and neighborhood groups improve the quality of their lives and communities. ECS services children, their families, low income and frail elderly people in nursing homes, prisons and hospitals, and persons affected with AIDS. ECS also helps support "God's Blessing of Coatesville. <http://www.ecs1870.org/>



St. James' starts its United Thank Offering project in September after Sunday School begins. The UTO, as it is known, is a ministry whereby everyone – men, women, and children – converts their appreciation of God's many blessings into currency. The practice of contributing to the work of UTO begins with a little blue Box in the home. The blue Boxes are given to our Sunday School students. Each time they feel thankful for something they are to put coins in the box. We also send out Blue

envelopes in the monthly Newsletter. UTO raises between 2.5 – 3 million dollars each year for use in both domestic and international projects to support grants, missions and ministry of the Episcopal Church. Through our prayers and thankful giving we reach out in the world to bring hope and improve lives. <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/uto/>

The first day of Advent brings the cow. This program is based on the old Chinese philosophy that if you give a hungry man a fish, he will eat for one day; but if you teach him how to fish, he will never go hungry again. A heifer (or any other animal) will help one family. Her offspring will spread and eventually a whole village will benefit. It is the gift that keeps on giving. In 2006 St. James' raised \$1,330 – enough to buy two heifers and a llama. <http://www.heifer.org/>



African Team Ministry

This outreach program, held in November of each year, helps support the Churches of East Africa. By selling hand crafted jewelry and other craft items; we supported 1,000 Pastors in Kenya with programs such as AIDS

Prevention and Literacy and Education classes. In 2006, St. James' raised \$1,000.