



# St. James Matters

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## The Rector's Whatnot: Year 201

Father Kelly Marshall

The year 2009 brought us all the opportunity of a lifetime: the celebration of our parish's bicentennial. We spent considerable time looking back at the story of our ancestors-in-faith. What a remarkable heritage we have, as Episcopal Christians at St. James' Church! ***But now it's time to move forward.*** The 201<sup>st</sup> year has come. As your parish priest, here are some things on my heart as we step together into God's future.

- ▲ Continuing to build a welcoming, diverse, inclusive parish family in which the words we sing—*all are welcome in this place*—become true;
- ▲ Crafting a new approach to loving our neighbors as we love ourselves—neighbors near and far;
- ▲ Organizing to help each member of the parish family identify spiritual gifts and the yearnings of her/his heart, as disciples of Jesus of Nazareth;
- ▲ Sharpening our skills in the areas of creative thinking about the mission and ministry which challenge us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and
- ▲ Wrestling with the intricate aspects of building and staff support, interwoven as they are with aspects of common prayer and service to the world.

We've just shared our seventh Christmas together. Back then, I challenged you with the reality of the adage that "*if we continue to do things as we've done them, we continue to get the results we've gotten.*"

Here's a decent resolution for Year 201: **Rooted in the heritage of 2000 (not just 200) years, we will step bravely into God's future, open to every fresh windfall granted us by God the Holy Spirit.**

I'm glad to be here with you, as we take this step together.

Sincerely,

*Your Rector and friend,*

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

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Janet Smart



Church Women United is a racially, culturally, and theologically inclusive Christian women's movement, celebrating unity in diversity and working for world peace and justice. It is biblically based and impassioned by the Holy Spirit to act on behalf of women and children throughout the world. Its current theme is "Building a World Fit for All God's Children." We have an active unit working in the Youngstown area.

Programs and events planned for 2010 are as follows:

\*Interfaith Tea—Monday, February 15, 2010 at 1 pm. This year the tea will be hosted by the Congregation of Rodef Sholom, 1119 Elm Street.

\*World Day of Prayer—Friday, March 5, 2010 at 1:30 p.m., hosted by

CWU at Park Vista in Youngstown. (In addition, *The Vindicator* will list other sites.)

+Bethel Lutheran is hosting one on Thursday, March 4. (Time TBA)

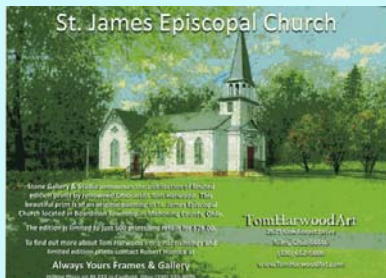
\*May Friendship Day—Friday, May 7, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., hosted by St. Andrew's AME Church, 521 W. Earle Avenue.

\*World Community Day—Friday, November 5, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., Tabernacle Baptist Church, 707 Arlington Street.

\*Human Rights Day and Christmas Fellowship—Saturday, December 11, 2010.

*We are encouraging all women to consider joining this organization. The cost of a sustaining membership is \$5. Forms will be available in the fellowship area during the month of January, if you'd like to join us. ☺*

## Thomas Harwood Limited Edition Prints Historic St. James' Church



Noted local artist Thomas Harwood is offering to members and friends of St. James' Church numbered prints of the original painting you see in the Parlor, to the right of the fireplace. This painting is temporarily on loan to us.

The cost is \$75 unframed, with \$37.50 coming back to St. James for the support of our ministry and mission. There are four prints still available which will bring this return to the parish. (Others then will be available at a return of \$25 per purchase.)

Please speak with parishioner Herb Olmi if you wish to purchase a copy of this lovely work of art.

## Buddy Blanket Mission — Saturday, January 30, 11 a.m.

Come and join us to make fleece blankets for children who are undergoing surgery in a local hospital. They are permitted to take the blanket into surgery and then home with them. No sewing, knitting or crocheting is involved. If you can tie a knot, you can make a buddy blanket! Fabric provided; just bring a pair of fabric scissors. It's 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, contact Florence Hosler at [hosler1@zoominternet.net](mailto:hosler1@zoominternet.net). The cost is \$17.00 per blanket

## YOUTH CHOIR UPDATE

Julie Van Devender



St. James' Youth Choir, pictured above with director Julie Van Devender on Christmas Eve. (Missing from photo is Judith Myer who was rehearsing with the adult choir.)

Acknowledging all of the hard work that our young people's choir has put forth during the holiday season, we'll take a break during the month of January. There will be no rehearsals, and the kids will not sing during the liturgy on the last Sunday of the month as they have been doing. **Rehearsals will resume on February 7 after the 10:00 service.**

Also, we are looking for a name for our young people's choir! Everyone is invited to provide suggestions to find a name for our choir. We invite singers of all ages and grades to participate until they wish to become members of the adult choir. Our only requirement is that he/she can read independently in order to participate in the group. As an inclusive choir small in numbers, we want to encourage more singers to participate so that we can perform music with multiple parts. We'd also love to implement a "buddy system" in the choir where we match up senior singers with newer singers. A good name would be one that does not discourage or exclude any young person's participation and is not reflective of the age of the choir member. Things like "Joy Choir" and "Seraphim Choir" are examples, and we are looking for more suggestions! Please send any thoughts to Julie Van Devender at [ndsoccer89@yahoo.com](mailto:ndsoccer89@yahoo.com), phone her at 330-286-3320, or call Patti Green in the parish office. ☺

## ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLES FOR 2010

Paula Ulicny

Sign-up sheets are located on the table in the narthex for everyone to order altar flowers and sanctuary candles for 2010. You may choose **any Sunday** (except Christmas and Easter, when we have multiple gifts from all who wish to purchase memorial flowers). The cost of flowers is \$25.00 per vase for the altar and \$12.50 for a small vase for the St. Rocco's Shrine. The cost of sanctuary candles which burn all week is \$10.00 each.

You can sign up through **January**. If you had listed a specific date for 2009, it will be carried forward unless you tell us that you'd like to make a change. We encourage new members to sign up for flowers and/or candles on any date, even if someone else is already signed up for that date.

You may wish to pay in advance—it helps the Altar Guild and the Office Staff tremendously; *however, it isn't necessary*. If you have any questions, please contact **Paula Ulicny**.



~ Mark Your Calendars ~

### First Annual Parish Epiphany Event

Wednesday, January 6, 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany  
with your parish family — Eucharist at 6:30 p.m.  
and a "Three Kings" party to follow in Jones Hall.



### A Message From Clark Jones Concerning our Bicentennial Weekend

"Words can not express what a wonderful weekend it was to the Jones family. The service with the Bishop, the meals and the strong sense of belonging to a great 'church family' are greatly appreciated by Kim and me. I know that coordination of all the events required careful planning. It was flawless and very heart felt. Please convey our appreciation to all that made the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary a success."

*Clark is the son of the late George Jones, Rector of this parish from 1950-1970 and in whose honor one of the panels is placed in the St. James' Alcove. Have you seen it yet?*

*Clark and his wife, Kim, are pictured here with Fr. Kelly Marshall and Bishop Mark Hollingsworth.*



## FUNDRAISING PROJECT FOR ST. JAMES' CHOIR



The choir has begun a fund raising program to purchase new vestments. Organist/choirmaster Frank Lynn informed us

of a program used in the school where he taught, to collect used computer cartridges and other recyclables in exchange for money. The list includes:

- inkjet cartridges
- laser toner cartridges
- cell phones
- Ipods,
- laptop computers
- GPS devices
- digital cameras

Please pass the word to people you know. Items may be placed in the box in the coat room, which will be labeled. You may also give the items to any choir member. This will be an ongoing project, and we would appreciate your support.



### Beard Family Attends Bicentennial Celebration, November 21, 2009



*We were also pleased that members of the Beard family could be with us to celebrate our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the dedication of the St. James' Alcove, given in memory of Elton and Christina Beard, long-time members of St. James' Church. Pictured above with Fr. Kelly Marshall and Bishop Mark Hollingsworth are Ron Beard, his wife Judie, and sister Joan Beard.*

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

As you've heard our senior warden and Fr. Kelly say, attendance tracking is very important for many reasons. Most importantly, it helps us to know if anyone has missed several consecutive weeks so that we may provide pastoral assistance if it is needed. In the past, tracking attendance was something the ushers did each Sunday. However, we decided to take a different approach and ask folks to sign the attendance sheets at the end of each pew.

So what happens after Sunday morning? Beverly Hilderbrand is one of our several office volunteers. Bev's ministry includes collecting the attendance sheets and comparing them to our member roster so that we know how many people are in church for each service as well as who may be absent. If folks have missed several Sundays in a row and we don't know why, she alerts Cindy Simerlink, Pastoral Ministry Coordinator, as well as Fr. Kelly.

Many thanks to Bev for this faithful ministry, in addition to overseeing coffee hour with Wendie Vanden Bosch and the many other "hats" she wears for St. James. ☞



## Call for Junior Acolytes

Acolytes are an essential part of the liturgy at St. James' Church. If you would be interested in receiving training for this ministry (torch bearer, kite bearer, offering receiver), please plan to attend a training session on Saturday, January 16 from 10—11 am. Please let our vergier, Mr. Hosler, know if you will serve God in this ministry. ☞

## ST. NICHOLAS DAY—DECEMBER 6, 2009



A grand time was had by all who attended our 6th annual St. Nicholas' Day Celebration. We had a record attendance this year—just over 90 people!!! The festival eucharist was followed by a party in Jones Hall where children had an opportunity to eat some delicious food, have their picture taken with St. Nicholas, and decorate a frame for their special photo. Thanks to all who helped to make this another great event in the life of our parish family. Special thanks to the St. Nicholas' planning team: Ben and Wendie Vanden Bosch, Sharyn Fees, Kurt Hilderbrand, Florence Hosler, Mary Ellen Maruschak, Patti Opsitnik, Louise Thorne, and Barbara Wigle. And...our very special portrait photographer, Dave Belvedere! Dave has created a web-based photo album. You may see many more photos from St. Nicholas' Day, by visiting this link: <http://picasaweb.google.com/dvdbelvedere/20091206?authkey=Gv1sRgCOC9sLii0P64NA&feat=directlink>.

## Roma Papania Wins Bicentennial 50/50 Raffle

**Congratulations** to Roma Papania (Ann Sitler's daughter) who won the Bicentennial 50/50 raffle. "St. Nicholas" pulled the winning ticket during the party that followed our annual St. Nicholas' Day Celebration. Being the generous daughter that Roma is, she returned the check to St. James and asked that the money be given to her mother as a Christmas gift. **Congratulations, Ann!!**

## THE ANNUAL MEETING of ST. JAMES' CHURCH

**Sunday, January 17  
11:30 a.m.**

The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to receive and discuss reports from the Rector, Vestry and various ministry areas, as well as to elect a new class of Vestry members for a three-year term. Communicant members in good standing who are willing to serve on the Vestry may be suggested to the Nominating Committee (Rod Hosler and Jeff Downey).

## VESTRY PLANNING DAY

**Saturday, January 23  
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**



**A Day to Get Our Bearings  
for the New Year!**



**The Prayer Circle** ministry is an informal opportunity for members of the parish to receive intercessory prayer requests via email. Prayer intentions may be written on prayer request slips and placed in the mail slot labeled Prayer Circle in the hallway outside the office or they may be sent to [prayers@stjamesboardman.com](mailto:prayers@stjamesboardman.com). Prayer request slips may be found on the table in the parlor. Requests for prayer will be sent to a circle of people who will offer prayers throughout the coming weeks.

Our purpose is to offer prayers for parishioners, neighbors, our nation, and for worldwide concerns. All requests are kept confidential within the Prayer Circle. The form and style of prayer is determined by the individual Prayer Circle member. Our prayer list will be reviewed monthly.

Those who for various reasons are not able to be active in parish life, may find this a rewarding ministry. Please call Florence Hosler, 330-788-3270 or email [hosler1@zoominternet](mailto:hosler1@zoominternet) to become an intercessor. It is not necessary to have email access to participate.~

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~ SAVE THE DATE ~

**St. James' Women's Breakfast**

**January 9 @ 9 a.m.**

Bob Evans Restaurant  
 Rt. 224, Canfield

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

**St. James' Men's Breakfast**

**January 16 @ 8:30 a.m.**

Denny's Restaurant  
 Rt. 224, Boardman



Choir librarian Patti Opsitnik, pictured with organist/choirmaster, Frank Lynn.

St. James' music library is in "ship-shape and Bristol fashion" after an extensive overhaul by Frank Lynn with the assistance of Patti Opsitnik. Some of our music dates back to 1906, and many of the individual sheets required restoration—a time-consuming and tedious process. Each copy was also stamped and numbered to improve inventory management. A new system of hanging files was initiated and the title of each piece and the number of copies available was entered into a computer system to improve access. In the case of a book with more than one piece included, each piece was recorded separately.

The initial goal was to complete the task in a year's time. Instead, the entire project was completed in a mere four months. Most Tuesdays found Frank and Patti hard at work—sometimes for as much as six hours a day on the project. Music was found in boxes, bins and files in no particular order, which complicated the task. The pair persevered and now we have a music library that is something of which the congregation can be proud.~

**Birthdays**

- 1 David Belvedere
- 2 Chuck Thorne
- Peg Howe
- 6 Lynn Himes
- 8 Jim Shurtleff
- 9 Rose Bissett
- 12 Jeff Fees
- 14 Rex Leach
- 17 Lily Love
- 21 Jean Calhoun
- 22 Florence Daggett
- 24 Marion Grahovsky
- 25 Sandra Baxter
- 26 Jean Nelepka
- 28 Mark Scheel
- Olivia Van Devender
- 29 Julian Kasten

**Anniversaries**

- 9 Craig & Janice Hardin
- 17 Harry & Sally Moldovan
- 23 Ralph & Cheryl Sylvester



**Sunday Attendance Report**



Yearly Average, 2003—2007 .....	60
November 2008 Average .....	60
November 2009 Average .....	88
December 2008 Average .....	—
December 2009 Average .....	86
Christmas Eve .....	131

## PET TALES

Patti Opsitnik



Mikey, Mitzi, and Kitty all live together with Bob and Mary Ellen Marushak. In a recent interview, Kitty described the two dogs as “finally becoming a bit more civilized” and less rambunctious. Although a game of hide and seek around the center hall isn’t out of

the question. Kitty also reports that she frequently finds herself washing Mikey’s face because he doesn’t do it for himself.

Bob and Mary Ellen have provided for the safety and amusement of the two pooches by installing an “invisible fence” that gives the dogs a tiny zap if they try to cross over it. Once was sufficient for Mikey, but Mitzi (the more adventuresome of the two), has had to be reminded that the fence is there with a little more vigour, Kitty reports. (For the enlightenment of our younger readers, the little zap the dogs get doesn’t hurt them. It simply startles them. They don’t like it, so they try not to go there again). “Of course cats don’t require such things, as we superior beings simply are not trainable,” Kitty stated firmly.

Mitzi and Mikey also love to ride in the car. At first Mitzi would throw up (Kitty stated, “I didn’t know dogs had hairball issues!”) Mary Ellen discovered a way to prevent that from happening. She puts Mitzi in the car, and before starting out on their ride she backs the car to the end of the driveway, then drives back toward the house. “Dogs—overexcitable creatures that they are,” Kitty exclaimed. “They get so excited about going for a ride that they sometimes makes themselves sick. Silly creatures!”

Kitty herself is a staid and graceful queen, as she should be, given her seniority in the household. She spends her days observing the antics of the dogs and enjoys her naps times with Mary Ellen, and her position of authority sitting in Bob’s lap.

If you come to the annual *Blessing of Animals on Rogation Sunday*, you are likely to meet Mikey and Mitzi because they are frequent attenders. Miss Kitty, however, prefers not to travel by car so if you want to meet her, you’ll need to visit the Maruschak’s home. ☞



### Please Pray for Zeke

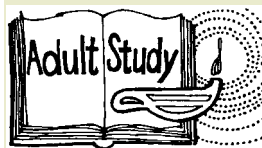
Please pray for our seminarian Zeke Coughlin, as he takes General Ordination Examinations the first week in January. This week-long series of tests are required of all candidates for Ordination to the priesthood. The five-day exam covers seven different fields: The Holy Scriptures, Church History, Christian Theology, Christian Ethics and Moral Theology, Studies in Contemporary Society, Liturgics and Church Music, Theory and Practice of Ministry. Testing is both on practical knowledge of the subjects themselves, and how they are relevant to pastoral settings. Each section of the test covers one of these seven areas and requires a three-page essay to be completed in a 3-1/2 hour time frame. Candidates are allowed a bible, a prayer book, and a hymnal as resources to answer the questions.



### Adult Christian Formation: Epiphany and Lent Father Kelly Marshall

“*Word and Sacrament.*” This doublet has guided Anglican eucharistic worship from the start. The Epiphany and Lenten seasons bring the opportunity for us to pay attention to WORD. During the Easter season, we’ll focus on SACRAMENT.

Aspects of this study include two Tuesday evening sessions—*January 19 and 26*—during Epiphany on “The Word of God” as the first part of our weekly celebration of the Holy Eucharist. [We’ll begin at 6:30 with soup and bread and start our study at 7 p.m.] An instructed Sunday Eucharist (January 24) for this portion of the liturgy will be part of the study.



On Tuesday during Lent we’ll focus on **Luke**—the Gospel from which most of the Sunday readings are taken this year. Daily Lenten devotional readings based on Luke’s Gospel are available for all, whether you join the Tuesday sessions or not. The cost is \$7.00 and you can secure your copy by phoning the parish office (330-758-2727) Monday through Thursday, 10:00-1:00.

*Keep an eye on your weekly bulletin and the parish website for specifics concerning the Tuesday classes.*

### Gospel Readings for January

**January 3**  
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

**January 6 (Epiphany)**  
Matthew 2:1-12

**January 10**  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



**January 17**  
John 2:1-11

**January 24**  
Luke 4:14-21

**January 31**  
Luke 4:21-30

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

## CHRISTMAS EVE AT ST. JAMES



Fr. Kelly, Fr. John, and acolytes Patrick Shamrock, Morgan Wigle, Maria and Sammy Merrill.

Thanks to all who helped to make Christmas at St. James another beautiful and memorable offering to the glory of God. Special thanks to Kurt Hilderbrand for repairing the lights in the choir loft in time for our Christmas Eve liturgy. We were pleased that Sammy Merrill was home to participate in the service and that Julie Aromatorio and Kaytlin Shamrock, who have also been away at college, came home to St. James to celebrate Christmas. It was great to have you all with us.



Our beautiful sanctuary...thanks to all who helped with the "greening" of the church.

### Music Notes

Do you have a favorite hymn? While it is not possible to sing everyone's favorite hymns every week, if we know what your favorites are, we can attempt to schedule them when the season, sermon theme, and other liturgical considerations are favorable. Let Frank Lynn know your wishes. Talk to him after church or leave a note on the organ bench.

**Music 101** to begin soon. Have you ever considered singing with the choir, but hesitated because you don't read music? Well, neither do a number of current choir members. Frank Lynn has offered to lead a course in basic music reading on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Please talk to Frank if you would like to participate. ∞

### Rector's Forum Tuesday, January 12, 7 p.m.

What's up with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop Suffragan-elect of Los Angeles, and the Anglican Church of Uganda? Something fishy—that's what! Join Father Marshall at the Rector's Forum to learn why it matters to us. We'll explore the extraordinary nature of the Anglican Communion.

[Fr. Kelly received the following note from Bob and Mary Ellen Maruschak's daughter-in-law, Bonnie Reynallt.]

Dear Father Kelly,

Dylan received this poem at school last week and wanted me to send it to you:

Look at a CANDY CANE, what do you see?  
Stripes that are RED like the BLOOD  
shed for me!  
WHITE for my Savior, Who's sinless and pure!  
"J" is for JESUS, My Lord that's for sure!  
Turn it around and a staff you will see—Jesus,  
my SHEPHERD, is coming for me!

I would also like to take this time to thank you for the positive effect you and your parish has had on Dylan. While in Ohio, he was always very eager to attend Sunday service as well as any of the other functions that were held there. All of you have had a very positive effect on him, and it is very evident here in South Carolina. The first thing he said when he got home from school with this poem was that we needed to share it with everyone at St. James. He misses going to church there every Sunday and misses everyone there very much. Once again, thank you very much for the guidance and teachings that our son has gained from you and the parish. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. And we wish nothing but the best for you and all that attend St. James.

Sincerely,

Jeff, Bonnie, and Dylan  
Reynallt



### Happening

#### DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT

February 12—14, 2010

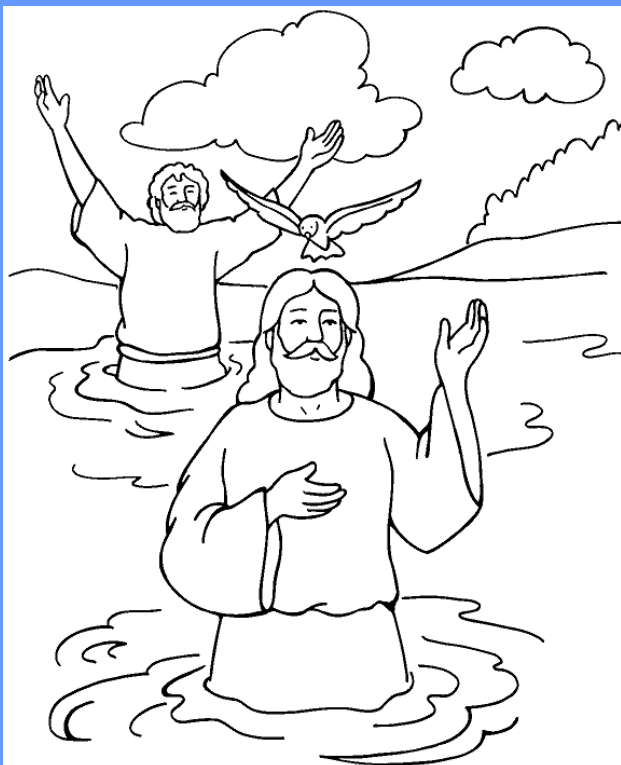
Church of Our Savior, Akron



Open to 9th—12th graders, this spiritual weekend will include talks and discussions on the basic elements of Christian life and its application to daily living. The sacraments of the church also play an integral part throughout the weekend (7 p.m. Friday through 2 p.m. Sunday).

Registration deadline:  
January 11, 2010.  
Cost: \$60

For more information, email  
The Rev. Vincent Black, Canon  
for Christian Formation at  
vblack@dohio.org or call  
216/774-0453.



**February Events**

***Singles & Couples***

Friday, February 5, 7 p.m.

Host to be announced

***Winter Convocation (Perrysburg)***

February 5 & 6

***Festival Eucharist, Last Sunday in Epiphany***

Sunday, February 14 at 10 a.m.

Followed by parish potluck and presentation  
by Fr. Mark Robinson, Canon for Mission

***Ash Wednesday***

Wednesday, February 17

***Community Meal***

Saturday, February 27

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



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