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THE RECTOR'S WHATNOT: We Gather Together The Rev. Fr. Kelly Marshall

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing . . .

November comes again. From All Saints' Day to St. Andrew's Day—the first day of the month to the last—we're reminded that we are a blessed people, even as we remember again and again *to ask* the Lord's blessing.

"To bless" means to give one's approval and encouragement and/or to grant something conducive to happiness or well-being. The opening words of the hymn *We gather together* remind us that it's not primarily about the list of blessings we create, as we "count our blessings." It's primarily about an attitude, a perspective we have as we come before God week by week with our parish family, and day by day in our homes and places of work. This perspective helps us frame weekly liturgies and daily prayers. It's an attitude of coming humbly before God, and asking God to bless us. *We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing . . .* Not a list of blessings which we've counted, but rather a state of being blessed by a gracious, loving, patient and caring God.

So November comes again to the St. James' parish family. All Saints' Day, Christ the King Sunday (as the long Pentecost season comes to its end), Thanksgiving, the advent of Advent, and St. Andrew's Day. On each occasion, we gather to ask the Lord's encouragement and approval, to ask that God grant us what we need for happiness and well-being as his faithful people. I invite you to go one better than naming your blessings one by one. I invite you to consider the big picture: the perspective of being a blessed individual and part of a blessed parish family of faith.

Then bring that perspective with you each time we gather together in November—but especially on **Sunday, November 21**. It's Christ the King Sunday in our Church Year. And we'll keep the day as such, marking the end of the Pentecost Season. But we'll mark, also, the fullness of our days and years by keeping the day as **Thanksgiving Sunday**. We give thanks to the Lord week by week, as we lift our hearts to God with the Holy Eucharist. And on 21 November, we'll offer high and holy thanks, as we gather together once again to ask the Lord's blessing, knowing that God still is

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:
thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glory be thine!*

Your Rector and friend,

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At St. James'
Episcopal Church
ALL Are Welcome!

COUGHLIN'S LOG

Where Does Halloween Come From?

The Rev. Christopher Zeke Coughlin

Well, the origins of Halloween are wrapped up in the origins of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. The first of these holidays to be celebrated was All Saints' Day (observed on November 1), which originates in the seventh century. It is a day that commemorates and celebrates the lives of Christians who have faithfully served God and his Church throughout time. This includes all of the most famous historical saints of whom we still tell stories, but it also includes our deceased family members who served Christ in the Church and died in faith and in hope of the resurrection . . . or at least that's how All Saints' Day is observed today.

In the Middle Ages, theologians had a more strict definition of who could be considered a saint. To them, saints were those souls whom the Church could know for certain were in heaven, and there were very strict guidelines for who could be considered for this claim. In those days, only those Christians who were officially granted sainthood by the medieval Church were commemorated on All Saints' Day. In the tenth century the practice of All Souls' Day (observed on November 2) was created as a way to commemorate those Christians who faithfully served the Church, but were not officially named as saints. All Souls' Day became a day for remembering all of our dead.

Today, many churches do not separate All Saints' Day from All Souls' Day. Many modern churches believe that all men and women who die in faith are saints; and therefore, we do not need to separate our commemoration of the dead into two categories. Some modern churches still do celebrate both holidays; however, this is more out of tradition.

So what about Halloween? The name comes from 'All Hallows Eve,'

which is just an old way of saying, 'All Saints Eve.' Just like we celebrate Christmas Eve on the night before Christmas Day, Christians celebrate All Hallows Eve on the night before All Saints' Day. Halloween was a sort of celebratory preparation for the more reverent church services and graveyard visitations on the days to follow. Traditionally, Halloween was a time to feast and tell stories of remembrance about Christians who had passed on. Costumes were worn to commemorate the dead, to reenact stories, or to scare away evil (much like gargoyles on cathedrals). So give some thought to celebrating Halloween this year by spending some time with your family, telling a few grisly stories of Christian martyrdom, and dressing up in something scary. Then follow it all up by joining us at St. James for All Saints' Day service on November 1.

Happy Halloween!

Zeke

CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY

ST. JOHN'S, YOUNGSTOWN

Your prayers and presence are requested as the Rev. Bradley Pace and the people of St. John's, Youngstown celebrate their new ministry together. All are invited to attend the special service on Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

A dinner will be held before the service at 5:30 p.m. for which reservations are necessary. There will also be a reception following the service. Seating is limited, so please email the parish at stjohn@cboss.com or call 330-743-3175 for reservations.

Clergy - Festive Stoles

PLANNING YOUR CHRISTIAN FUNERAL

Cindy Simerlink

The Pastoral Ministry Team invites everyone to give intentional thought to planning your Christian funeral. Why?

- ◆ It's a gift to your family.
- ◆ It's a devotional exercise which enriches your spiritual life.
- ◆ It's a help to your parish priest.
- ◆ It's a smart thing to do.

Informational brochures and forms will be available on Sunday, November 7. After reviewing the brochure, we hope you will discuss it with your family. If you wish to talk about your Christian funeral with Fr. Marshall, call the parish office and make an appointment to speak with him (330-758-2727.)

Your planning document is for you, your family, and the Rector. It will be kept in the Rector's office. Keep a copy for yourself, and give a copy to one or more members of your family.

If you've already made preliminary plans concerning your Christian funeral and have left them with your funeral director, please share and discuss these plans with Father Marshall.

Our Pastoral Ministry Team invites you to make this a *priority*. Any of us are willing to discuss this with you—just ask!☞

~ Mark Your Calendar ~

**All Saints' Day
Festival Eucharist**

Monday

November 1 —7 p.m.

*May the souls of all the departed
through the mercy of God
rest in peace.*

OUR GROWING YOUTH GROUP

The Rev. Christopher Zeke Coughlin

Since I came to St. James back in 2008, I've had the great pleasure to work with the teens of our parish. It has been a joy to play, pray, and grow with them. We've slowly been meeting more frequently and have slowly gained in membership. We've also been incorporating more spiritual development into our activities. Some of what we are doing has been and is being developed by the group itself through experimentation, and some of our newer activities are based on those from diocesan youth programs that our members have attended. In trade, we have even offered some of our own activities to diocesan leaders, who have incorporated them into diocesan events.

Our emulation of the diocesan youth program has helped our youth group grow and explore a deeper spirituality through song, prayer, and scripture study. This culture of spiritual exploration is strengthened every time one or more of our youth attends a diocesan event. Through attending these events, the youth from around the diocese can explore their faith together with a larger Christian community. They deepen their faith, understanding, and spiritual practice, as well as gain an understanding that the Episcopal Church is a broad collection of believers that will be waiting for them with a warm welcome in any city in which they find themselves, no matter where life takes them after graduation.

To foster all of this growth, adult leaders working with the youth here in the parish and traveling with them to diocesan events is *imperative*. I've

been to three events so far this year, the most recent of which being two weekends ago when I accompanied four of our teens to the 2010 Diocesan Youth Event. There we met other youth and adults from around the diocese and learned, prayed, played, and worshiped together. I am excited about participating in these events and excited about the affect these events have on the culture of our own youth group as the spiritual journeys of its members continue.

If you find yourself with a call to work with the youth of our parish or wish to contribute to the youth group in any way, please contact me. We are always looking for more adult coordinators, volunteers, and ways to facilitate more activities for the youth both on the diocesan and local levels. Most importantly, I invite you to support the youth group at St. James' with your prayers. I can think of no better way to encourage the youth of our parish to pray than to pray for them and with them. Through your prayer and support, our youth group will continue to thrive.~

Monday Morning Devotions

8:30 to 8:50 a.m.

Mary Magdalene Chapel

Begin your day and week with our clergy at prayer.



Sunday Attendance Report

October 2009 Average	75
October 2010 Average	73

ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLES FOR 2011

If you are currently on the schedule for placing altar flowers or the sanctuary candle and you want to make any changes for 2011, please contact Paula Ulicny. There are plenty of dates available. The cost is \$25 per vase and \$10 per candle. Flowers and candles may be given in memory of loved ones, in thanksgiving for God's blessings, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. If you would like to place a small vase of flowers in the St. Rocco's Shrine the cost is \$12. If you have any questions please contact Paula at 330-757-4557.

Gospel Readings for November

November 1
Matthew 5:1-12

November 7
Luke 20:27
(28-33) 34-38

November 14
Luke 21:5-19

November 21
Luke 23:35-43

November 28
Matthew 24:36-44



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

THIS, I BELIEVE
Fr. Kelly Marshall

I'm told that the root of the familiar word *creed* goes back to the Latin word for *heart*. What I believe is what I've set my heart on. I've set my heart on the goodness, the loving-kindness of God. I believe God's promise that he never will leave or forsake me. This is what I choose to believe—because faith (what I believe in) is a choice. In all the ups and downs, the ins and outs of my life, I have chosen to believe that Jesus loves me and that he is, first, my Lord and then my Friend. I choose to believe that nothing I do—or nothing else I might choose to believe—ever can separate me from the great, abiding love of God. I believe that God is with me through everything—that my name is in God's mind, in God's heart, on God's lips—that God knows me and cares about me. I believe that Jesus loves *me*. And I also have set my heart on the hope that God is working for me, not against me. I believe that God calls me to work right alongside him to help him fix my world—and to help him fix the whole world. That's because he's got the world in his *heart*. I believe that God believes in *me*. God has set his heart on me. And for me, right now in my life, that's enough to believe.



Note from Father Marshall: How important it is for you and me as Christians to be able to say in a few sentences what we believe! Will you quiet your mind and heart, sit down, and write what it is you believe? And then share it with members of your parish family? If so, please send your personal "This, I Believe" to Sharyn Fees for another edition of *St. James Matters*.

JOINT CELEBRATION OF ST. ANDREW'S DAY TO BE HELD NOV. 30

Dinner—6 p.m.

Choral Evensong—7 p.m.

St. John's Church

Sponsored jointly by St. John's and St. James' Episcopal Churches, this first annual St. Andrew's Day observance is an occasion to celebrate the witness and long ministry of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Youngstown and Canfield. Fr. Kelly Marshall will preach and Fr. Bradley Pace, rector of St. John's, will officiate. The choirs of both congregations will lead the people in singing Evensong. Members of St. John's are providing a fish dinner at 6 p.m. (a free will offering will be taken for the meal). Members of St. James' will provide dessert. Please contact Parish Life Coordinator Rose Bissett if you will help. **Advance reservations are needed for the meal.** Please phone St. John's parish office (330-743-3175) to make your reservation by Monday, November 22. St. John's Church is located at 323 Wick Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio.☞

RECEPTION OF THE ST. ANDREW'S BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE — NOVEMBER 28



On the first Sunday in Advent, November 28, at the 10 a.m. Eucharist, Fr. Marshall will receive and bless the Book of Remembrance from the former St. Andrew's Church. This book lists names of parishioners and the dates of their death. It's been a way for members of that parish to remember the saints of God whose witness and ministry enabled the decades-long work of St. Andrew's Church. Fr. Marshall is working with members of St. James' Church to establish just the right place as a permanent home for this book.☞

FINANCE TEAM UPDATE
Rose Bissett

Report for the Period January—September 2010

Offerings Received \$74,952

Amount Budgeted
for Offerings \$72,000

Budgeted Deficit
For 21010 \$18,000

Proceeds from St. James' Night In
\$4,000 (approximately)

Proceeds from Rummage Sale
\$1,700 (approximately)

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE
Ralph Sylvester

Thanks to everyone who has submitted their pledge or giving goal for 2011. Pledges received to date total \$103,404! You may recall that our goal for congregational giving was to exceed \$129,500, so we are not far from it. The Stewardship Ministry Team is in the process of following up with those who have not yet submitted a pledge or giving goal. If you have any questions about the Stewardship Campaign, please contact Ralph Sylvester.☞

Singles & Couples

November 5
Kelly Marshall

December 3
Scheel Family

We gather at 7 p.m. Bring a dish to share and enjoy getting to know members of your parish family.

ECW UPDATE

Janet Smart



Many thanks to all who helped in any way with our fall rummage sale. It was an extremely successful event, and we raised \$1,700. Chairperson Paula Ulicny said that she believes this was best sale ever!

Church Women United's *World Community Day*, "Building the Beloved Community," will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, November 5, 2010 at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 707 Arlington Avenue, Youngstown. Advance reservations are required for lunch at noon, but you can attend the morning service only if you'd like. Sister Jerome Cochrane will be honored as this year's *Valiant Woman* for her many years of work in the community. On Saturday, December 11, CWU will celebrate **Human Rights Day** at Grace Lutheran Church, 162 S. Raccoon Road, Austintown with a program at 10 a.m. A holiday potluck lunch will follow.

And last, but certainly not least, **Protestant Family Service (PFS)** will hold its fall concert at Bethel Lutheran Church, 45 Crestview Drive, Boardman on Sunday, November 14, 2010. Refreshments will be served at 3 p.m., and the concert will begin at 4 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken during the concert. This is a major fundraiser for Protestant Family Services, so please try to support this event. Musicians from various churches in the community will be sharing their talents.~

CARDMAKING PROJECT RAISES OVER \$800 FOR NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

Barbara Wigle

As you know, we have been making note cards using images of endangered birds and sea creatures that the children and youth created during our most recent Super Saturday event. *So far we have raised \$847.00 to benefit the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.* Thanks to all who worked to create the images and cards and to those who have bought or sold them to friends. This project has been a great success!!

PROTESTANT FAMILY SERVICES OUTREACH

Florence Hosler

As in the past, we will be sponsoring Protestant Family Services by purchasing Christmas gifts for approximately 14-15 children. Beginning in early November, there will be a display in the narthex where you can choose a child's gift wish.

If you would like to participate in this ministry, please take a tag which contains the child's gift wish and size information if applicable. Please bring the *unwrapped* gift to church by December 12.

This program allows parents to wrap and present the gifts to their children themselves.

WELCOME BABY!



Owen Michael Olmi was born August 31 and weighed in at 4 lb., 3 oz. Although his arrival was a bit early, he is doing very well. Proud parents, Michael and Dannielle Olmi, are currently living in Pittsburgh but are planning a move back to this area. Owen's grandparents are Herb and Becky Olmi. We'll all be looking forward to meeting Owen in person!

PARISH FAMILY NEWS



Rod Hosler wrote an article for **On Point: The Journal of Army History**, and it was published in the Fall 2010 issue. The article, entitled *Hell on Wheels: The 25th Infantry Bicycle Corps*, is about 25th Infantry Bicycle Corps and their training mission from Ft. Missoula, Montana to St. Louis, Missouri in June-July 1897. Yes, riding bicycles all the way!

A copy of the magazine will be available for people to borrow. Rod will be happy to sign autographs after any service!!~

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

St. James'
Men's Breakfast

November 20
@ 8:30 a.m.

Bob Evans in Boardman

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

St. James'
Women's Breakfast

November 13
@ 9 a.m.

Perkins, Rt. 224, Boardman

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



NOVEMBER ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

90 Minutes: November 2, 9, 16, 23

7-8:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Studies in the book "An Altar in the World"

"In *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*, Barbara Brown Taylor promises to make you see the world in a new way—finding grace in even the smallest detail, helping to bring conscious awareness to your every day. Learn how the practice of blessings will help you give thoughtful prayer to those you love and even some you will never meet" (oprah.com).

Barbara Brown Taylor is an Episcopal priest, a professor of religion at Piedmont College, and teaches spirituality at Columbia Theological Seminary. In 1996, she was named one of the twelve most effective preachers in the English-speaking world.

Copies of the book are available in the office. The cost is \$15. Participants should read the first two chapters prior to the start of the study.

90 Minutes: December 7, 14, 21

7-8:30 p.m. in the Parlor

An Advent Study Led by Deacon Zeke Coughlin

As we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, we pray to deepen our relationships with the Jesus Christ who still lives today. Toward this end, during the first three weeks of Advent, our Tuesday night adult formation group will be looking at how the Christian Church has traditionally interpreted who Jesus Christ was, is, and will be.

We will be focusing on the recorded experiences of our spiritual ancestors as they appear in the Bible, how these writings came to teach the very first Christians to see Jesus, and how those beliefs have molded our own modern religion lives and are still present in our liturgy today. This is not a conversation about new theology and interpretations, but rather a conversation about the oldest beliefs that lie at the very root of our faith tradition.

The News and The Good News
Sunday Mornings Beginning November 7
9-9:45 a.m. in Jones Hall

A weekly opportunity to discuss from a faith perspective an aspect of what's in the news. We'll read a printed op-ed piece during the week before we gather and then discuss it each Sunday morning. The first session will be led by Fr. Marshall.

Advent Quiet Day

Saturday, December 11 from 9 am. to 1 p.m.

Led by Retired Priest Associate, The Rev. Mary Vidmar

The theme for this quiet day will be taken from Philippians 2:5 "Let that mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus." It will be developed along the lines of getting to "know" the mind of Christ through quiet prayer and reflection, much as Jesus' mother must have reflected upon his presence within her as she prepared to give birth to him.

November Birthdays

- 1 Carl Jones
- 3 Morgan Wigle
- 14 Emma Love
- 17 Joe Ulicny
- 23 Becky Olmi
- 29 Nancy Hilderbrand



Anniversaries

- 12 Stan & Ellie Jezior
- 27 Rick & Kathy Rose



ST. JAMES' SCRAPBOOING AND CARDMAKING GROUP

We meet on alternate Sunday evenings from 5-7 p.m.

November 7 & 21

December 5 & 19

Come and join the fun!

Experienced and novice crafters are welcome.

November 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Note: The Young People's Choir rehearses each Sunday following the liturgy.</p>	1 8:30am Morning Devotions in Chapel 7pm All Saints Day Festival Eucharist	2 7pm 90 Minutes <i>An Altar in the World</i>	3 6:30pm Aerobics 7pm Choir Rehearsal	4 6:30pm Cribbage	5 7pm Singles & Couples @ Kelly Marshall's	6 8:30am Aerobics 9am – 1pm Vestry Fall Planning day 6:30pm Vestry
7 9am News & Good News 10am Holy Eucharist 5pm Cards/Scrapbooking	8 8:30am Morning Devotions in Chapel	9 7pm 90 Minutes <i>An Altar in the World</i>	10 6:30pm Aerobics 6:30 Eucharistic Minister's Reflection 7pm Choir Rehearsal	11	12	13 8:30am Aerobics 9am Women's Breakfast
14 9am News & Good News 10am Holy Eucharist 5pm Youth Group	15 8:30am Morning Devotions in Chapel 6pm Finance Team 6:30pm Work of the People	16 7pm 90 Minutes <i>An Altar in the World</i>	17 6:30pm Aerobics 7pm Choir Rehearsal	18 6:30pm Cribbage 6:30pm Intercrossors & Readers	19	20 8:30am Aerobics 8:30am Men's Breakfast
21 9am News & Good News 10am Holy Eucharist & Healing Liturgy 5pm Cards/Scrapbooking	22 8:30am Morning Devotions in Chapel 6:30pm Vestry	23 7pm 90 Minutes <i>An Altar in the World</i>	24 6:30pm Aerobics 7pm Choir Rehearsal	25 Thanksgiving Day	26	27 8:30am Aerobics
28 9am News & Good News 10am Holy Eucharist	29 8:30am Morning Devotions in Chapel	30 7pm Joint Service for St. Andrew's Day at St. John's, Youngstown				St. Nicholas is Coming December 5!!!



Looking Ahead



Singles & Couples

Hosted by The Scheel Family

Friday, December 3 @ 7 p.m.

Meal for the Community

Saturday, December 4, 4-5:30 p.m.

St. Nicholas' Day Festival Eucharist

Sunday, December 5 @ 6 p.m.

Followed by Parish Advent Party @ 7 p.m.

Advent Quiet Day

Saturday, December 11 from 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist

December 24 @ 8 p.m.

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



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