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The Rector's Whatnot Father Kelly Marshall

Our Eucharistic Devotion

I come with Christians far and near to find,
as all are fed, the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread. [Hymn 304]

"All we do at St. James' Church flows from the Altar." You've heard me say that many times. For me, the idea provides a framework for thinking about who we are, whose we are, and why we're here at St. James' Church. For Episcopal Christians, the weekly walk to and from the Altar is the touchstone by which we order our Christian lives. We believe that in and under and through the Bread and the Wine, Jesus is present with us. Of course, we know and have experienced Jesus' real presence with us in other ways, regularly. But here, God's unmerited favor towards us—mysterious and moving, comes through the ordinary. Our people have known God in this way for nearly two millennia. As the words on our Glenwood Avenue sign have read for a week or so—"At God's Table, over 10 trillion have been served." And we count ourselves among the trillions.

Since our former arrangement with St. Augustine's was initiated eight years ago, there's been only one regular eucharistic liturgy at St. James' Church each week. If one of us can't for any reason be present at 10:00 Sunday morning, we don't receive Holy Communion in our own parish that week. For this reason, I'll be celebrating an 8:00 Sunday morning Eucharist in the Chapel, weekly, beginning September 7. With no music, the liturgy will be simple and shorter. *It's not meant to be a regular substitute* for the excellent liturgy we offer to God's glory at 10:00. It is meant to be an opportunity for you to deepen your spiritual life, by making sure you meet God at a St. James' altar as regularly as possible. Will you join me in the Mary Magdalene Chapel on any Sunday you're at home, but can't be present at 10:00?

Your Rector and friend,

Kelly +

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Episcopal Church,
ALL
Are Welcome!

29th Annual National Acolyte Festival
and Pilgrimage to the National Cathedral

NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

Jeff Downey

What makes spirituality passionate? The word “passion” has an interesting history. Originally it meant suffering. It is still used that way by the Church. Jesus’ suffering on Good Friday is called his Passion.

But modern dictionaries list the first definition of passion as **enthusiasm or strong desire**. We say someone has a passion for golf, or a passion for cooking. This is the way passion is used in the phrase *passionate spirituality*. But what caused the change in definition? Perhaps a simple example can give us a clue.

“If spirituality is paying attention to God, then passionate spirituality is going out of our way to pay attention to God.”

Have you ever gone to a big city, such as Cleveland or Pittsburgh, to attend an event or visit a location? You drive in on the interstate, and you can see where you want to go. But you can’t just turn off the highway and get there. You have to take an exit. Then go left. Then drive a few blocks. Then go right. Then get in the left-hand lane. Then turn left. You have to fight traffic. You have to wait at traffic lights. You have to find a place to park. But

you are willing go through this hassle because you really want to get to the restaurant, or baseball game, or museum, or shopping district. *That’s passion.*

If you are passionate about something, you focus your mind and efforts on that thing. And you are willing to go out of your way to get to your destination. Even if it means three right hand turns, four left hand turns, and seven traffic lights. You are willing to suffer to achieve your goal. Admittedly, the suffering in my example is quite mild, but it does illustrate the point. If we really want something, we will go out of our way to get it.

If spirituality is paying attention to God, then **passionate spirituality is going out of our way to pay attention to God**. It means more than just seeing God from the highway, and giving a friendly wave as we fly by at 65 mph. It means getting off the interstate, taking a left, going a few blocks, taking a right, etc... Maybe getting lost. Maybe having to turn around and go back a few blocks. Going out of our way, because we have a passion for the One who is our destination. That’s passionate spirituality. ∞

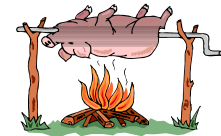
—Mark Your Calendar—

Award Winning Southern Style B-B-Q Pulled Pork Dinner

September 20, 2008

3—7 p.m.

Eat in or carry out



Slow cooked B-B-Q Pork
Homemade B-B-Q Sauce
Bush’s Baked Beans

Cole Slaw

Cornbread

Dessert/Beverage

\$10.00/person

For tickets, see

Bob Maruschak

330/707-1557

or call 330/758-2727

*Weather permitting, antique autos will
be on display.*

MEMBERSHIP AT ST. JAMES’ EPISCOPAL CHURCH

If you wish officially to become a member of our parish family and faith community, we encourage you to speak with Father Marshall, Father Wigle or any member today.

We will welcome our newest members on 28 September during the liturgy and at a reception during Coffee Hour.

CAVATELLI DINNER ~ August 17, 2008



The cooks from the original St. Rocco's Church—Pat Julian, Danny Tufaro, and Tom Kuchinka.

**Thanks to ALL
who worked to
make our 2nd
Cavatelli Dinner a
grand success!!**



The Hilderbrand kids enjoy a hearty pasta dinner and some delicious cupcakes!

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM UPDATE

Sharyn Fees



✓ We've received some great publicity on our parish events over the past several years. I believe we have an effective process in place and want everyone to know the channels we use to publicize our events.

✓ Flyers and/or posters are created and posted on bulletin boards throughout the church and are also made available to parishioners to post in their workplace or other appropriate areas.

✓ Letters and/or flyers are mailed to deanery churches and, when appropriate, to churches in the Boardman, Poland, Canfield area.

✓ Press releases are sent to *The Vindicator*, *The Boardman News*, *The Town Crier*, *The Review Newspaper*, WFMJ-TV, WKBN-TV, and WYTV-TV.

✓ Events that include a meal, such as the St. Rocco Cavatelli Dinner, are also publicized in the Wednesday edition of *The Vindicator* in the *Food Sales and Dinners* column.

✓ Announcements are posted on Armstrong Cable, Channel 19 "Community Events Calendar."

If you are planning an event, please provide details to Sharyn Fees, Communications Ministry Coordinator, at least 30 days prior to the event.

In addition to publicizing parish events, we have re-started publishing a monthly newsletter, *St. James Matters*. If you have an article that you would like us to include, please send it by the 15 of the month to Dean Hunt (music@stjamesboardman.com) or Sharyn Fees (sefees@zoominternet.net).

If you haven't checked out our website lately, please do: (www.stjamesboardman.com). I have created a new on-line photo gallery through picasaweb that allows visitors to view photos without having to create a login ID. Photos are categorized by event such as St. Nicholas' Day, St. James' Day/Picnic, etc. I hope that you enjoy looking at the photos. 🐾

HELPER ANIMALS COMING

Cindy Simerlink



On **Saturday, October 4, at 11 a.m.**, the Pastoral Ministry Team will sponsor a program on helper animals in honor of St. Francis. Pam Turner and her service dog will be with us. Her dog is trained to assist disabled persons with tasks such as opening doors and carrying things and knows over 40 commands! Pam works at a funeral home in Ellwood City where her dog also assists those who have lost a loved one. We also hope to have a presenter who raises puppies to be seeing-eye dogs.

This program is for all ages and should be interesting as well as fun! There will be time after the program for questions and answers. Refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public, so please bring a friend (or two)! 🐾



TASTE OF THE VALLEY!

17th ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE
SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK
Sunday, October 5 from 5—8 p.m.
Stambaugh Auditorium, Youngstown

Will you join others from the parish and our community to support the feeding and hunger education ministries of Second Harvest? St. James' Church has a table of eight which we want to fill. The cost per ticket is \$75, and they're available from the parish office.

TASTE OF THE VALLEY is an event in which many of the best restaurants in the Valley donate samples of their culinary art. If you've not experienced this unique fundraising event, let this be the year you do! Richard Basinger Auctioneers Ltd., will present a live auction as part of the event.

See more about the Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley at <http://www.mahoningvalleysecondharvest.com>.

September Celebrations

Birthdays

- 2 Barbara Englehardt
- 3 Bill Opsitnik
- 6 Kathy Scheel
- 14 Beverly Hilderbrand
- 14 Patrick Shamrock
- 15 Julie Aromatorio
- 18 Linda Tufaro
- 18 Kristina Tufaro
- 23 Donna Slagle
- 24 Julia Belvedere
- 24 Regina Jenkins
- 27 Sam Yiannaki
- 28 Becky Borman
- 30 Joan Keith



Anniversaries

- 2 Dick & Rene Smythe
- 6 Rex & Carol Leach
- 7 Louis & Barbara Englehardt
- 16 Bill & Florence Daggett



SINGLES & COUPLES

What's that mean? Well, it means you've no reason not to come!! If you're single, come. If you're part of a couple, come! This monthly event (every first Friday evening, September through June) is a social and fellowship opportunity for all members and friends of St. James' parish family—and a great way to invite new folks to step into our friendship circle.

Mark your calendars now for **Friday evening, 5 September, 7:00** at the Rector's home—788 Wildwood Drive, Boardman. You'll find directions on the table in the parlor. Bring yourself, a friend, and some food to share. If you would like to host a Singles & Couples event, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. ☺



Singles & Couples gathering at the home of Bob & Mary Ellen Maruschak

ACCORDING TO AMBROSE . . .



Dear church folks:

I'd like to introduce you to a good friend of mine. When I first came back to St. James' with my family we didn't find much to eat. Probably because the sextons do such a great job cleaning the church. One day when I was scurrying around through the pews looking for a Cheerio or two that some little ones may have dropped I ran across the foot of a white-haired lady. She didn't yell like most folks do when they see a mouse. She told me I was cute and shared her cookie with me. We've become great friends. I've heard some folks say she can be rather gruff and critical, but she's always looking out for me and my family. I think she doesn't want anyone to know what a real softie she can be. Anyway, she's be a regular here in the pages of

St. James Matters, and I know that you will make her feel welcome 'cause that's how St. James' folks are. I'm not going to tell you her name—I'll just call her LOL (Little Ol' Lady). You'll find her article on the back page this month.

There's a picture of me for the younger kids to color on the top of this page. I hope to see some of your handiwork on the bulletin board sometime soon.

If you want to write to me, I have a mailbox in the parlor or you can email me at ambrosechurchmouse@yahoo.com. I like to get mail!

Well, I'll be seeing you...but chances are you won't see me. Until next month...

~Ambrose

October Events

*Holy Cross Day Festival
Eucharist*

October 14 @ 10:00

*Taste of the Valley
(Major Fundraiser for
Second Harvest)*

October 5

Acolyte Festival
October 11, 2008

Newsletter Deadline
October 15

Rummage Sale
October 23 & 24

*Diocesan Youth Event
Trinity Church, Toledo*
October 24-26

THE LIL' OL' LADY . . . View from the Back Pew



I have NEVER! To be introduced by a rodent! But, Ambrose is a sweetie, so I'm ok with it. I'm not going to reveal who I am. This way it will be easier for me to really sound off and remain anonymous. St. James' is dear to me, and I want things to stay that way. All I need is *another* cranky old person spouting off about something I said. (Oh, the power of it all!)

I've earned myself a reputation for fussing about this and that—no offense intended, of course. My fuss this time is about the St. Rocco Shrine. What a beautiful addition to our church! The holy water and statue—all of it is stunning. **However** . . . when I have piously knelt at the prayer desk and tried to

light a candle in the rack, I've had to dig at the wick to make it stand up so that I can light it! I find this very irritating, since I just used two hours of leg strength getting up from the kneeler. Then I have to balance myself on the candle rack while I try to get the wick to stand up. It beats all I've ever seen! Next time you light a candle, straighten up a few wicks for old women like me. Because . . . ***I will know if you don't.***

Drop me a line with a comment or two. Leave it in the churchmouse's box on the parlor table. That way I can remain anonymous.

Old, but sweet love to you all.

~The Lil' Ol' Lady

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Stan and Ellie Jezior
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PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL—29th Annual Acolyte Festival



**29th Annual National
Acolyte Festival
October 11, 2008
Washington, DC**

If you have never had the experience of witnessing a procession of over 1,000 acolytes, you won't want to miss the 29th Annual National Acolyte Festival at the Washington National Cathedral on October 11, 2008. The *Festival Service of Holy Eucharist with Rededication of Acolytes* begins at 10 a.m., followed by an optional lunch and a variety of workshops and tours.

Since 2005, several St. James' acolytes and their parents have taken part in this yearly celebration. Acolytes are encouraged to bring processional crosses, banners, torches, thuribles, flags, and other liturgical items for the festival procession of acolytes. When asked why should someone attend the Acolyte Festival, **Lydia Scheel** responded "The service is a lot of fun to observe and participate in, whether you are singing along with the hundreds of people or watching the various banners sway past you. Walking around Washington is educational and fun, especially the monuments, the Smithsonian, and the National Archives. There's good shopping too, and a cornucopia of restaurants." Lydia has participated in the acolyte festival for the past three years.

The registration fee of \$23 includes a box lunch. The cost of a two-night stay ranges from \$200-\$300 (2 adults/2 double beds). Please speak with the Rector about scholarship assistance. For more information and the registration form, visit www.stjamesboardman.com and follow the link on the homepage for *Acolyte Festival*. If you have questions, you may call the information only line at 202.537.3122 or email acolyte_festival@cathedral.org.

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

Six Studies on Spirituality and The Lord's Prayer

**A Tuesday evening course led by Father Marshall and others
16 September through 21 October
7:00 p.m.**

Gospel Readings for September Sundays

**September 7
Matthew 18.15-20**

**September 14
Holy Cross Day
John 12.31-36a**



**September 21
Matthew 20.1-16**

**September 28
Matthew 21.23-32**

To access the week's Bible Readings online, go to:
<http://www.io.com/~kellywp/index.html>

DEAN'S LIST

Dean Hunt, Organist/Choirmaster



There's been some interest expressed about beginning a Children's Choir at St. James. In order for this to be successful, I need to hear from the parents of children in grades 1-6. I've contacted most of you, but need a firm commitment after your prayerful consideration. It would entail a weekly rehearsal, probably after the liturgy on Sunday morning. We need to have at least six or seven kids to make the choir feasible.

Our main concern now is getting this **strong** commitment for children to attend weekly rehearsals. There are many extra activities that take our children away from church. Priorities need to be adjusted. A children's choir can be a great asset for any parish family, but we need firm support from parents and grandparents to make it a reality. ☞

AN APPLE AND A PRAYER

Educator's Sunday—September 7



On the first Sunday in September, we'll recognize and honor all at St. James' Church who are engaged in the teaching of children and youth. What more important vocation can a person follow?

And what better way for a Christian to exercise her/his baptismal ministry, than to help shape the lives of our youth? All current and former teachers are invited to join us at 10:00 on this important day, when we remember that Jesus himself honored this calling and work through his own example as a Master Teacher.

GREETER'S WORKSHOP SCHEDULED

One of the more important ministries of hospitality in any parish is the work of the greeters—those who welcome all, and especially our guests, to the Sunday liturgy.

Is this a ministry for which you are gifted? If so, please speak with Mary Ann Fees or Father Marshall about the Greeters Workshop scheduled for Wednesday evening, 3 September, at 7:00 p.m.



All current greeters are asked to be present.

All Are Welcome

THE COOKS' CORNER

Ellie Jezior brought this delicious dessert to our parish picnic and was kind enough to share the recipe. Thank you, Ellie.

From the kitchen of:

Ellie Jezior

Cherry Squares

1/2 lb. butter/margarine (2 sticks)

2 eggs

2 C. all-purpose flour

1 can cherry (or your choice) pie filling

1 C. granulated sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

1 C. chopped nuts

Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and beat well. Add vanilla. Add flour, mixing at low speed. Fold in 3/4 of the nuts. Spread 2/3 of batter in bottom of 9x13 pan sprayed with Pam. Spread pie filling on top. Drop remaining batter on top of pie filling by tablespoonfuls. Sprinkle with remaining nuts.

Bake at 350° for 45-50 minutes until golden brown.



HEY KIDS—COLOR AMBROSE!



Hey kids: I look awfully plain. How about getting your crayons out and making me a colorful church mouse!

**Next Super Saturday Event
(Kindergarten - Grade 5)**

**November 8
10 a.m.—2:30 p.m.**

**“Generosity!
What it Means to Give”**



Mask making—Prince Caspian Super Saturday Event

“Everything we do as a family of faith at St. James’ Church flows from the altar.”



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