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The Rector's Whatnot Father Kelly Marshall

We can afford to be generous...

“So let the love of Jesus come and set thy soul ablaze to give and give, and give again, what God hath given thee; to spend thyself nor count the cost; to serve right gloriously the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.”

We sang that hymn at the beginning of Sunday's Eucharist on the last full day of summer. The September morning was bright and beautiful, and the words we sang called us to awaken to love and work . . . to “see how the giant sun soars up, great lord of years and days! *So let the love of Jesus come . . .*”

Sometimes in worship we offer our dutiful service to God, and that is good, it is enough. But sometimes a light surprises us as we sing, or pray, or hear, or taste. In the singing of that hymn--your voices joining mine while I passed among you toward the Altar--I sensed a profound energy, a genuine love and a sincere joy. We all were happily together that morning in our effort to worship God as his people at St. James' Church.

And I recalled something I learned early on in my tenure here: this parish family is a generous Christian congregation. **Gratitude and generosity** adorn the Christian's life as primary virtues. Gratitude and generosity are signs of people who have experienced the goodness of God. And this reminds me of the advice of an elderly bishop I knew when I was younger: “We always can afford to be generous. Always.”

Our new seminary intern, Zeke Coughlin, emailed me this week about things which had provided some bumps in his road over the past couple weeks. His words are true: “I am *wealthy enough* to afford good car insurance . . . I am also *wealthy enough* to afford good health insurance . . . All of the blunders that have come my way recently have been painful and inconvenient, but each one sheds light on the myriad blessings that already exist in my life.” And so, we wrap ourselves in garments of gratitude. We always can afford to be generous. **“So let the love of Jesus come and set thy soul ablaze to give and give, and give again, what God hath given thee.”**

Your Rector and friend,

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



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INTRODUCING ZEKE COUGHLIN, SEMINARY INTERN



For any of you who have not yet met me, I'm Zeke Coughlin, and I am the new Seminary Intern at St. James'. What does that mean? Well, all seminarians who aspire to the priesthood must spend a year or more serving in a parish as a sort of apprentice. My exact responsibilities for this year are still being worked out, but it is safe to say that I will be serving in multiple capacities so that I can see the inner-workings of parish life from the perspective of the clergy and learn everything that Father Marshall and Father Wigle have to teach me. I am very excited to worship with, minister to, and learn from you all. I cannot even express how impressed I am with the parish, the congregation, and the clergy at St. James.

My wife, Lisa, and I have only just moved to Boardman from Chicago this past August, but have already found it to be a great place to live.

I was born in Youngstown and Lisa is from Cleveland, so we have been viewing this move as a bit of a homecoming, and the warm welcomes we have received from the parish have only served to increase this feeling. We are both very happy to find a home in your congregation.

Lisa is currently working as a surgical resident at Forum Health. Medical residency programs have very long and irregular hours, so she will not be around as often as she would like to be. I will be commuting back and forth from Columbus, where I am attending Bexley Hall Theological Seminary as I continue in my process toward ordination in the Episcopal Church. I am in Boardman about three and a half days a week, and will be spending a considerable amount of that time at St. James'. So, if you see either Lisa or myself around, please take the time to introduce yourself. We are both very excited to meet and get to know everyone in the parish.

Peace and Grace,
~Zeke

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY ON OCTOBER 5TH

Will you help out on Sunday the 5th at the **Red Door Café**, the Meal Ministry of St. John's Church in Youngstown? Some of our middle and high school youth will be serving lunch that day. *Will you join them?* The time commitment is 10:00 to 1:00. If you can't go, will you send along a **sheet cake** to help provide dessert? If so, please have it at St. James' Church by 9:15 Sunday morning, so the kids can take it with them. Thanks!

B-B-Q Pulled Pork Dinner

\$ U C C E \$ \$! ! !

Over \$1,200 was raised on the pork dinner. Thanks to all who worked to make this a successful event and to those who attended. Special thanks to Bob Maruschak for spearheading the effort.

The delicious cakes were
donated by:

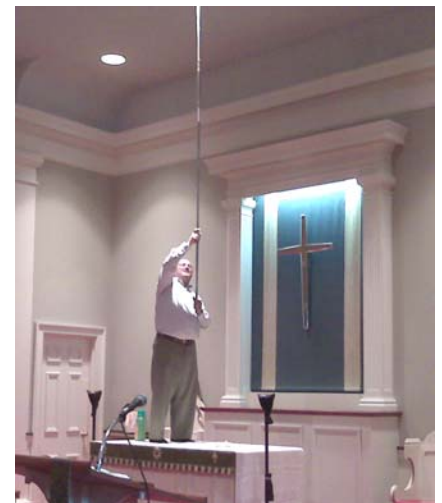
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We are grateful for these generous donations!!! Please be sure to patronize these friends of St. James' Church.



Exactly how many Episcopalians does it take to change a light bulb?

Only one if you stand on the altar and have a nifty tool! **Junior Warden Herb Olmi** takes care of a dim situation in the sanctuary.

DR. LIZ MYER'S MEDICAL MISSION TO THE MIDDLE EAST



John 9:5

*"As long as I
am in the
world,*

*I am the light
of the world."*



Pictured above are some of the people Dr. Myer treated on her medical mission to Jordan and Syria this past August. Pictured left are two Sabean (follower of John the Baptist) Iraqi refugee sisters and the granddaughter of one. Several of their family members had been killed before they fled Iraq. Dr. Myer made a house call to provide medical care. Pictured right is a man named Mohammed (third from left) who had lost his sight. After he and his wife prayed to Jesus for his sight to be restored, their prayers were answered. Shortly afterwards, and against the wishes of his parents, brothers, and sisters, he and his family became Christians and relocated to Damascus.

THE HEALING WORK OF ANIMALS—OCTOBER 4

Cindy Simerlink

In celebration of the **Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi**, the Pastoral Ministry Team is sponsoring a seminar dedicated to *The Healing Work of Animals*. This seminar will take place on **Saturday, October 4** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Presenters include Carol Kershner and her five-month-old puppy, Casey. Carol is a puppy raiser for **Pilot Dogs, Inc.**, in Columbus, an organization that provides guide dogs for the blind. After she provides basic training and socialization, the puppy then goes on to more intense training. Casey is the fifteenth puppy that Carol has trained to assist others to live independently. Pilot Dogs, Inc., has been providing guide dogs to the blind since 1950.



Pam Turner and her dog, Aragon, and Cari Goerl and her puppy Sager will be with us to talk about **Canine Companions for Independence** and the four types of assistance dogs they provide to individuals with disabilities. Aragon is a facility dog who works with a professional in a visitation, education, or healthcare setting. Sagar, just four months old, is learning all of the commands he will need to be an assistance dog. ☞



A Prayer for Animals

God our heavenly Father, you created the world to serve humanity's needs and to point everyone to you. By our own fault we have lost the beautiful relationship we once had with all your creation. Help us see that by restoring our relationship with you, we also restore it will all your creation. Give us grace to see **all animals as gifts from you** and to treat them with respect. They are your creation. We pray for all animals who suffer as a result of our neglect. Restore once again the order you originally established, through the prayers of St. Francis and St. Rocco; and especially through the merits of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you now and forever. Amen.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !



We are pleased to welcome these new members
to St. James' Church:

Robin Baker-Miller

Randy Baker

Nancy & Clark Dixon

Ellie & Stan Jezior

Julie & Paul VanDevender

Olivia VanDevender

Aiden VanDevender

All Are Welcome in This Place

October Celebrations

Birthdays

- 1 Janice Harden
- 5 Barbara Wittkugle
- 11 Emily Shurtleff
- 14 David Ulicny
- 15 Gretchen Scheel
- 17 Clark Dixon
- 20 Steve Shurtleff
- 22 Mary Ellen Maruschak
- 23 Patti Opsitnik
- 28 Wilma "Billie" Allgood
- 29 Robert Hilderbrand
- 30 Liz Myer



RUMMAGE SALE — OCTOBER 23 and 24



The ECW-sponsored Rummage Sale will be held on October 23 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and October 24 (9 a.m. to noon all items 1/2 price; noon to 3 p.m.—\$1.00 per bag full). We need rummage!!! Please place it inside the large double-door closet in Jones Hall. We price on Thursdays starting at 9 a.m. Workers will also be needed Monday-Wednesday, October 20-22 for set up as well as both days of the sale. If you can give us a hand, please talk to Wealthie Prince or Paula Ulicny. Proceeds from the semi-annual Rummage Sales are used to purchase items for the kitchen, fund improvements to Jones Hall, provide bereavement luncheons, etc.. The ECW often designates a portion of the proceeds to St. James' general operating fund.

The Parochial Register



New Members/Transfers

Robin Baker-Miller

Randy Baker

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Burials

Rebecca Shomo

September 11

Susan Banning

September 12

Ned Riley

September 18



ACCORDING TO AMBROSE. . .



Dear church folks:

I hope you all made it through that big storm alright. I know that several St. James' families were without power

for one or more days. The electricity and telephones were out for two days here. It got pretty quiet and lonely without anyone around. Luckily church mice don't depend on electric power the way people do. I amused myself by playing grape soccer in the narthex. Grapes roll really well across the slate floor! Then I pretended I was in a track meet and ran zig-zag through the communion rails—sh-h-h-h. I'm sure that's a no-no, but it was fun! Even when I'm in this big building all by my little mousy self, I never feel alone. Because God is always with us—through the sunny days and the stormy days of our lives.

Fortunately, the power came back just in time for preparations for the Pork Dinner to begin. What a flurry of activity with the men pre-

paring the baked beans and coleslaw and ladies baking cornbread (one of my favorites). The smell of that delicious pork cooking wafted its way to my nest behind the choir loft early Saturday morning. There were lots of people coming and going all day so it must have been a success.

In case you didn't know, the *Ad Hoc Guys Chili Makin' Group* came up with the idea to do a Pork Pull Dinner. They meet most Wednesday evenings. Sometimes they make chili, sometimes vegetable soup. They also do clean-up work around the church grounds and repair things inside the church that don't work. They do good work and have fun too. If you'd like to know more about the men's group, talk to Butch Merrill or Mark Scheel.

Well, I'll be seeing you . . . but chances are you won't see me. Until next month . . .

~Ambrose

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

Six Studies on Spirituality and The Lord's Prayer

This Tuesday evening course led by Father Marshall and others continues through October 28. It's not too late to join the group each week at 7 p.m. in the Parlor.



Second Harvest Food Bank's Taste of the Valley

Sunday, October 5, 2008

5 to 8 p.m.

Stambaugh Auditorium

Taste of the Valley is a premier dining event in the Mahoning Valley that benefits Second Harvest Food Bank. For every \$1 given to the Food Bank, \$11 worth of food will be distributed to our hungry neighbors. Call the church office right away—only two tickets left!



ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRY TEAM

Florence Hosler



The *Administrative Ministry Team* works to make sure that all necessary office functions are completed in a timely manner. Some of these tasks include answering the telephone, processing incoming and outgoing mail, tracking attendance, preparing and copying Sunday bulletins and special service bulletins, scheduling building use, updating the parish directory, assisting with copying and distribution of *St. James Matters*, etc.

Do you have a few spare hours a week or the occasional day during the month?? Ministry in the church office could help fill your time! We could use some extra help with the monthly newsletter, preparing seasonal service bulletins, and *answering the phone*. We offer hands on training and support—we'll never leave you on your own!! Learn to operate the copy machine, fax and postal center, the new telephone system, and, if you are brave, the office computer.

We also need assistance when another volunteer is out for a day . . . or a week. Please contact me or call the church office if you have a heart for this important church ministry. Thanks to the conscientious team of volunteers who show up each week to make sure the office is running smoothly. ☺

Gospel Readings for October Sundays

October 5 Matthew 21.33-46	October 19 Matthew 22.15-22
October 12 Matthew 22.1-14	October 25 Matthew 22.34-46



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

THE SOUNDTRACK OF YOUR LIFE

GUESS WHAT???

Our St. James' Youth are attending the
DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT (DYE)
for the **FIRST** time!!!

October 24-26
Trinity Episcopal Church, Toledo

Contact Maria Merrill
for more information.

Register Online:
www.tinyurl.com/DYE-registration

2008 Acolyte Festival Update

October 11—Washington Cathedral



Is your acolyte registered? Have you been in touch with other families who are planning to attend? If not, please contact Vestry Member Liz Myer right away for details!

2009 Washington Cathedral Pilgrimage

Mark your calendar NOW for early October 2009, when St. James' Church will make its first *Parish Pilgrimage to the Cathedral* the weekend of the National Acolyte Festival.

DEAN'S LIST

Dean Hunt, Organist/Choirmaster

An organizational meeting for the Children's Choir was held on Sunday, September 28. All children grades 1-6 are welcome (and needed). If you have not been contacted about the choir, please see me or call me (330/646-3090). Rehearsals will be held every other week beginning October 5 in the nursery directly following the liturgy (approximately 11:15) and will last about 30 minutes.

Initial plans are for the Children's Choir to sing once a month. This can be a great way to reach out to others in the community. If you know of a child who does not attend St. James' but may be interested in singing with us, please let me know. I am confident that our Children's Choir will greatly enhance our liturgy and look forward to working with the children, parents, and grandparents to make it a reality.

Soli Dei Gloria
~Dean

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. And 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!"

October Singles & Couples Event



The next *Singles & Couples* gathering will be hosted by Jim and Linda Shurtleff on Friday, October 3 at 7 p.m. There will be a bonfire to roast over. Bring your lawn chair and a dish to share. If you need directions, check the table in the parlor. This gathering is a monthly friendship-building opportunity for the adults of St. James' Church and their friends.

THE COOKS' CORNER



Do you have a recipe that you'd like to share?? Or have you sampled something tasty at a parish event and have been trying to track down the recipe??

Recipes or requests for recipes may be sent to Sharyn Fees (sefees@zoominternet.net) or dropped in the St. James Matters mailbox on the table in the parlor.

Barbara Wigle brought these yummy potatoes to our parish picnic. Thanks, Barbara, for sharing the recipe.

Potatoes Deluxe (serves 10-12)

2 lbs. frozen hash brown potatoes
1 cup onion, chopped
1 can cream of chicken soup
1/2 cup margarine or butter, softened
1 pt. sour cream
8 oz. pkg. sharp cheddar cheese, grated
1 tsp. salt (optional)
1 tsp. garlic salt

TOPPING:

2 cups corn flakes, crushed
1/4 cup margarine or butter, melted

Thaw potatoes 30 minutes. Mix together in a large 10x14 glass baking dish potatoes, onion, soup, sour cream, margarine, cheese and seasonings. Topping: Melt margarine and toss in corn flakes. Sprinkle on top of potatoes. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 1 hr.



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Christ Will Return!

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As **believers**, we look forward to the **return** of **Jesus Christ**. We **anticipate** the day that He arrives, riding on a **white horse** and descending through the **clouds** with a multitude of **saints** filling the **sky**. He will return as the **King** and **Victor**, coming in **judgment**. But for His followers, He will be like a **groom**, coming to take his **bride** away to **heaven** for **eternity**. When we are with Christ, we will truly experience His **love, happiness, hope** and **joy**. Come Lord Jesus, come!

November Events

All Saints' Day

November 1

Mission & Celebration

(see page 1 for details)

Super Saturday for Kids

An Attitude of Gratitude

November 8: 10 am—2:30pm

Salineville Mission

November 15

8 am in the Parking Lot

Diocesan Convention

November 14-15 (Cleveland)

Youth Thanksgiving

Meal Preparation

November 26

(watch bulletin for details)

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