



# St. James Matters

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## The Rector's Whatnot

Father Kelly Marshall

I'm writing these words the afternoon of our beautiful liturgy for the final Sunday in the Epiphany season—a day when we received two dozen new members, heard lovely musical offerings from both our Choirs, received the thanks of our Youth Group for the parish family's help with their recent ski trip, said farewell to the *Alleluias* until Easter, and considered what Paul and Mark meant in those Bible readings which name or point to Jesus as *the image of God*.

One task of a parish family is always to be considering what it means to be disciples of Jesus: what it means to get to know Jesus, to form our lives after the pattern of his life, to study his words and his actions so that we know how to think and speak and live as his faithful followers.

Our Vestry has been thinking about this over the past month or so. We believe we've finalized **four primary goals** for the congregation this year. I'll name them below—and then in the Sunday bulletins during Lent, I'll share some details of why we believe these are worthy goals for our combined energy and attention. *Will you consider them, also, and provide your feedback to me or any Vestry member over the next weeks?*

- ◆ To celebrate the parish's bicentennial in good form;
- ◆ To learn how to do 'new member incorporation' well;
- ◆ To work hard on the stewardship tasks (1) of helping each member of the parish family identify and prayerfully offer her/his gifts and abilities to God and (2) of approaching the Easter season budget-underwriting campaign in a new, inventive and healthy way.
- ◆ To keep working on the "community question"—if we were not here, would it matter much to anyone in our community but us?

God's rich blessings, as we begin together the holy season of Lent.

*Your Rector and friend,*

*Kelly +*

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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.**

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



On February 22, new members were welcomed during a festival Eucharist to celebrate the last Sunday in Epiphany. The Vestry and Membership Ministry Team hosted a breakfast for new members and their families. You will be hearing more about these new members in future editions of *St. James Matters*.



### 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.

### LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS AND OFFERING BOXES



Please be sure to pick up today your copy of the “2009 Lenten Meditations” booklet provided to us by Episcopal Relief & Development, our Church’s primary outreach ministry to the whole world. In addition, you’ll see a **prayer card** for your use during Lent, as well as an **offering box** in which you can place your daily Lenten offerings.

We’ll return our offerings at the Great Vigil of Easter and on Easter Day, and bless them as our own parish’s particular Lenten Sacrifice this year.



For more about Episcopal Relief & Development and its many world-wide ministries, check out its website at: <http://www.er-d.org>



### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 6  
1 p.m., followed by a tea

Calvary Baptist Church  
1463 Shields Rd., Boardman

*Focus on the Women of  
Papua New Guinea*

*“For each village,  
a different culture.”*

~ PNG Folk Saying

The 2009 service and offering grants will focus on indigenous women and children’s concerns as their communities struggle to maintain their history and culture in an ever-changing world.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Fr. John Wigle



Mark your calendar now for the following opportunities for adult Christian formation:

The word Nooma is a playful englishing of the Greek word for *spirit* or *breath—pneuma*.

March 3: “TOMATO”  
*How good do you have to be?*

March 10: “SHE”  
*Challenging your image of God*

March 17: “RAIN”  
*Into each life, the unexpected*

March 24: “RYHYTHM”  
*How we live*

March 31: “STORE”  
*The root of our anger*

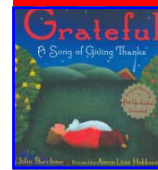
Join us in this great preparation for Holy Week and Easter.☞

**Semester 2**  
**The Lenten Semester**  
**“More of Nooma”**  
**Tuesdays—March 3-31**  
**7—8:30 p.m.**

By special request we offer more of this exciting series of short DVDs that capture spiritual truths in vivid, relevant ways that will spark meaningful discussion that change and challenge the way we experience spirituality. We will share a simple meal of soup and bread at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program from 7 to 8 p.m.

## SUPER SATURDAY FOR KIDS GRADES K-6

Barbara Wigle



**March 14, 2009**  
**9:30 a.m.—1:15 p.m.**  
**(Lunch provided)**

Our theme will be “Learning to be grateful and thankful, and showing it by being generous.”

- ❖ Storytelling
- ❖ Games
- ❖ Crafts
- ❖ Music

To register, call the church office at 330/758-2727 by March 10. This event is open to children in the community, so please invite your friends to register their children and grandchildren who have completed grades K-6.

In addition, we have purchased new Lectionary Story Bibles, Year B, one for each of the teaching teams. These beautifully illustrated books tell stories from the very same Gospel lessons that parents and grandparents will be hearing during Fr. Kelly’s sermons each week. If you would like to order one for your home, they are available from [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or [www.woodlakebooks.com](http://www.woodlakebooks.com). Simply type the name in the search bar and proceed from there.☞

## ZEKE MEETS ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY!



Our seminarian, Zeke Coughlin, spent some time in St. Petersburg, Russia, in January studying the Russian Church as part of his preparation for ordination. While spending a few days in England on his way home, Zeke had the distinct honor of meeting the Most Rev. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury. Hear more about Zeke’s trip on Sundays, March 1 and 8, when he will share some of his learnings with us after the service. Please plan to join him at about 11:30 each week in the Parlor.

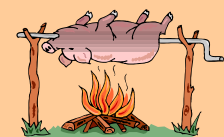
**WE'RE  
REACHING  
OUR  
GOAL**

### Attendance Report

Yearly Average, 2003—2007.....	60
February 2008 Average .....	58
February 2009 Average .....	80

~SAVE THE DATE~

### Southern Style B-B-Q Pulled Pork Dinner



**June 20**  
**September 19**  
**Tickets \$10/person**

**You won't want  
to miss it!!**

## ST. JAMES' EFFORTS TO GO GREEN

Fr. Kelly Marshall



A few years ago, parishioner **Gretchen Scheel** suggested that we begin recycling all the excess paper we produce around the church. She contacted our local Green Team and arranged to have several containers placed here and there. All of us were surprised at how much excess paper we generate! In addition, we also have a container in the hall near the office for metal and plastic materials.

The Vestry last summer, determined to take a second step in the effort to “green” our parish life, decided that we should cut down as much as possible on the use of Styrofoam. “Styrofoam” is a brand name for *polystyrene*, a petroleum-based plastic. And plastics are not biodegradable. Biodegradation is the process by which organic substances are broken down by enzymes produced by living organisms. The term is often used in relation to ecology and waste management. By volume, the amount of space used up in landfills by all plastics is between 25 and 30 percent. Styrofoam—a polystyrene foam—is notorious for breaking up into pieces that choke animals and clog up their digestive systems.

Our first effort at breaking our bad Styrofoam habit is to use ceramic coffee mugs during our weekly Coffee Hour. Our sextons then carefully wash the mugs with *hot, soapy water* before they are used again! Our Vestry is open to your ideas for a **cost-effective, biodegradable product** to use instead of Styrofoam. Junior Warden Mark Scheel is working on this and would appreciate your suggestions for such a product.

For more information, visit <http://www.planetpals.com/recyclesymbols.html>. ☞

## THE LORD'S PRAYER IN LENT

Fr. Kelly Marshall



*Our Father in heaven . . .* So begins the cherished centerpiece of Christian devotion, the prayer Jesus taught us to pray. On Palm Sunday this year we'll celebrate the First Communion of some of our younger, baptized members of the St. James' Family. In advance of this important occasion, I'm asking parents to begin teaching them the Lord's Prayer in contemporary English.

As you've already experienced in our worship at St. James' Church, we use this translation perhaps a third of the time. During Lent, we'll help our youngest members by praying it weekly during the Eucharist. Last Monday evening, our Youth Group spent some time thinking about the prayer in modern English. Isn't it a perfect time for all of us to become **bidialectal**—knowing and praying this significant prayer in both the traditional **and** the contemporary dialects of our language? More to come, throughout Lent, on the Lord's Prayer! ☞

## March Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 
- A colorful illustration of balloons and streamers.
- 2 Sammy Merrill
  - 3 Mark Webb
  - 4 Barbara Jones  
Jaimie Vanden Bosch  
May Weaver
  - 5 Jeff Downey
  - 6 Worthy Shomo
  - 8 Bob Maruschak  
Barbara Wigle
  - 9 Jesse Morgan  
Ben Vanden Bosch
  - 11 Ellie Jezior  
Tonya Weaver
  - 13 James Hixson
  - 17 Mel Hixson  
Dan Miller
  - 21 Lydia Scheel
  - 22 Cindy Simerlink
  - 23 Randy Miller
  - 31 Nancy Dixon

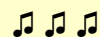
### Anniversaries

- 22 Herb & Becky Olmi

## SERAPHIM CHOIR CONCERT

At St. James' Church

*When In Our Music God is Glorified*



**Sunday, March 15**  
**3 p.m.**

Under the direction of Kris Harper, the Seraphim Choir will present a concert of traditional American hymnody—a perfect offering for this, our Bicentennial Year.

## DIRECTORY UPDATES



Please note the following additions/corrections to the parish directory:

### Additions:

**Alan & Sandra Baxter**  
6775 Steeplechase Drive  
Canfield, OH 44406  
330/533-0527  
albax@zoominternet.net

**James & Jane Booth**  
6626 Applewood Boulevard  
Youngstown, OH 44512  
330/758-6755

**Robert & (Marilyn) Jean Calhoun**  
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**Andrea Dixon**  
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Austintown, OH 44515  
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**Nancy Ensley**  
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330/757-0318

**John & Twila Frantz**  
212 Charlestown Place  
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330/799-4138

**Michael & Lynn Himes**  
**Sherlyn and Annabelle**  
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Canfield, OH 44406

**Betty Reich**  
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Canfield, OH 44406  
330/793-3646

**Janet Smart**  
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Youngstown, OH 44515  
330/799-0303  
JanS723@sbcglobal.net

**Ray & Donna Speerbrecher**  
7550 Huntington Drive  
Boardman, OH 44512  
330/726-9792

**William D. Stewart**  
19-B Hunters Woods Boulevard  
Canfield, OH 44406  
330/533-6359

**Michael Theisler**  
6605 Country Ridge Avenue  
Austintown, OH 44515  
330/718-1018

**Dorothy Webb**  
3394 S. Wendover Circle  
Youngstown, OH 44511  
330/792-1836

**Change:**  
Stan & Ellie Jezior  
Email: esjezior0527@att.net

*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. John's Youngstown

Andrea Dixon



#### Transferred from St. Andrew's Canfield

Alan and Sandra Baxter

James Booth

Robert & Jean Calhoun

Nancy Ensley

John & Twila Frantz

Michael & Lynn Himes

Sherlyn & Annabelle Himes

Barbara Jones

Chester & Joann Kaschak

Betty Reich

Janet Smart

Ray & Donna Speerbrecher

William D. Stewart

Dorothy Webb



#### Registered as a Baptised Member

Michael Theisler



## DIOCESAN WINTER CONVOCATION FEBRUARY 6 & 7



The entire Vestry of St. James' Church (minus Kurt Hilderbrand, who was in China—we'll excuse him!) along with the Rector, several Ministry Coordinators, and a few new parishioners attended this early February event at which informative presentations were made about multiple areas of ministry. We hope soon to share with the entire congregation some of the "best ideas" we gleaned from this event. A bequest from the late Mother Marian Mailey, designated by the Vestry for Leadership Development, made our attendance possible. Some of the group are pictured above—trying to get the whole group together at one time was like trying to herd cats.

### *A Lenten Invitation by Sharyn Fees*

Two years ago during Father Kelly's Ash Wednesday sermon, he encouraged all of us to "take something up" instead of "give something up" for Lent. At the time I was working full time, serving on the vestry, altar guild, acolyte, and had just begun my ministry of communications for St. James. I wasn't sure what else I could squeeze in, but I decided to give singing in the choir a try. I was more than a bit apprehensive, having no previous experience singing or reading music. To my surprise, I enjoyed it so much that I decided to stick with it after Lent was over and have been a part of the choir ever since. If you have ever thought of singing in the choir, this would be a great time to start. Many of us do not read music, so don't let that stop you. We rehearse each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m., and at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. If you like to sing, we'd love to have you join us. We have great fun sharing the ministry of music. ☺



### PARISH ARCHIVAL MATERIALS

Our Bicentennial Task Force is gathering materials of importance to the story of St. James' Church, in this year of celebration.

Do you have photos, bulletins, newsletters, newspaper clippings, letters, etc., which we could copy?

If so, please contact Ann Sitler or Margy Loiselle.

***Celebrating 200 Years!***

## Lenten Quiet Day

**Saturday, March 28  
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

*Topic and speaker to be announced.*

**Mark your calendar today!**



### 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.*

## RUMMAGE SALE

The annual spring Rummage Sale will be **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. Keep the dates in mind, because we could use lots of help the week of the sale. If you have any questions, please contact Paula Ulicny at 757-4557.

### A Note from Bishop Malik

Dear Sharyn,

Greetings to you, Fr. Kelly Marshall, Fr. John Wigle, and all of you at St. James Church, Boardman, OH. Thank you for your e-mail and for including me in your mailing list of St. James' friends. We really valued this and appreciated our continuing relations with you all. Kindly convey our love, and greetings to all from my wife Fawzia and me. We are having a very busy week starting today, January 30, 2009, with the primates meeting of the Anglican Communion—38 Primates in number—meeting from February 1—6, 2009 in Alexandria, Egypt with some activities in the Diocese where they will be sharing. As you know The Coptic Orthodox Church is the mother church in Egypt. This church goes back to its earthly founder St. Mark and they are invited to dinner with Pope Shanda the Third. As I did not have the time to talk to you about the Church in Egypt, I will try to write a few hints later for each month, if you as a church would like me to do so.

Love to each member; we valued the time when we worshiped with you.

+ Ghais

The Rt. Rev. Ghais Malik, Retired Bishop of Egypt and North Africa

### 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*.

## Gospel Readings for March

**March 1**  
Mark 1:9-13

**March 22**  
John 6:4-15

**March 8**  
Mark 8:31-38

**March 29**  
John 12:20-33

**March 15**  
John 2:13-22



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

### THE COOKS' CORNER

*This recipe is from the kitchen of Linda Shurtleff and is a great winter-time side dish.*

#### Squash Casserole

1 box stuffing mix (dry) - prepared according to package directions  
1-2 medium size zucchini - sliced  
1 medium size yellow summer squash - sliced  
1-2 T. butter to sauté squash  
1 green pepper - chopped (can use red, orange, or yellow too)  
1 onion, chopped  
1-2 cloves garlic, finely chopped

Prepare veggies, sauté only lightly until just tender. Season with salt and pepper. Combine veggie mixture with stuffing. Do not over mix. Place in a greased or sprayed casserole dish suitable to the amount prepared (8 x 11 or larger and deeper). Bake as you would bread stuffing for Thanksgiving - 350 degrees or 15-20 minutes. Grated carrots may be added (1/4 - 1/2 cup uncooked) just before baking.



*John 3:16-17 (NIV)*

D C E S E N D B E L I E V E S  
 B H N S G J N H C J Y V A E G  
 T G S V J Q Z T P G G O X T O  
 G G G A Y A R H K S O M A E B  
 A N A E T E A B F A A D D R E  
 V C F T V C T H R O U G H N G  
 E I O E Z D X J I I W W M A D  
 L T O N Y P E R I S H Z Q L J  
 F H A C D J E L G C Y R R H B  
 W W K P O E K G D A B O H C D  
 Y G X X B R M M B Y W K M N P  
 H Y U S K W U N L U A N L A D  
 Y I W K A L B N Y L O V E D K  
 Y A M U S V O R L S B N O Y E  
 Q D Q A L C E Y V E M H L P W

God	only	perish	condemn
loved	Son	eternal	save
world	whoever	life	through
gave	believes	send	him

**April Events**

**April 3, 7 p.m.**

*Singles & Couples—Host TBA*

**April 4**

Salineville Mission

Meet in church parking lot at 8 a.m.

**April 5**

*Palm Sunday Eucharist*

*First Communions*

**Holy Week Services**

*See page 6 for details*

**April 19**

*Welcoming of New Members*

**May 31—Pentecost**

***Bishop David Bowman's Visitation***

*Baptism, Confirmation, Reception of Members*

*From Other Christian communions, and*

*Reaffirmation of Faith*

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



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