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The Rector's Whatnot Father Kelly Marshall

Giving Thanks

You know, don't you, that our weekly celebrations at the altars of St. James' Church have everything to do with *giving thanks*? The word EUCHARIST means THANKSGIVING. We gather to share Eucharist, our thanksgiving, Sunday by Sunday—and sometimes through the week also. *Giving thanks!*

November is a month when the thoughts of Americans turn toward the annual national holiday called Thanksgiving. We may justly decry the excesses of the day, when within a few miles of each of our homes live neighbors who are hungry most other days. The old form of our prayer *Kyrie--Lord, have mercy upon us*—needs to temper the excesses we repeat in our homes year by year on Thanksgiving.

But that being said and meant, *we do offer thanks to God for the multiple, constant, gracious blessings which we all experience.* These blessings, we all have known most of the years of our lives. As we move through these November days towards Advent, I invite each member and friend of our parish family to slow down enough to offer God specific sacrifices of thanksgiving in this season: the giving of thanks in our prayers; thanksgiving in and for and through our relationships; and at least one concrete act of thanks to God for many blessings, **by sharing** with someone who is less fortunate than we are.

Your Vestry and I this year invite you to keep the last Sunday of Pentecost with us at the 10:00 Eucharist as *Thanksgiving Sunday*. That's November 23. We invite you to gather your family who are close to home and your friends who may not have a church home in the Nave of St. James' Church—and keep Thanksgiving with your parish family. And the words we sing that day will be a grand offering of gratitude to the God who has blessed us beyond all our deserving. *Come, ye thankful people, come.*

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

Robin Baker-Miller and Randy Miller

Robin, her husband, Daniel Miller, and son, Randy, reside in Poland. Robin was born in Idaho, but grew up in Charleston, South Carolina. She completed her medical education in Belize after attending St. Joseph's College of Maine and the University of Charleston. She is in the process of applying for medical residency and hopes to practice family medicine with a specialty in women's health. Daniel is a medical resident at Forum Health in Youngstown. Randy is in the sixth grade. The Baker-Miller family is looking forward to the arrival of Randy's brother or sister in November.

Clark and Nancy Dixon

The Dixon family—Clark, Nancy, and their two daughters, Charla and Andrea—have lived in the Youngstown area all their lives. Clark and Nancy have been married for 36 years. Clark works as an electrician, and Nancy is a physical therapist's assistant. Charla is married to Jason Sontag, and they have a son, Vincent Michael. Andrea is presently a registered nurse and is working on her master's degree at Youngstown State University. Andrea is engaged to Michael Theisler, and they will be married at St. James in May of 2009.

The Dixons are pleased to be members of St. James' Church and would like to thank everyone for the warm and friendly welcome. They are looking forward to getting to know everyone.

Stan and Ellie Jezior

Stan and Ellie Jezior (JEJ ur) are from Parma, Ohio. They met setting up for a dance at church and will celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary



on November 12. Ellie worked as a secretary for a group of engineers in Cleveland. Stan spent six years as a Jesuit brother before concluding that was not where God intended for him to be. He then began working as an optician's apprentice and eventually owed his own business. Stan and Ellie have three children—Jared, Jeffrey, and Michael—and six grandchildren. Now both retired, they reside in New Middletown.

Julie, Paul, Olivia, and Aiden Van Devender

The VanDevender (van DEE vender) family—Julie, Paul, Olivia, and Aiden—moved here in August from Alexandria, Virginia where they attended Christ Episcopal Church. They recently purchased a home in Canfield where they are performing their own "extreme makeover." Olivia

is in the second grade at Hilltop Elementary School and jumped right into serving as an acolyte. Aiden is 15 months old.

If you haven't met these new members yet, make it a point to introduce yourself at coffee hour and welcome them to our parish family. ☪

Singles & Couples

November 7— 7 p.m.
Hosted by Ann Sittler

December 5—7 p.m.
Hosted by Butch Merrill & Jody Musitano

This monthly gathering is a friendship-building opportunity for the adults of St. James' Church and their friends. Bring a dish to share, and get to know members of the parish in a non-church setting.

If you need directions, check the table in the parlor.

MEMBERSHIP AT ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

We will officially welcome our newest members on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23, at the Eucharist.

At St. James' Church, all are welcome.

ST. NICHOLAS IS COMING — DECEMBER 6, 2008—6 P.M.



St. Nicholas' Planning Team Meeting

Sunday, November 2
following the liturgy



Pictured above are adults and kids with St. Nicholas (Bill Dick) at last year's St. Nicholas' Day Festival Eucharist. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, December 6, and plan to join your parish family as we celebrate the life of Nicholas, patron saint of children. A reception in Jones Hall will follow the liturgy.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Julie Aromatorio

St. James has been having a busy year so far, and the church's new youth group has been absolutely buzzing with activity over the last several months. Between brainstorming for outreach ideas, volunteering in the community, and meeting with other Episcopal youth in the area, we've been having a great time.

The group, which consists of the youth of the church between grades six and twelve, was formed earlier this year and has been greatly aided by Mr. Tom Kuchinka, Father Kelly Marshall, and Seminary Intern Zeke Coughlin. In the group's first few meetings, we practiced general brainstorming, and we eventually progressed to brainstorming for outreach projects and other ideas to aid the church. We have been looking into different service projects, and have already begun some volunteer work. Members of the group have traveled to Salineville to work in the food pantry, and to downtown Youngstown to help St. John's Church with their soup kitchen. We hope to continue to assist other churches and organizations with whatever we can, and plan to work on some outreach projects of our own.

The St. James' Youth Group, although still relatively new, has gotten quite a lot accomplished thus far, and has plans for even more. We have more volunteer work planned for the holiday sea-

son. We also have some fun activities and events planned, starting with a Christmas party on December 8 and are very excited for all of our plans to come together. ☺

2008 ALL SAINTS' DAY

Saturday, November 1



OUR FIRST ANNUAL 2nd COAT MISSION

9:00-11:30 in Jones Hall

John the Baptizer long ago called the people of Jesus' time to repent of their excess. "If you have two coats, give one to someone who doesn't have any." And this, our Parish Family will do this year on the Feast of All Saints. Bring one or more of your excessive number of winter coats to give away to those who will be cold this winter. You can bring them in starting right now, and place them in the alcove opposite the St. Rocco's Shrine. And see Outreach Coordinator Liz Myer about helping with the distribution on November 1.

FESTIVAL EUCHARIST AT NOON

Father Joné Teana of the Anglican Church in Fiji is our guest preacher. We'll keep the Festival of All Saints as only we know how to do at St. James' Church!

Wine, cheese and conversation with Father Teana in the parlor immediately following the liturgy.

"For all the saints . . . Alleluia, Alleluia!"

ACOLYTES TRAVEL TO NATIONAL CATHEDRAL



For the fourth consecutive year, St. James' acolytes, their parents and other family members traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in the 29th annual *National Acolyte Festival* on October 11. The procession of acolytes was something to see as over 50 churches were represented with acolytes carrying banners, flags, crosses, torches, kites, gospel books, and swinging thuribles. All acolytes were recognized for their service with special attention paid to the youngest and eldest in attendance. To watch a video of the service, visit: <http://www.nationalcathedral.org/worship/services.shtml>.

Acolytes and family members who attended the National Acolyte Festival this year included Lydia and Kathy Scheel, Kurt and Kent Hilderbrand, Walter, Rachael, Robert, and Nancy Hilderbrand, Beverly Hilderbrand, Karlina Estaphan, and Amanda Spinosa.

Mark your calendars **NOW** for the *30th Annual National Acolyte Festival*—early October 2009—when St. James' Church will make its first *Parish Pilgrimage* to the Cathedral. ∞

ST. JAMES ON FACEBOOK.COM

Zeke Coughlin

Facebook is an online social and networking community used by everyone from politicians to high school students. It is a simple and safe way to interact with people on the internet. Some people use it to find jobs, reconnect with old high school friends, or share information about organizations...your church, for instance. That's right—St. James now has a Facebook page where we will showcase photos, events, interesting links to information about the larger church, and online discussion groups.

With a little bit of internet savvy, you can create your own profile by following the on-screen instructions at www.facebook.com. After you create your own profile, you will be able to access information on St. James' Facebook page or use the search function to find other organizations such as Episcopal Relief & Development, the presidential nominee campaigns, and many other groups. We will be having a workshop after the 10:00 service in the near future. At that time Sharyn and I will aid anyone interested in creating accounts. If you are interested in the workshop, please let me or Sharyn know. ∞

November Celebrations

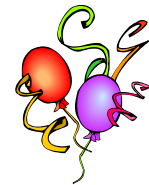
Birthdays

- 1 Carl Jones
- 2 Frank DeRhodes
- 3 Robin Baker-Miller
- 17 Joe Ulicny
- 23 Becky Olmi
- 29 Nancy Hilderbrand



Anniversaries

- 12 Stan & Elie Jezior



A Prayer of Thanksgiving



Dear Lord,

We know that at every table where food is spread, Thou art host, giver of all good gifts. Thou knowest our spiritual and also our physical needs. Prepare our hearts for love and service. For these gifts and every other good gift from day to day, we humbly give Thee thanks. Amen.

Vanessa Hildebrand
Douglas, AK
As published in *Taste of Home*
October/November 2008

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Upcoming Study

The True Meaning of Christmas

Our study will include Biblical stories, the significance of Advent, history of traditions and the commercialism of Christmas.

November 11 - December 2

Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

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



Beware of the parking lot, my friends!! I recently had a very unpleasant experience when I parked my car in the rear lot. I was thrilled to get it between those yellow lines (quite a challenge for me these days—I must have my eyeglasses adjusted). I looked in the rear-view mirror to adjust my hair, as I always do. Everything was going well.

It was a beautiful autumn day, but I brought my umbrella anyway because one never knows when a storm may brew up and ruin a freshly-styled French twist! With cane in one hand and umbrella in the other, I decided to take a slight detour through the grass toward the handicapped entrance so that I could use the elevator. As I made it to the door, I looked down. To my horror,

I had goose manure all over my new orthopedic shoes and cane!!!

This situation crops up every fall, but not to the extent as this year. Can't these birds congregate in some other place like the park?? I know they are migrating, but they really need to take another route. I was so upset I didn't know whether to wind my watch or drive to New York!

Anyway, the ending to this heinous story is BE CAREFUL! The stuff is everywhere! I drove home to change my shoes and ended up with it all over my car and dragged some into my living room...the cat was not amused.

But, God is good. Blessings to all of you.

Until next time,

~The Lil' Ol' Lady

SUPER SATURDAY FOR KIDS

November 8, 2008
9:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

This fun day for children from kindergarten through grade six will have as its theme "An Attitude of Gratitude." There will be a Bible story (see Kidz Korner on back page) and stories from the book *Grateful: A Song of Giving Thanks* written by Julie Andrews and her daughter. Each child will receive a copy of the book to take home as well as a CD of the song. There will be storytelling, singing, games and crafts, as well as a delicious lunch.

So, call the St. James' Office to register your child or grandchild. It's free of charge and all are welcome. Have your children bring a friend!

The Parochial Register



New Members/Transfers

Mae Weaver

Tonya Weaver

**All Are Welcome
In This Place**



THOSE AMAZING ANIMALS AND THEIR MINISTRY OF HEALING



Service animals and their trainers pictured with Pastoral Ministry Team members Ann Sitler and Cindy Simerlink during the *Healing Work of Animals* seminar held on October 4.

ST. JAMES' COMMUNICATIONS TEAM NEEDS YOU!

Sharyn Fees

Help Wanted

The *Communications Ministry Team* was formed approximately two years ago and works to promote activities at St. James' Church to our parish family and to our community.

This promotion involves writing press releases, designing posters and flyers, brochures, etc. The team also coordinates content for, designs, and produces our monthly newsletter, *St. James Matters* in addition to keeping our website up to date.

The Communications Ministry Team is basically a one-person operation—*ME*—and I sure could use some help. If you have an interest in and talent for writing news articles or developing promotional materials—or if you would like to learn how to do these things, please see me. ☺

TASTE OF THE VALLEY—October 5



St. James' members attend the annual Second Harvest Food Bank's *Taste of the Valley* at Stambaugh Auditorium. Pictured above are (clockwise from left) Bill Ellis, Kelly Marshall, Zeke and Lisa Coughlin, Elizabeth Hosler, Florence Hosler, Jeff Downey, and Mary Ann Fees.

BUDDY BLANKETS FOR KIDS

The Pastoral Ministry Team is sponsoring a program to make Buddy Blankets for children who are having surgery in a local hospital. Each child is given a fleece blanket to take into surgery and to take home. No sewing, knitting or crocheting is involved. All you have to know how to do is use a pair of scissors and tie a knot. The fabric will be provided. All ages are welcome! **Form a family or friends team to work on a blanket together.**

~SAVE THE DATE~

Saturday, January 10, 2009

11:00 a.m.

To sign up to sponsor a blanket and/or make a blanket, see any member of the Pastoral Ministry Team (Ann Sitler, Florence Hosler, Clare Julian, Mary Ellen Maruschak or Cindy Simerlink.) Or, contact the parish office by calling 330-758-2727, or emailing office@stjamesboardman.com. The cost of sponsorship is \$17.00 per blanket. Light refreshments will be served.



Need in-home care of an elderly family member or friend? Contact aplaceformom.com, a free referral service for families looking for help caring for aging loved ones.

Gospel Readings November Sundays

November 1—All Saints Day

Matthew 5:1-12

November 2

Matthew 5:43-48

November 9

Matthew 25:1-13

November 16

Matthew 25:14-30

November 23

Matthew 25:31-46

November 30—First Sunday in Advent

Mark 13:24-3



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

DEAN'S LIST

Dean Hunt, Organist/Choirmaster



Our *Children's Choir* began rehearsals on October 12, and has been growing ever since! We are meeting downstairs in the nursery and are

working on simple children's music that most of us grew up with. As the choir grows, won't you please give your child the opportunity to learn music through our church? Everyone who has grown up in a church remembers singing as a child. We are proud to provide this same experience to St. James' children. Rehearsal times are Sundays, 11:15 – 11:45 a.m. All children through grade six are welcome to sing.

The *Adult Choir* is back and strong as we prepare for upcoming services such as All Saints' Day, Thanksgiving Sunday, Advent, and Christmas Eve. If you sing, please come to our rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m., and Sundays from 9:00-9:45 a.m.

Soli Dei Gloria,

~Dean

BARNABAS BUNCH FORMED

We don't sing and dance, and we don't have a housekeeper named Alice. The *Barnabas Bunch* is a group of faithful Christians at St. James' Church who, in the face of these challenging economic times, have decided to invest in something that has never let us down—our beloved St. James' Church. We have pledged to contribute at least a dollar a day over and above our regular gifts to help secure St. James' future.



St. Barnabas

Our group is named for St. Barnabas, the "encourager." [Acts 4:36-37: "There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name *Barnabas* (which means 'son of encouragement'). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet."]

If you would like to become a member of *The Barnabas Bunch*, please contact any member of the vestry. ☞

RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE

Proceeds from the Rummage Sale held October 23 and 24 netted \$1,100. Thanks to all who brought rummage, purchased items at the sale, helped with set up and clean up. Special thanks to the ladies of the ECW who spent many hours pricing, setting up for, and working the sale.

THE COOKS' CORNER



This carrot cake has been a favorite in my family for years and is a great dessert for any holiday celebration.

~Sharyn Fees

Carrot Cake

- 1-1/2 C. vegetable oil
- 4 eggs
- 2 C. sugar
- 2 C. flour (sifted)
- 2 t. baking soda
- 2 t. cinnamon
- 1 t. salt
- 2 C. grated carrots
- 1-1/2 C. crushed pineapple (do not drain)
- 1/2 C. chopped nuts

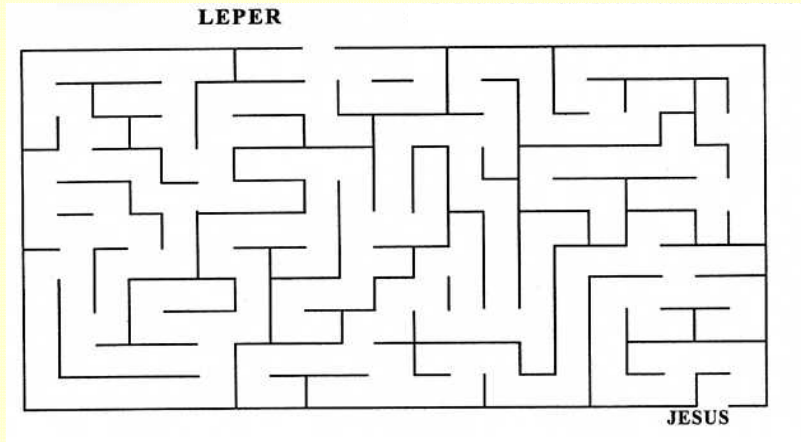
Mix oil, sugar, and eggs, beating well. Add sifted dry ingredients. Mix well. Add carrots, pineapple, and nuts. Pour into greased, round 9x9 cake pans. Bake at 350° for 35-40 minutes.

Icing

- 1 box powdered sugar
- 1/2 stick butter
- 1/2 C. margarine
- 1 t. vanilla
- 1- 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese

Mix all ingredients. Beat until creamy. Spread on cake. Enjoy!





HELP THE HEALED LEPER FIND HIS WAY BACK TO JESUS.

December Events



St. Nicholas' Festival

December 6—6 p.m.

Youth Group Christmas Party

December 8—6:30 p.m.

Advent Quiet Day

December 13—9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Christmas Eve Eucharist

December 24—8 p.m.

Epiphany Festival Eucharist

January 6—7 p.m.

Annual Parish Meeting

January 18—11:30 a.m.

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



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