



# St. James Matters

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## The Rector's Whatnot: Lent to Easter Father Kelly Marshall

April this year brings us once again to the Great Transformation—the people of God experiencing and enacting the spiritual journey from Lent to Easter. This multifaceted experience, this drama, touches a deep hope. It's a holy expectation in the heart of humanity that another day awaits all who long for it. *A Third Day.*

From the perspective of the first Christians who reflected on this idea, the thinking went something like this: *"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God . . ."* (Romans 8.28). Paul's arguments leading up to this bold hope: *"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us . . . the freedom of the glory of the children of God"* (Romans 8.18-21).

For those who had endured what human beings endure, another visionary writer among the early Christians foresaw this: *"They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes"* (Revelation 7.17-18).

But it was the medieval Christian contemplative, Mother Julian of Norwich, who made the concept short and snappy: *"All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well."* (Some credit here to T. S. Eliot's wordsmithing!)

So you and I now come again to the drama of the annual sacred liturgies which enable us to walk the way of the Cross and to stand mystified at an empty tomb. **Determine now to be present** with your parish family for this three-day holy journey of our Holy Week. We do so, knowing that deep in our hearts we believe in the Lent to Easter exploit: that **no matter what, on the Third Day all shall be well.**

Your Rector and friend,

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At St. James'  
Episcopal Church  
**ALL Are Welcome!**

**A Sunday 8 a.m. Eucharist (no music) is celebrated in the Mary Magdalene Chapel each week. This is a way to encourage weekly Eucharistic devotion for those who cannot attend the 10:00 liturgy on any particular Sunday.**



## SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS!

Mary Ann Fees

### Alan & Sandra Baxter

Al and Sandra Baxter transferred their membership from St. Andrew's Church, where they spent 33 years. Sandy, now retired, taught in the Austintown schools for 33 years and volunteers at Fellows Riverside Gardens in Mill Creek Park. Al is a tax and financial advisor. He holds CPA and CFP designations. Al and Sandra have two children—Leslie, a speech pathologist in Pittsburgh, and Todd, an associate in Al's business. They enjoy traveling and spending time with their friends, children, and four grandchildren. The Baxters reside in Canfield.

### Jim & Jane Booth

Jim and Jane Booth were both born and raised on the south side of Youngstown. Both attended Wilson High School, but they never met until years later. After graduation, Jane worked as a keypunch operator for Truscon Steel Company. Jim joined the Navy and served on the battleship *California* and with the occupational forces in Japan. Jim returned to continue working in the family grocery store on South Avenue. They were married on October 11, 1952, and after their first daughter was born, Jane became a stay-at-home mom to their five children (two girls and three boys). After owning and operating a Dairy Queen Store for eight years, Jim went to work for Sparkle Markets as meat department manager, retiring in 1988. Jim and Jane have lived in Boardman for over 55 years. They have 11 grandchildren who live in Houston, Seattle, Boston, Columbus, and Youngstown.

### Bob & Jean Calhoun

Jean and Bob came to the area in 1970 when Bob was transferred from General Motors in Flint, Michigan.

Jean worked for 47 years as a tax preparer. They have two sons. Scott and his wife, Colleen, have two sons—Sean (16) and Ryan (14). Scott is a banker in Erie, Pa. Brad and his wife, Sue, live in Boardman with their two sons, Jayson (17) and Adam (12). Brad teaches at Boardman Center Middle School.

Bob and Jean will celebrate their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this May. They still travel to Michigan often to visit with family and friends, but each year they find that they are traveling there less often than the year before.

### Janet Smart

Janet Smart is a retired school teacher who has taught in the Austintown and Howland school districts for a total of 31 years. While teaching, she was active in all levels of the teachers' associations, serving as president of the Howland Classroom Teachers Association and the Northeast Ohio Education Association. She is also a member and past president of Beta Chi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary education society for women. She has been an active member of the Austintown Historical Society for many years and is active in the alumnae program for Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority.

Before joining St. James, Janet was a life-long member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, as were her parents James & Lenore Neely Smart. She was active at St. Andrew's since her teen years when she assisted in the church school. She has been involved in most of its organizations and most recently has been serving as treasurer. Janet was president of the Episcopal Church Women for the Youngstown Deanery and for the Diocesan ECW

from 2002-2005. She has been on the Episcopal Community Services Board for the past three years, currently serves as co-chair for the Hunger and Homelessness Task Force for the diocese, and represents the diocese on the Hunger Net Ohio Board in Columbus.

Janet is a Youngstown native who graduated from Austintown-Fitch High School. Her college degrees are from Youngstown & Kent State Universities.

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### 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 right away. Membership forms are available on the table in the parlor.

We will welcome our newest members **on April 17.**

An 8:45

breakfast for new members and their families is hosted by our Vestry and the Membership Ministry Team.

## SPOTLIGHT ON NEW MEMBERS!

Mary Ann Fees

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### Dorothy Webb

Dorothy St. Clair Webb was born in Glen Ridge, New Jersey. She spent second and fifth grades in Palo Alto, California with a dear aunt and uncle. Her parents were both from California, and they drove there every other year while Dorothy and her two brothers were growing up. Her dad was an engineer with AEP in New York City, and her mother was a homemaker. Dorothy grew up a block away from her husband, Jim, and describes their relationship as "like cousins" until he joined the Army when things changed. They were engaged and married in 1949. After leaving the military, Jim attended Bexley Hall in Gambier, Ohio, graduating in 1955. Dorothy taught school during this time. Jim served several churches in Ohio and worked for the Diocese of Ohio for eight years. The Webbs also spent two years in southwestern Virginia. Jim's last church was St. Andrew's, from which he retired in 1983 for medical reasons. He passed away in 1993.

Dorothy has four children, twelve grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. After her children were old enough to attend school all day, she started working at The Dairy Queen and retired at age 70. Dorothy was quite active at St. Andrew's and found it to be like a second home. She is now looking forward to a new life at St. James and has found the people here to be welcoming and friendly. Dorothy has begun to serve as a reader and an office volunteer at St. James. ☞

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

### Addition

George & Dolly Wagner  
11-2 Parkside Circle  
Canfield, OH 44406  
330/533-8952

### Corrections:

Jason & Erin Thorne  
42 Lakeview Drive  
Columbiana, OH 44408

Mel Hixson  
Cell phone: 330/314-2608



*Note: We will soon be publishing an updated parish directory. If you have had a change to your address, telephone number, or email address, please provide the current information to the church office by calling 330/758-2727 or emailing office@stjamesboardman.com.*

## The Parochial Register



Transferred from  
St. Andrew's Canfield

George & Dolly Wagner



**All Are Welcome  
In This Place**



## AN EASTER SEASON STEWARDSHIP

*A Message from the Vestry*

At St. James' Church, Easter is the time of the year when we place the spotlight on stewardship. For Episcopal Christians, this focus is grounded in the Biblical understanding of stewardship as a way of life, a way to live out our baptismal identities in the firm knowledge that we belong to God and to God's purpose.

Stewardship teaches that all that we have and all that we are is **a gift from God**. We are, therefore, stewards of God's gifts during our lifetime. When we accept our lives as sheer gifts, and all that we have as gifts, the Spirit of God leads us into a faithful response of how we use our gifts (our money, time, passions, and abilities) to grow God's reign.

Two hallmarks of the work of the God the Holy Spirit are **joy and gratitude**. As a community of faith, we gather to explore, discern, pray, and nurture one another in becoming joyful and grateful stewards. *More soon*, about our 2009 parish-wide focus on our lives as Christian stewards!

## SUPER SATURDAY EVENT—AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Barbara Wigle

Fun was had by all at our second Super Saturday event for children grades K-6. The theme was “Gratitude” – learning the importance of giving God thanks for all things. The book *Grateful*, developed by Julie Andrews and her daughter, and the Bible story of Jesus healing the ten lepers, were the centerpiece of the learning experience. Eleven young people enjoyed a day which included games, art activities, singing and learning, and a delicious lunch provided by Kurt Hilderbrand.

Thanks to all who made this event a memorable one for the kids: Father Kelly, Zeke Coughlin, Julie Van Devender, Mary Ellen Maruschak, Louise Thorne, Michele DeRhodes, John and Barbara Wigle, Sharyn Fees, Doug Hotchkiss, Kurt Hilderbrand, Regina Jenkins, Sally Moldovan, Lydia Scheel, Kent, Walter, and Rachael Hilderbrand, and Jaimie Vanden Bosch.

As an expression of gratitude, the children will be using their Hope Chest boxes during Lent to save money to buy animals for underprivileged people throughout the world through Episcopal Relief & Development. Read more on page 11 (see Goats or Geese?) including



### THOSE CRAZY EPISCOPALIANS

*A Series for Episcopal Christians New to the Church, or Not!*

Five Tuesdays, April 28 - May 26, 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Led by Father Marshall

*From Father Marshall:* Back in 2004 when I first had arrived at St. James' Church, I led some discussions entitled *Those Crazy Episcopalians*. The series allowed persons who were rather new to the Episcopal Church, as well as those who have been around awhile, to think together about what makes Episcopal Christians unique among the churches.

It's time to think together, again, about who we are. Many new members have taken their places in the worship and mission of this parish family since 2004. In particular, it's a perfect opportunity for *those who wish to be baptized, confirmed, or otherwise renew the promises of their baptism when Bishop Bowman visits on Pentecost—Sunday, 31 May*. Do mark your calendars today for this important chance to explore who we are as Episcopal Christians—what makes our approach to the Faith unique.

Session 1	April 28	Looking Back: England and America
Session 2	May 5	People of Two Books: The Bible & <i>Common Prayer</i>
Session 3	May 12	Thinking Together: The Middle Way
Session 4	May 19	Baptism and Eucharist: Beginning and Continuing
Session 5	May 26	The Baptismal Covenant: Time and Again

*So You Lost  
Your Job?*

Employment Resource  
Workshop

Saturday  
April 25

10:30 a.m.— 12:30 p.m.  
St. James' Episcopal Church

A Joint Effort of  
S. James' Church and  
YSU faculty

*Please contact the church  
office for copies of flyers  
you can share  
in your community.*

## AN EASTER MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MALIK



*Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,*

Greetings to you from your sisters and brothers in Egypt, in this blessed season and wishing you all and your families a very blessed Easter for 2009.

### **CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED ALLELUIA!**

Though Egypt is a Muslim country, Christians make up nearly 15 to 20% of the total population, which is 80 million. There are different denominations, starting with the mother church, the Coptic Orthodox, which dates back to the first century. It was founded by St. Mark, the Evangelist. The present Patriarch is Pope Shinodah III. The second denomination is the Catholic Church, Coptic Catholic, Latin—there are different branches. There are 17 different protestant denominations, and our Episcopal Church.

We have two languages in our Church—English which follows the western calendar, celebrating Easter on April 12; and also Arabic, which follows the Eastern calendar, cele-

brating Easter on April 19. The difference in calendars this year is one week. Next year the dates will be together.

The Episcopal Church is the bridge church between other churches in building ecumenical relations. Like you, we celebrate Holy Week starting with Palm Sunday. I think the only difference is that in some of the Arabic churches on Good Friday, the passion story is read by 12 persons, with appropriate hymns between each reading and a short meditation. This Service was written by Canon Temple Gardiner, who was a writer and musician and who gave his life to the church in Egypt.

Easter is celebrated in the Cathedral on Easter Eve by the Bishop, with guests representing our president, Mohamed Hosni Mubarak, the governor of Cairo, and other official representatives. Holy Easter Sunday Service takes place on Easter Sunday morning in all the churches. We know that the church has one foundation, with Christ the head who was crucified for our sins, risen for our justification. May God bless you all this Easter and always.

Yours in Christ,

+ *Ghais retired,*  
*Bishop of Egypt*



### **Holy Week Services**

Palm/Passion Sunday.....	April 5, 8 and 10 a.m.
Maundy Thursday.....	April 9, 7 p.m.
Good Friday Liturgy.....	April 10, 7 p.m.
The Great Vigil of Easter .....	April 11, 8 p.m.
Festival Easter Eucharist w/Baptisms.....	April 12, 10 a.m.

*Note: There will be no 8 a.m. service on Easter Day.*

### **PALM CROSSES**

**Saturday, April 4**

**10 a.m.**

If you would like to learn how to weave a cross from palm branches, please join the Altar Guild on April 4 at 10 a.m. Many hands make light work!

We will also touch up the silver and prepare the sanctuary for our Palm/Passion Sunday Liturgy.

### **QUIET TIME BEFORE THE SERVICE**

**“The Lord is in his  
holy temple;  
let all the earth keep  
silence before him.”**

When the organ prelude begins, it's fitting for Episcopal Christians quietly to be in their places for worship, to say their prayers, to find and mark the first hymn of the liturgy, and to prepare *in silence* for our worship of God. God is worthy of our full attention at this moment.



***Please save your  
Important visiting  
for the  
Coffee Hour!***

## April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 8 am Eucharist (Chapel) 10 am Palm/Passion Sunday/1 <sup>st</sup> Communions 11:15 Children's Choir	6	7 3:30 pm Pastoral Ministry Team	1 6:30 pm Membership Ministry Team 6:30 Aerobics* 7 pm Stewardship Task Force 7 pm Choir rehearsal	2 7 pm Cribbage	3 7 pm Singles & Couples	4 7 am Salineville Mission 8:30 Aerobics* 10 am Palm Crosses
12 <b>No 8 a.m. Eucharist</b> 10 am Easter Festival Eucharist	13 <b>Office Closed</b> 8:30 am Friends of Library	14 <b>Office Closed</b>	15 4 pm Memorials Team 6 pm Ministry Coordinators 7 pm Choir rehearsal	9 7 pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist/Stripping of the Altar	10 7 pm Good Friday Liturgy	11 8pm The Great Vigil of Easter
19 8 am Eucharist (Chapel) 8:45 am New Members Brfst 11:15 am Children's Choir Rehearsal 11:30 Animal Blessing Team	20	21 6:30 pm Bicentennial Team	22 7 pm Choir rehearsal	23	24	25 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Employment Resources Workshop
26 8 am Eucharist (Chapel) 10 am Holy Eucharist 11:15 am Children's Choir Rehearsal	27 6:30 pm Vestry 6:30 pm Youth Group	28 7 pm Those Crazy Episcopalians	29 7 pm Choir rehearsal	30	*each week	

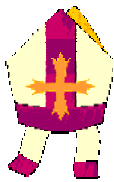
**ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH ~ THE LITURGICAL ROTA  
HOLY WEEK and EASTER DAY 2009**

DATE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	INTERCES-SOR	READER	USHERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS	LOCK UP CHURCH
<b>5 APR</b>	Rachael – C/S Zeke – GB	Joan Keith, Cindy & Tom Simerlink	Rod Hosler Jody Mustiano	Doug Hotchkiss	Herb Olmi and <b>More Readers</b>	Butch Merrill, Bob Maruschak	Linda Shurtleff, Bev Hilderbrand, Regina Jenkins	Jeff Downey Rose Bissett	Jeff Downey
<b>9 APR</b>	Patrick – C/S Kent – T Judith – T	M. A. Fees, M. E. Maruschak, P. Opsitnik	Doug Hotchkiss Herb Olmi	Susan Kastlen	Rachael Hilderbrand	Mark Scheel, Stan Jezior	Dick & Rene Smythe	Rod Hosler	Mark Scheel
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 7:00 PM	Kasey – C	Fran Hixson, Florence Hosler	N / A	N / A	Kurt Hilderbrand	Jeff Downey, Dave Adair	N / A	Rod Hosler	Rod Hosler
<b>GOOD FRI-DAY</b> 7:00 PM	Lydia – C/S Jaimie – Th Judith – T Kent – T	Sharyn Fees, Regina Jenkins	Jim Shurtleff	N / A	Florence Hosler and <b>More Readers</b>	Bill Ellis, Mary Ann Fees	Regina Jenkins, Bev Hilderbrand	Rod Hosler	Paula Ulicny
<b>GREAT VIGIL</b> 8:00 PM	Maria – C/S Kasey – Th Jim – GB Judith/Olivia – T Walter – Banner Dylan – K	Joan Keith, Cindy & Tom Simerlink	Steve Shurtleff, Joe Diloreto	Dorothy Webb	Rod Hosler	Butch Merrill, Bob Maruschak	Mary Ann Fees, Ann Siler, Kurt Hilderbrand	Joey Mustiano, Herb Olmi	Kurt Hilderbrand
<b>12 APR</b>									
<b>EASTER</b>									

+ + + + + PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR RIGHT AWAY! + + + + +

IF YOU ARE UNAVAILABLE TO SERVE ON THE DATE SCHEDULED, it's YOUR responsibility to find a replacement! Notify the church office (330-758-2727) as soon as possible, with the name of your replacement. If you have a last minute emergency, call the church office and be sure to speak to a human being!

## THE 2009 EPISCOPAL VISITATION PENTECOST—MAY 31, 2009



The Festival of Pentecost in this, our Bicentennial Year, will bring the visit of a Bishop to baptize, confirm, receive members from other Christian communions, and bless those who are reaffirming their faith. As well, Bishop Bowman will bless our young people who are prepared to enter a program of preparation for their own confirmations several years from now.

Any persons interested in being baptized or having their children baptized should speak with Father Marshall right away so that we can plan adequate baptismal preparation. For *adults* who wish to be confirmed in this Church, to be received from another Christian communion, or to reaffirm the promises of their own baptism, the course entitled *Those Crazy Episcopalians* is recommended (see page 4). ☞

### YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Rachael Hilderbrand



St. James' Youth Group has been busy the last couple of months. We held two bake sales in February to raise money for our ski trip to Peak 'n Peak (see photo above). Thanks to everyone who brought and bought baked goods to help us raise the money. We all had a great time and are hoping to get even more people on the slopes next year. We also con-

structed a float commemorating St. James' Bicentennial Celebration for the Boardman St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15. For more parade photos, visit the St. James' Group page on Facebook [<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=44086731088>].

And...speaking of the Bicentennial Celebration, we are selling t-shirts with our bicentennial logo on the back (\$12/white; \$10 gray). The shirts will be imprinted in red with "St. James' Episcopal Church" in the front left corner. If you would like to order a t-shirt, there is a sign-up sheet on the table near the elevator. There is no deadline for ordering the t-shirts because we will be submitting multiple orders throughout the year. Proceeds from the sale of t-shirts will help to fund a youth mission trip to Kentucky this summer. The Youth Group meets at 6:30 p.m., in Jones Hall on the fourth Monday of each month. For more information about the Youth Group, see Zeke Coughlin. ☞



Boardman's St. Patrick's Day Parade—March 15, 2009, featuring a float constructed by St. James Youth with help from Kurt Hilderbrand. Thanks to all who made this possible and to those who participated in the parade.

### April Birthdays

- 1 Tom Kuchinka
- 4 Kaytlin Shamrock  
Elizabeth Hosler
- 6 Mark Adair  
Maria Merrill  
Andrew Belvedere
- 7 Susan Kasten
- 8 Sue DiLoreto
- 9 Linda Shurtleff
- 10 Dick Smythe
- 11 George Wagner
- 12 Alyson Tufaro  
Sam Tufaro
- 14 Leona Ulicny
- 15 Butch Merrill
- 21 Margy Loiselle  
Joe DiLoreto  
Matthew Amendol
- 22 Bob Fitzpatrick
- 26 Debbie Fitzpatrick



### Marriage Banns from Father Marshall

I publish the  
Banns of Marriage  
between  
*Michael Thiessler*  
and  
*Andrea Dixon*,  
members of St. James' Church.  
If any of you know just cause  
why they may not be joined  
together in Holy Matrimony,  
you are bidden to declare it.  
This is the first time  
of asking.

**WE'RE  
REACHING  
OUR  
GOAL**

### Attendance Report

Yearly Average, 2003—2007 .....	60
March 2008 Average .....	64
March 2009 Average .....	92*
*through March 22	

### Notes of Thanks

We will be pleased to print notes of thanks if requested by the sender. Simply place them in Sharyn Fees' mailbox in the hallway outside the office with a note to include them in the next edition of *St. James Matters*.

### "LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME . . ."

Jesus couldn't have made it clearer! At St. James' Church, we certainly want the littlest children to be part and parcel of the fabric of our parish family's life. And that includes Sunday mornings during worship! We assure parents that their youngest children are welcome to be with them during the liturgy—and also that a staffed Nursery is available if they would prefer to have their pre-school children be cared for there.

The problem is that *we don't have "staff" for the Nursery!* Will you be willing to share this responsibility with another member of the parish family, once every four to six weeks? If so, please phone the parish office (758-2727), give your name to the office volunteer, and someone soon will be back in touch with details.

***Let the little children come to me,  
and do not stop them;  
for it is to such as these  
that the kingdom of God belongs.***



~SAVE THE DATE~

### BUDDY BLANKETS—SESSION TWO

Saturday, May 9, 2009, 11 a.m.—1 p.m.

Several ladies met on February 21 and made two buddy blankets. These fleece blankets are given to children who are undergoing surgery in a local hospital. Children are permitted to take the blanket into surgery and then home with them. No sewing, knitting or crocheting is involved. Fabric will be provided. Please bring fabric scissors if you have a pair. This is a great way to get to know members of your parish family and provide a source of comfort to area children.

To sponsor and/or make a blanket, see Ann Sitler, Florence Hosler, Clare Julian, Mary Ellen Maruschak or Cindy Simerlink. Or just call the parish office at 330-758-2727, or email us at [office@stjamesboardman.com](mailto:office@stjamesboardman.com). The cost of sponsorship is \$17.00 per blanket. Light refreshments will be served.

~SAVE THE DATE~

### Annual Blessing of Animals

May 17 @ 4 p.m.

***All pets in cages, carriers,  
and on leashes welcome.***

***If you are interested in  
helping with this fun parish  
event, please join the  
Planning Team on  
April 19 after the  
liturgy.***



## PET TALES

Patti Opsitnik



Hi, my name is Py (pie), officially Pywackett (from the movie *Bell, Book and Candle* with Jimmy Stewart and Kim Novak).

I have allowed the Hosler family to provide me with a home for 11 years. They are pretty good humans. They let me sleep where I like, feed me well, and only force a trip to the vet on me once a year! When they travel, I go to a nice kitty spa and have a good time playing with the other inmates—oops, I mean guests. I have lots of great toys, although I like cardboard boxes and tissue paper the best. My favorite spot in the winter is my shelf on the kitchen radiator where it's toasty warm.

The girl (Elizabeth) doesn't like me in her room,. So when she's home for a visit I like to sneak in and hide in her clothes pile and leap out and scare her. Then I go to the good humans' room and hop up on the bed. They fight over who gets me to keep their feet warm! I like to go out in the nice weather on my leash. I am a fierce hunter of "critters." Occasionally my friends come over, and we share some fresh catnip. I never go out during the bad whether—no white stuff on my fur!!!! Well it's my nap time again.

I've heard talk of an Animals Blessing. I'm not sure if I'll get to go. Maybe I'll see you there. If not, come for a visit and pet me some time.~

Py



## AMBROSE THE CHURCHMOUSE



Dear Church Folks,

It's been a while since I've written to you. I don't have a good excuse other than, like many people, I've been in hibernation mode—hunkering down in my mouse hole trying to stay warm while I anxiously await warmer weather and sunny days. But several Sundays ago, I heard lots of commotion so I decided to come out to see what was going on. I saw many more people in the pews...and many more feet during coffee hour. I had to be very careful scurrying about for crumbs—and there were more of those too, which is good for us church mice! I was so busy sampling the tasty morsels that I almost had my tail stepped on a few times! I found a nice hiding place behind the bookcase and overheard folks talking about the new Book Club and the Tuesday evening scripture study which I must check out because they are starting off each session with soup and bread. I also heard that during my hibernation I missed two bake sales that the youth group sponsored to earn money for their ski trip...what rotten timing I have. The

young people were also talking excitedly about some float they are building. I'm not sure I understood what it's for, but we have had a lot of rain lately. I'll have to eavesdrop again to learn more about that.

The season of Lent is upon us again and with it a time for reflection and self-examination. This year I decided to do something nice for my mouse family each day. My momma seems happy that I help her tidy up, and my grandmice seem to enjoy the stories I read to them. And I must admit, it makes me feel good to help my little brother mouse improve his grape soccer technique. The folks at St. James' have also been busy helping people too, offering free community meals and reaching out to people who have lost their jobs. It is a difficult time for many folks. One way we can all help is to say a little prayer for them.

Make sure you check out the calendar on the web site because there is a lot going on at St. James' Church. Maybe I'll see you at some of these events...but hopefully you won't see me.

Until next time, God's blessings to all of you.

~Ambrose

## RUMMAGE SALE MAY 14 & 15



The annual spring Rummage Sale will be held **May 14 and 15**. Please bring in items now and place them behind the double doors in Jones Hall. We accept all household items, such as kitchen items, working small appliances, bedding, toys and games, furniture, electronics (no computers, printers, fax machines, etc.), and spring and summer clothing that is clean.

We price the items months before the sale, and would love help from anyone who is interested. Please keep the dates of the sale in mind, because we can use lots of help the week of the sale to set up and arrange the merchandise. If you have any questions, please contact Paula Ulicny at 757-

## SERAPHIM CHOIR CONCERT



The Seraphim Choir, under the direction of Kris Harper, performed a concert of American sacred music entitled "When in Our Music God is Glorified" before a packed house on Sunday, March 14.

### Gospel Readings for April

#### April 5 Palm/Passion Sunday

Mark 14:32-72  
Mark 15:1-39 (40-47)

#### April 9 Maundy Thursday

John 13:1-15

#### April 10 Good Friday

John [18:1-40], 19:1-37

#### April 11 The Great Vigil of Easter

Matthew 28:1-10

#### April 12 Easter Day

Mark 16:1-8

#### April 19

John 20:19-31

#### April 26

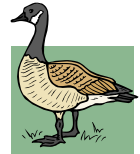
Luke 24:36b-48



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



### GOATS or GEESE?



St. James' children (grades K-6) are using their Hope Chest boxes during Lent to collect money to purchase a few goats or geese—or some of both—for a third world family through Episcopal Relief and Development. We're already received the donation of one goat (\$80) and one goose (\$30), with the CHALLENGE to one or more folks to donate a mate, **to make this a gift that keeps on giving.** If you'd like to help, please place your donations in the blue bucket near the Crossing.

### THE COOKS' CORNER

*This recipe is from the kitchen of Wealthie Prince and is a delicious, light dessert.*

#### Frozen Salad

- 1— 8 oz. Philadelphia Cream Cheese
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 can crushed pineapple (regular size - drained)
- 1 16 oz. bag whole frozen strawberries (juice and all)
- 3 bananas
- 1 lg. Cool Whip

Soften cream cheese and cream with sugar. Add strawberries, pineapple, and slice in bananas. Fold in Cool Whip. Pour into 9x13 pan and freeze. Remove from freezer 15-20 minutes before serving in order to cut into nice pieces.

Add 1/2 cup chopped nuts if desired.

Delicious, nutritious, but not bubblicious.





**May Events**

**Singles & Couples—Host TBA**  
May 1, 7 p.m.

**Taste of the Faiths at St. Charles**  
May 4, 5:30 p.m.

**Rummage Sale**  
May 14 and 15

**Blessing of Animals**  
May 17, 4 p.m.

**Ascension Day Festival Eucharist**  
May 28, 7 p.m.

**May 31—Pentecost**  
**Bishop David Bowman's Visitation**  
Baptism, Confirmation, Reception of Members  
From Other Christian communions, and  
Reaffirmation of Faith (see pg. 8)

**“We always can afford to be generous. Always.”**



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