

ALTAR FLOWERS, MEMORIALS, AND THANKSGIVINGS

If you wish to contribute to providing items for the altar such as flowers or plants, a chart is on the bulletin board to sign up and to record the purpose of your donation. The cost of each sign-up is \$30.00, and you may designate the person or persons you are commemorating or the reason for thanksgiving. There is room on the chart for more than one sign-up per week, so if you share an anniversary or birth date with another parish member there is no reason why everyone can not take advantage of the opportunity to celebrate an event, such as graduation, birth of a child, and confirmation or remember a loved one. What better way to celebrate than to provide flowers for God's altar?

Easter and Christmas flowers are handled as separate opportunities for the parish to sign up for memorials and thanksgivings.

When you sign up for a week on the calendar, please sign your name and the reason you are donating. Checks to St. James' in the amount of \$30.00 per donation should include "altar flowers" and the date of the remembrance or commemoration on the memo line. Your altar flower donations will be recorded along with your other contributions on your annual statement from St. James'.

Each week the memorials and thanksgivings for that week will appear in the bulletin, and they will be read at the appropriate point during the Prayers of the People. After Sunday services, members of the Altar Guild will distribute the altar flowers and decorations to sick, hospitalized, or house-bound parishioners to brighten their days and to remind them that they are missed.