



SAINT JAMES CHURCH NEEDS NEW ALTAR SERVERS!!

Students entering the fifth (5th) grade (or higher) in September 2017 are invited to answer the call to become an Altar Server in the Saint James Parish. In this role, you will serve at Mass and other liturgical functions, giving you the opportunity to learn more about your faith through participation!

New servers will be assigned to weekday Masses (7am or 8am) in the Chapel during their first year of service, which begins in July. Depending on the number of children joining, this will mean serving one week of Masses about every 6 weeks. During subsequent years of service, servers will be assigned to weekend Masses every 3-4 weeks, as well as Holy Day and special Masses in the Church.

Schedules are emailed home at three- or four-month intervals. Children with a school start time before 8:30am will be assigned to the 7am weekday Mass and those later than 8:30am will be assigned to either the 7am or 8am weekday Mass. If unable to serve as scheduled, servers are required to find a substitute. Although there are challenges in scheduling at least 60 servers, we try to accommodate individual special requests (e.g. vacations or time away). We appreciate your understanding, support, and cooperation.

PARENTS, PLEASE CONSIDER THIS MINISTRY FOR YOUR CHILDREN! This is a rewarding experience and a wonderful way for the young members of our parish to get involved and actively participate in the Mass. In addition, older Altar Servers are given credit for five Service Hours per year towards Confirmation requirements. Also, in appreciation for their service, all Altar Servers are invited to participate in a trip to Dorney Park in June of each year.

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please complete the attached and return the application as soon as possible. **There will be training sessions for all new Altar Servers. Attendance is required to properly prepare the children for the important task of serving at the Lord's altar during Mass.**

May God bless you!

Sister Esther Falzone, S.C.C.

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CHURCH OF SAINT JAMES - NEW ALTAR SERVER APPLICATION
(detach and return to the Parish Office or email to: saintjamesasm@optimum.net)

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

(to be included on phone list for servers' use in arranging substitutions)

FATHER'S NAME _____ MOTHER'S NAME _____

GRADE in September 2017 _____

SCHOOL (check one): Saint James Other Private Public

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____