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THE RECTOR'S WHATNOT: Youngstown, Haiti, Japan, Jerusalem The Rev. Fr. Kelly Marshall

What a good start we made this Lent, at our Ash Wednesday liturgy with friends from Boardman United Methodist and Westminster Presbyterian! One of the "good start to Lent" aspects of that evening was the generosity of Christians from three congregations. We gave nearly \$750 for the ministry of the Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley. Some neighbors who struggle to put enough food on the table will struggle a little less for a day or so, because of this generosity.

Sometimes we don't see things right in front of our eyes. Like hungry people whom we pass here and there. We look at them, but we don't necessarily see the signs that they are hungry. Or like the little saying which appears in each edition of *St. James Matters* on the address label page. "**We always can afford to be generous,**" it says. We look at it, but don't see it.

We made a good start this Lent by giving generously *and spontaneously* at the Ash Wednesday liturgy. Three opportunities for generous *but planned* gifts present themselves this Lent. We always can afford to be generous, as we consider the Episcopal Church's effort to rebuild the Church in Haiti. You'll find (will you see?) more information about this concerted effort on page 6 of the newsletter and, as well, in each week's Sunday bulletin. We generously can do our part in rebuilding the Cathedral in Port-au-Prince—a place from which rebuilding efforts will radiate throughout all Haiti. There's a brief online video which gives a telling introduction to this Lenten call to generosity. Go to www.youtube.com and enter "Rebuild our Church in Haiti."

Less than 48 hours before our Church's campaign for Haiti began, a horrid earthquake struck Japan. In its wake followed the disastrous tsunami and fearful nuclear consequences. We always can afford to be generous, as the world continues to gauge this triple disaster. Please consider a hearty gift from the abundance God has given you, to help the people of Japan. Contribute through a charity with which you're familiar and which you trust. If you don't have one, then I recommend without reservation ERD—Episcopal Relief and Development. Make your contribution online or place your gift marked "Japan" with your Sunday offering. We'll get it out of our parish account and to ERD quickly.

Haiti, Japan . . . and Jerusalem. Since 1922, Episcopalians have supported the ministries of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East through an offering received on Good Friday. It's become a tradition here at St. James to support the peacemaking and stabilizing Anglican presence in the region. These churches serve their neighbors regardless of faith background. Special offering envelopes will appear with Palm Sunday and Good Friday bulletins.

We can always afford to be generous and to give cheerfully from the abundance with which God has blessed us. I invite your *planned giving* to these three worthy causes, as a sign of your Christian commitment this Lent: Haiti, Japan, Jerusalem.

Your Rector and friend,

Kelly +

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At St. James'
Episcopal Church
ALL Are Welcome!

COUGHLIN'S LOG: WHERE DOES THE BIBLE COME FROM?

The Rev. Christopher Zeke Coughlin

Religious words can sometimes be confusing. Some words we find in the Bible or hear in our Sunday liturgies can be hard to understand because of the way they have been used and misused by millions of Christians over thousands of years. Weighty words like *salvation* can have connotations that are offensive or scary to some, but the word simply means “to be protected from harm” and “healed.” Think of the way you put *salve* on a wound to protect it from infection. When we receive holy *communion*, we are communicating with one another—we are “sharing” the body and blood of Christ. It may sound silly, but some of these overly confusing religious words can be better understood just by looking them up in the dictionary and searching for the first non-religious definition. Most of these words had secular meanings before we chose to use them in our religious writings, and those original definitions are often still the best way to understand what these words really mean.

This brings me to *faith*. Our modern word *faith* comes from the ancient Latin word *fidere*, which means “to trust.” It is the same word from which *fidelity* originates. These two words have historically been much closer in meaning than we typically use them today. Faith means to trust in something and to act accordingly. It may seem ironic to our modern ears, but **faith is trust and action**—not just belief. You can have faith and doubt at the same time. Doubt is about belief, and faith is about trust and action.

If a man is *faithful* to his wife, he keeps the vows he swore to her. If that man is *unfaithful* to his wife, then he has broken his vows. That man’s faith in his wife is not a question of whether or not he believes that she exists. It is question of whether or not he keeps his promises to her. Likewise, our own faith is not a question whether or not we believe in God. Faith is trust and action. To have faith in God is to trust God and to keep our promises to him. Faith, to a large degree, is about keeping promises.

In this season of Lent, we at St. James are focusing on faith—on upholding the promises we have made to God in our Baptismal Covenant. These are promises that we made (or were made for us) to pray, to repent, to share communion, to love others, and many other things. We have made these promises to God. In good faith, God has in turn made us his own.

When the bishop comes in May, many of us will have to opportunity to recommit to these promises—to recommit to our faith. We may thank God for his unwavering faith in us, by confirming or reconfirming our faith in him. Faith is about trust and action—about keeping our promises. Consider participating in the Journey to Renewal this Lent. Renew your promises. Renew your faith.

Keep the faith,

Zeke

SAVE THE DATE — ZEKE'S ORDINATION!

God willing and the people consenting,
the Rt. Rev. Arthur Williams,
will ordain Christopher (Zeke) Coughlin
to the sacred order of priests
in Christ's one, holy, catholic
and apostolic church on Saturday, the Sixteenth of April,
in the year of our Lord Two-Thousand and Eleven
at Ten-Thirty in the Morning
at St. James Episcopal Church
7640 Glenwood Ave,
Boardman, OH 44512

Your prayers and presence are joyfully requested.
All are welcome. A light reception to follow the ordination liturgy.

FINANCE TEAM UPDATE

Rose Bissett

Report for the Period January/February 2011

January Pledges	\$9,329
February Pledges	\$8,227
January/February Offerings Received	\$17,556
Amount Budgeted for Offerings	\$19,966
Deficit for January/February	\$2,410
Yearly Budget	\$119,800
Yearly Deficit	\$5,000

ECW UPDATE

Janet Smart



We have several exciting events for you to participate in during April. Advance reservations are required for both.

On Saturday, April 9, we've been invited by the ladies at St. Stephen's, East Liverpool, to a time of sharing information and ideas, lunch, and a tour of the Museum of Ceramics. Lunch will include chicken salad, assorted breads, yogurt parfaits, cookies and beverages. The cost of lunch is \$6, and the museum tour is \$4. **Reservations must be made in advance.** The museum has a special exhibit of Fiesta Ware for its 75th anniversary celebration. Sign-up sheets are available in the parlor, or you may call Janet Smart at 330-799-0303 or e-mail her at jans723@sbcglobal.net no later than Monday, April 4 at noon. Checks for lunch and tour (\$10) should be made payable to Youngstown Deanery ECW. If you'd like to carpool,

please meet us in the St. James' parking lot at 9 a.m. Registration is at 10 am. Following lunch, we will visit the museum for a guided tour. We should leave East Liverpool no later than 3 p.m., returning to St. James by approximately 4 p.m.

We have a special treat this year at the ECW Diocesan Annual Meeting on April 29-30. Bishop Mark and Sue Hollingsworth have graciously invited us to be their guests for dinner in their home on Friday evening. After dinner, we will return to our hotel, The Hilton Beachwood, for the night. The cost for rooms is \$89 for a single and \$49.50 each for a double. A breakfast buffet is included. The only other cost is a \$10 registration fee and \$15 for lunch. The day's program includes several interesting workshops. The meeting should end around 5 p.m. See Janet Smart for more information and registration forms.☺

The Parochial Register

Burials

Patricia Opsitnik
January 12, 2011

Howard O'Dea
February 28, 2011



Recognized as Baptized Member

Janet Becker



Transfers from the former

St. Rocco's
Episcopal Church

Dennis & Linda Naples



Stained Glass Window Design Meeting

April 4 at 3 p.m.

We're close enough to meeting our goal of \$3,900 to design and order a stained glass window for the *St. Rocco Shrine*. Will you be part of the design team? If so, meet us on Monday, April 4, at 3 p.m. in the Parlor. If you wish to contribute to the cost of the window, please mark your offering appropriately.

BISHOP HOLLINGSWORTH

TO VISIT MAY 8

Mark your calendars! Details in the May newsletter!

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

St. James'
Men's Breakfast

April 16 @ 8:30 a.m.

Perkins, Rt. 224 in Canfield

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

St. James'
Women's Breakfast

April 9 @ 9 a.m.

Perkins, Rt. 224 in Boardman

INSPIRING DIVINE DESIGNS

Scrapbooking/Cardmaking

April 3 — 5 to 7 p.m.

Contact Jo-Ann Kaschak or
Sharyn Fees for more info.

Sunday Attendance Report

March 2010 Average	90
March 2011 Average	78
Ash Wednesday	165

**ST. JAMES' PARISH
FAMILY NEWS**



Congratulations to **Rachael Hilderbrand** who recently received a 2011 Young Women with Bright Futures Award. This program, established by the YWCA in 1994, provides an opportunity for community recognition of outstanding young women who are high school seniors. Honorees are selected by their high school administrators based on leadership qualities, creative talents, the pursuit of academic excellence, and volunteer service. **Congratulations, Rachael!!!**

Molly Galano is currently appearing in The Victorian Players' production of John Pielmeier's drama/mystery, **Agnes of God** (photo below is courtesy of *The Vindicator*). In this



three-character play, a novice nun gives birth to a baby which is found dead in her convent room. Mother Miriam Ruth is played by Cheryl Games.

Molly plays the role of Dr. Martha Livingston, the psychiatrist who has been brought in to investigate the accident. Agnes is played by Candy DiLullo. *Agnes of God* runs through April 3. The Victorian Players is located at 702 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown. Performance times are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. For information about tickets, visit <http://victorianplayers.org> or call 330/746-5455. If you've ever seen Molly on stage, you know that she is an outstanding actress. If you've not yet had the pleasure, you are really missing out.☞

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

MAY 19 & 20



Items may be brought in now and placed in the storage closet in Jones Hall. Please do not bring televisions, computers, or printers. Spring clothing and household items are great sellers. Please hold onto your fall and winter clothing until our fall Rummage Sale.

If you are available to price items, we would be happy to have your help. We usually meet on Thursdays at 9 a.m. Contact Paula Ulicny or Janet Smart for more information.☞

LAYWEEDERS



Spring is here, and we will be gardening soon. Anyone who wishes to help make the church grounds look beautiful, see Regina Jenkins. We can always use more help.

Begin Your Week Well!



**Monday Morning
Devotions in the
Mary Magdalene Chapel
with the clergy**

**8:30 a.m. each Monday;
on your way by 8:45 a.m.**



April Birthdays

- 1 Tom Kuchinka
- 4 Cameron Cooke-Howe
Elizabeth (Hosler) Bush
Kaytlin Shamrock
- 6 Mark Adair
Maria Merrill
Andrew Belvedere
- 7 Susan Tomasovich
- 8 Sue DiLoreto
- 9 Linda Shurtleff
Frank Lynn
- 10 Dick Smythe
- 11 George Wagner
- 12 Alyson Tufaro
Sam Tufaro
- 15 Butch Merrill
Grace Shurtleff
- 20 Clark Jones
- 21 Margaret M. Loiselle
Joe DiLoreto
Matthew Amendol
- 22 Debbie Fitzpatrick
- 26 Bob Fitzpatrick



Anniversaries

- 17 Clark & Kim Jones
- 19 Michael & Laurel Conway
- 23 Dennis & Linda Naples





Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday: Sunday of the Passion **Sunday, April 17 — 10 a.m.**

Liturgy of the Palms, Reading of Matthew's Passion Gospel
Holy Eucharist and the Stripping of the Altars
First Communion and First Communion Recognition
The Rev. Zeke Coughlin's First Celebration of the Eucharist
as a Priest of the Church
Fr. Kelly Marshall, Rector, preaching

Maundy Thursday

April 21, 7 p.m. — Boardman United Methodist Church
Recitation of Mark's Gospel from the King James Bible by
Dr. Alan Moser of YSU's Dana School of Music
Holy Communion in the Methodist Tradition

Good Friday

April 22, 7 p.m.
The Good Friday Liturgy
Fr. Zeke Coughlin, Associate Rector, preaching

The Great Vigil of Easter

A Joint Liturgy with St. John's Church
(held here at St. James)
April 23, 8 p.m.
Lighting of the New Fire
Salvation History Stories and the First Eucharist of Easter
Fr. Bradley Pace, St. John's Rector, preaching

Easter Sunday

April 24, 10 a.m.
A Festival Choral Eucharist to Celebrate Jesus' Resurrection
Fr. Kelly Marshall, Rector, preaching

PALM CROSSES

Friday, April 15

9:30 a.m.

If you would like to learn how to weave a cross from palm branches, please join the Altar Guild on April 15 at 9:30 a.m. Many hands make light work!

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

Gospel Readings for April

April 3

John 9:1-41

April 10

John 11:1-45

April 17

Matthew 26:14-27:66

April 22

Good Friday

John 18:1-19:42

April 23

The Great Vigil

Matthew 27:57-66

April 24

John 20:1-18



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

HELP NEEDED!!!



Are you available to assist with the reception for Zeke's ordination on Saturday, April 16? Help is needed with a variety of things such as set up, clean up, preparation of food (finger foods, fruit, cheese, etc.)

kitchen, serving, decorating Jones Hall. There are sign-up sheets on the table in the Narthex. Please take a moment to look and see what kind of help we need and sign up. We want to make this a very special day for Zeke and his family. If you have any questions, please contact Rose Bissett.

REBUILDING THE CHURCH IN HAITI

Michele DeRhodes



The Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) is raising money to rebuild Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, by selling bricks. Holy Trinity is the spiritual and cultural home of thousands of Episcopalians in Haiti.

The Diocese of Haiti is the largest diocese in The Episcopal Church and the poorest. In addition to the spiritual and pastoral care people expect from the Church, the Diocese of Haiti also provides many of the services generally provided by the government, including healthcare, education, and cultural resources.

The Rt. Rev. Jean Zaché Duracin, Bishop of Haiti, has asked for help. The Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) is coordinating a Church-wide appeal which provides news, information, and resources so congregations and dioceses throughout The Episcopal Church can join in this fundraising effort. Even before the official launch, several dioceses designated their convention offerings for this effort.

Nearly half of the diocesan bishops are in the planning process for work in their diocese. The Diocese of Ohio kicked off its appeal the first Sunday of Lent and has raised \$15,000 so far.

In the meantime, individuals can be leaders in rebuilding the central pillar of support that once provided spiritual, educational, and medical care to hundreds of thousands of Haitians. Anyone can participate; just \$10 “buys a brick” to rebuild The Episcopal Church in Haiti. For more information and to donate, visit <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/haitiaappeal/>.

“The people of Haiti have lost the cultural symbol of their gathering place for the worship of God,” noted the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, speaking in support of this appeal. “It’s going to take the resources of the entire Episcopal Church to serve the reconstruction needs of the buildings of the diocese.”

Michele DeRhodes is our point person for this missionary effort, and will be sharing more information with us all via the Sunday bulletins. ☞

First Holy Communion

Recognition — Palm Sunday!

On Palm Sunday, we will recognize younger children who have been receiving Holy Communion for a time as we also honor those baptized children who that day receive the Bread and Wine for the first time. Remember that in the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons—no matter their age—can receive Holy Communion—but the first time is also a holy moment. Look for a photo of this group in the May/June newsletter.



Deadlines

If you would like us to include an announcement in the Sunday bulletin, please email the information to office@stjamesboardman.com **by noon each Monday.**

The next edition of *St. James Matters* will be a combined May/June edition. **The deadline for submitting articles for publication is April 20.**

EVERY KID TO CAMP!

2011 is a year in which we hope every young person from St. James' Church can take part in the life of Cedar Hills, our diocesan camp. Many of us know that our own spiritual lives were changed through participation in a Christian camp. As part of our ministry with children and youth, we invite every member of our parish family to help make it possible--EVERY KID TO CAMP--in 2011. For more about Cedar Hills and the 2011 camping schedule, see the Rev. Zeke Coughlin.

THE RECTOR'S SABBATICAL

- ✓ What is a clergy sabbatical?
- ✓ How does a parish calculate time for such a thing?
- ✓ Why is it mandated by contract in our Diocese?
- ✓ Who will be here for us while he's gone?
- ✓ Where will he be going?
- ✓ What will he be studying?
- ✓ Will he get anything out of this time away from the parish?
- ✓ Will we?

Be sure to see the May newsletter for details of the Rector's summer sabbatical—answers to all these questions and more!



WHO WE ARE

St. James' Church is a community of faith which embraces the richness of both the protestant and catholic traditions.

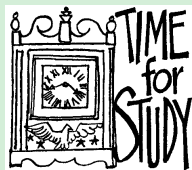
We are a home for *all people* who want to explore a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

APRIL ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

The News and The Good News Sunday Mornings —9-9:45 a.m. in Jones Hall

Each Sunday morning, a discussion group meets informally in Jones Hall to share reflections and points of view on an article from the news which addresses contemporary issues within and beyond the Church. Our goal is to relate this to the Gospel; hence, “The News and the Good News.”

Find your copy of the article for next week on the table near the elevator.



Journey to Renewal Sundays, 11:35 a.m. Tuesdays, 7 p.m. April 3 & 5, 10 & 12, May 1 & 3

A Lenten and Easter Season preparation for renewing our Baptismal Covenant together at The Visit of our Bishop on May 8. Will you join many others in our parish family on a journey together to prepare for this holy event?

You will find the Baptismal promises on pg. 302-305 of the BCP.



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 or one of the other clergy.

We will recognize new members again when the Bishop visits on May 8. We encourage every new member to prepare with the entire parish family for the Renewal of our Baptismal Covenant that day.

New Members Gathering at the Rectory

On **Sunday, April 3** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., new members as well as persons interested in learning more about St. James' Church will gather at Father Marshall's home (788 Wildwood Drive, Boardman). This will be an informal opportunity to meet a few other members of the parish family over dessert, to get to know each other better, and to explore the journeys that led us to God. This session replaces the rescheduled sessions from a week or so ago! Please let us know you're coming—330-758-2727.

SUPER SATURDAY HELD JANUARY 22

Barbara Wigle

Another outstanding Super Saturday was held on January 22 for 12 children, ranging in age from 6 to 14. The theme for the event was: **Moses and God's People Look for their Home. God was their helper and is our helper, too.** God helped his people by giving birds and bread (manna) for their food, and water from a rock, on their journey to the promised land. He helped them and helps us by giving light in darkness and rules for living a good and loving life (10 commandments).

Story telling, a choral presentation, games, and craft projects, all added to the activities of the day. The younger children baked biscuits (contemporary manna), while the older children made stone gardens displaying the ten commandments with a center stone focusing on the summary of the law: **Love God and love one another.**

As an outreach project, which is a part of each Super Saturday event, the children chose to help the hungry in our community. They led the collection of tuna and peanut butter. Thanks to all who brought food. It was distributed to attendees at our most recent Meal for the Community.

A delicious luncheon was supplied by Kurt Hilderbrand, desserts by Linda Shurtleff and Jo-Ann Kaschak. Thanks go out to Father Kelly and about a dozen dedicated volunteers for making this creative and educational day possible.☺



Jesus Raises Lazarus

Looking Ahead

*Singles & Couples
hosted by The Maruschaks*

Friday, May 6 — 7 p.m.

Bishop Hollingsworth's Visit

Sunday, May 8 — 10 am.

Animal Blessing

Sunday, May 29 — 4 p.m.

Ascension Day Eucharist

Thursday, June 2 — 7 p.m.

Annual Parish Family Picnic

Tuesday, July 26 — 6 p.m.

Boardman Park

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



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