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THE RECTOR'S WHATNOT: Islam, You, and Me The Rev. Fr. Kelly Marshall

A few weeks ago—the Sunday Jesus' told us about a lost sheep and a lost coin—I shared with you some thoughts about how things get lost, and how sometimes we don't know right away that they *are* lost. I believe one such thing is the basic American constitutional premise that we respect the religion of others. That everyone is free to be left alone, when it comes to religion.

How in the world could this foundational concept be lost—or be in danger of being lost? But questions about whether persons of Islamic faith can build a place of worship *where persons of any other faith could build one* have been much with us. And questions of respecting the holy writings of persons who are not Christian have been, incredibly, all over the news recently.

How could such a primary concept as complete religious liberty under the Constitution for all persons—how could it be lost? Or be in danger of being lost? Apparently such basic ideas are being lost to many. A lost thing. Like the shepherd and like the woman in the story, will you and I in our own lives go to extraordinary measures to seek and to recover the Christian idea that I love and respect my neighbor as I love and respect myself? And the American idea that religious freedom for me means religious freedom for all?

And on this last, I encourage you as your priest and friend to speak up, whenever you hear any anti-Islamic rhetoric. There was a newspaper cartoon which made Facebook a few weeks ago, and the caption is “What Would Jesus Do?” There's a sketch of that incendiary, book-burning Florida pastor with a lit match. And there's a sketch of Jesus blowing it out. *That's what Jesus would do.*

We've been thinking together all summer about how God *works*—about God at work in the world, to save the world. And about *how* God works—calling on and expecting our cooperation in his efforts to bring health, salvation, healing, wholeness to the world—and to our worlds. God invites us to work right along with him to effect, to bring about healing and wholeness in our own lives. And in our world.

To that end, I invite any who will join me in making a conscious effort over the next months to connect with the Islamic communities of faith in our area. **On Tuesday, October 5 at 7:00** (Jones Hall), I'll host an initial session on the concept of Interreligious Conversation, with a focus on Christianity and Islam. Will you join me for this important first step?

Sincerely,

Your Rector and friend,

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At St. James'
Episcopal Church
ALL Are Welcome!

COUGHLIN'S LOG

The Rev. Christopher Zeke Coughlin



Ever wonder why our church has that funny sea shell all over the place? The scallop is an ancient symbol of St. James dating all the way back to his martyrdom in the first century. Throughout history, pilgrims to the shrine of St. James in Spain would wear the scallop as a sign of their journey. You can even see the scallop on the statue of St. Rocco in our entry way, which marks him as a pilgrim to the St. James' shrine.

The scallop is always shown with its point at the top. Oriented this way, the scallop has many lines that start widely separated at the bottom and then converge to a single point at the top. This symbolizes our coming from many separate places and traveling together to a common destination: God. The symbol says to us that it doesn't matter where we come from or what things lurk in our past, but rather that the importance of our journey toward God lies in our constant corporative movement forward toward a deeper and deeper relationship with our divine Father through Jesus Christ.

I can think of no better symbol to represent our work as a parish than this scallop. All of us who join in the worship at St. James come from different places, different denominations, different classes, and different generations. We come with different ideas on how to do God's work and with different gifts to carry them out. Yet despite, and sometimes by means of these differences, we all travel to-

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

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

Bob Evans in Boardman

gether to our common destination in God through the teachings, intervention and example of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Notice also how each segment of the shell is like a long loop, starting and ending with the point at the top. This is also a symbol of our outreach. We start with the strength of our congregation, travel out into the world with good works and good news, and then bring people back to the congregation so that they may travel with us in our journey toward God. And we do this over and over again, just like the many segments of the scallop.

As it turns out, the scallop is a fitting symbol to be displayed at St. James' Church. It can be a reminder to us of why we come together each Sunday and throughout the week. It can be a reminder to us that we share a common longing to deepen our relationship with God and to help others do the same.

Gratia vobis et pax,

The Rev. Christopher Zeke Coughlin

ST. JAMES NIGHT IN OCTOBER 16, 2010 Paula Ulicny

Tickets are on sale now for our annual fund-raising event, *St. James Night In*, on **Saturday, October 16 at 6 p.m.** The evening will consist of a catered dinner, reverse raffle, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and mini-board raffle.

Tickets for the Reverse Raffle are \$50 each. The grand prize is \$1,500. Dinner tickets are \$15 each. The menu includes barbecued chicken, roast beef, parsley butter potatoes, green beans almondine, dessert, and beverage. **Reservations are due by October 10.** Please invite your friends to share in this fun evening. See Paula Ulicny or Mark Scheel for tickets.

We are also looking for items for the Silent Auction. Please ask businesses that you frequent regularly to consider donating an item or gift certificate.

If you have questions, see Mark Scheel or Paula Ulicny. ☺



TASTE OF THE VALLEY

19th ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR 2nd HARVEST FOOD BANK

Sunday, Oct. 3 from 5—8 p.m.

Stambaugh Auditorium, Youngstown

This annual event raises about \$40,000, enough for 600,000 pounds of food to be distributed in our tri-county area.

St. James' Church will again sponsor a table of eight which we want to fill. The cost per ticket is \$60, and they're available from the parish office.

This is a fun event with a very worthwhile cause,

fighting hunger in our valley!

TASTE OF THE VALLEY is an event in which many of the best restaurants in the Valley donate samples of their culinary art. If you've not experienced this unique fundraising event, let this be the year you do!

Stan Miller and Kelly Connors will present musical entertainment.

See more about the Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley at <http://www.mahoningvalleysecondharvest.com>.

**UNITED THANK OFFERING
INGATHERING**

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 24**



UTO boxes and envelopes may be found in the parlor and the narthex.

Monies collected through the United Thank Offering fund worthy causes all over the world. For more information about UTO, visit:
<http://www.episcopalchurch.org/uto.htm>.

**3rd Annual
Second Coat Mission
Liz Myer**



It's that time of year again to start pulling out an extra coat or two to bring in for our Second Coat Mission. We have this every year around All Saints' Day. Coats will be collected to distribute to our neighbors in need of a coat. We, in the past, have particularly needed larger men's coats, and children's coats. Racks will be located in the hallway near the downstairs restrooms. I'll be glad to pick up coats from you.

This year's distribution will coincide with our next **Community Meal on October 30 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.**, so it should be a great day. Take a good look in your closet, and remember the words of John the Baptizer in Luke: **"Let the one who has two coats share with someone who has none."** Any coats left at the end of the day will be taken to St. John's for their distribution, so all coats will certainly be appreciated by someone! Thank you.☺

The Parochial Register



Burial

Richard Weaver
September 11, 2010



Transfers to St. Matthew's
Richmond, Virginia

Kenneth & Palmer Sehlhorst



**Interreligious Conversation:
Christianity and Islam**

Led by the Rector



A first step in opening a conversation
with our Islamic neighbors



Tuesday, October 5 — 7 P.M.
Jones Hall

**Gospel Readings
for October**

October 35
Luke 17:5-10

October 10
Luke 17:11-19

October 17
Luke 18:1-8a

October 24
Luke 18:9-14

October 31
Luke 19:1-10



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

Sunday Attendance Report

September 2009 Average.....	76
September 2010 Average	73
Holy Cross Day, September 14	31

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Ralph Sylvester



Our Stewardship Program is well underway and will conclude on October 17. We

began on September 19 with members of the Vestry and Ministry Team Coordinators placing their pledge cards at the offertory. On September 26, we began receiving pledges from members of the parish family.

We hope that by October 17 we will have received pledges from the majority of our 120 family units. Of course, if you are unable to attend church to submit your pledge, please call me (330) 727-7029 and I will arrange to pick it up and submit it for you!

The Stewardship Ministry Team will begin reporting the status of pledges the second Sunday in October. We will report how many pledges have been received, what the total amount pledged is, what the average pledge given is, etc. ***Please remember that no one will know how much an individual has pledged.***

This is known only by one person—the Financial Secretary.

After the formal pledge period has ended, members of the Stewardship Ministry Team will begin follow

up with those who have not pledged. We will offer to visit you and answer any questions you may have regarding the pledging process or any other questions. If you are hesitant to pledge because you aren't sure what you can afford or what a proper amount would be, the Steward Ministry Team can assist you. Remember, if you are unable to complete your pledge, you may adjust the pledge at any time by contacting the Financial Secretary.

Our Rector, has told us that WE ARE THE CHURCH, and, in fact, we are! Let's embrace this idea and support the mission of St. James' Church. So that a formal budget may be adopted by the end of November, it's very important for the Vestry to know the level of support each of us can provide.

WE ARE THE CHURCH! Did you know the total needed for just utilities is \$12,700? Program Ministries cost \$31,029. The Diocesan Mission Support is \$19,319. Building maintenance needs are \$6,200. The payroll for support staff is \$33,300.

Your Stewardship Ministry Team is available to answer any questions you may have as you prayerfully consider your pledge. Please call me (330/727-7029) if I can be helpful.

God Bless You.☞

CRAFTERS UNDERWAY!

Jo-Ann Kaschak

Our Scrapbooking and Cardmaking group met for the first time on September 19. Ten of us enjoyed each others' company while we assembled handmade cards and scrapbook pages. We'll continue to meet on alternating Sundays at 5 p.m., to learn the art of designing beautiful scrapbook pages and handmade cards and papercrafts. All are welcome! If you have experience with scrapbooking or paper crafts, please come. If you've never done either and would like to learn, please come!

October 3 & 17

November 7 & 21

December 19

For scrapbooking, please bring photos and theme ideas as well as copies of photos if you don't want to use the originals. We have some supplies to get you started, but if you could bring a pair of scissors and a tape runner it would help. If you have paper crafting supplies that you would like to donate (paper, ribbon, buttons, etc.), we'd be happy to use them. If you have any questions, please contact Jo-Ann Kaschak or Sharyn Fees.☞

WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Monthly Liturgy Gathering

"Liturgy" comes from the Greek words for "work" [metallurgy, synergy] and "people" [laity]. Our sacred services of worship are the Church's *liturgies*—God's people at work to offer God praise and prayer, and to experience the means of grace—Word and Sacrament.

Do you have something to share about our liturgies? *AND* are you willing to work with us, in crafting services which honor God and enrich our own spiritual lives?

If so, join our clergy and others each month on the Second Monday, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. First gathering: **Monday, October 11.** All ideas are welcome, but ***more welcome*** is your willingness to work—the work of the people—to implement constructive ways to glorify God and enrich our lives.

Singles & Couples

October 1

Regina Jenkins

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



Our fall **Rummage Sale** will be held October 7 (9 a.m.—5 p.m.) and 8 (9 a.m.—3 p.m.). If you can help with set-up (October 3-5) or tear down on Friday afternoon, October 8, please let chairman, Paula Ulicny know. Many hands make light work! We have received **many** items to sell, so it should be a good sale.

Many thanks to those who helped with the luncheon following the funeral of Richard Weaver on Saturday, September 11. The Weaver family was most appreciative.

The next Church Women United event will be **World Community Day** on Friday, November 5, 2010 at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 707 Arlington Street. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. See details for making a luncheon reservation on the “This & That” page of our Sunday bulletin in mid-October.

Protestant Family Services is hosting its “Make a Joyful Noise” Concert on Sunday, November 14, 2010 at Bethel Lutheran Church, 425 Crestview Drive, Boardman. Refreshments will be served at 3 p.m., and the concert begins at 4 pm. A free-will offering will be taken. This is always a good afternoon of music by local talent. Mark your calendar now and try to attend. ☞

Monday Morning Devotions

8:30 to 8:50 a.m.

Mary Magdalene Chapel

Begin your day and week with our clergy at prayer.



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, November 1
7 p.m.**

**All Saints' Day Festival
Eucharist**



**Tuesday, November 30
7 p.m., St. John's Church**

Choral Evensong
to mark St. Andrew's Day.
A joint liturgy held this year
at St. John's, next year
at St. James'.



**Sunday, December 5
6 p.m.**
St. Nicholas is Coming!!

Festival Eucharist
in celebration of **Nicholas**,
patron saint of children followed
by a Parish Advent Party
at 7 p.m.



PARISH FAMILY NEWS

Seven Mahoning and Shenango Valley high school students are among 16,000 National Merit Scholarship semifinalists this year, and **Gretchen Scheel** is one of them!!!

These high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,400 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$36 million, that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition.

About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and about half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

About 1.5 million juniors in 22,000 high schools entered the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2009 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of semifinalists represents less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors and includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

Congratulations, Gretchen!!! ☞

FINANCE TEAM UPDATE

Rose Bissett

Report for the Period January—August 2010

Offerings Received.....	\$66,327.50
Amount Budgeted for Offerings.....	\$64,000
Budgeted Deficit For 21010.....	\$18,000

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

**October 9
@ 9 a.m.**

Perkins, Rt. 224, Boardman

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Patricia Green



As you probably know, office volunteers are critical to the day-to-day operation of the parish office. We are looking for some additional volunteers to help out both on a regular basis and with special projects such as:

- ☎ Answering phones, taking messages
- ☎ Operating copy machine
- ☎ Processing mailings (labeling, folding, and stuffing envelopes)
- ☎ Proofreading
- ☎ Using the computer (typing, editing)
- ☎ Filing

If you have experience with, or enjoy doing these office-related tasks, and would be interested in joining this ministry, please contact Patti Green (office@stjamesboardman.com) or 330/758-2727.☎

October Birthdays

- 1 Janice Harden
- 5 Barbara Wittkugle
- 11 Emily Shurtleff
- 14 David Ulicny
- 15 Gretchen Scheel
- 17 Clark Dixon
- 20 Bill Stewart
- Steve Shurtleff
- 22 Mary Ellen Maruschak
- 23 Patti Opstinik
- 26 Kathy Rose
- 28 Wilma "Billie" Algood
- Rosanne Thomas
- 29 Robert Hilderbrand
- 30 Liz Myer

Anniversaries

- 8 Zeke & Lisa Coughlin
- 11 James & Jane Booth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

A Quiet Time for Reflection on our Ministry

Thursday, October 7 — 6:30-8 p.m.

Please note change of date.



This past summer, new licenses were granted by the Bishop for this sacramental ministry. Father Marshall asks all who reapplied to be present for this time of reflection and meditation on our ministry together at the Altar.

Any communicant member in good standing of St. James' Church is eligible for this ministry, after preparation and licensing by Bishop Hollingsworth. If you are called to the work of serving the Chalice at Holy Eucharist, please attend this session.

A Pumpkin-Carving Prayer

(Thanks to Barbara Wigle for sharing this.)

Dear God,

As I carve my pumpkin, help me to say this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about you; (Cut the top off the pumpkin.)

Take away all my sin, and forgive me for the wrong things I do; (Clean out the inside.)

Open my eyes so your Love I will see; (Cut eyes shaped like hearts.)

I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all you've given me; (Cut a nose in the shape of the cross.)

Open my ears so your word I will hear; (Cut ears shaped like the Bible.)

Open my mouth so I can tell others you're near; (Cut mouth in the shape of a fish.)

Let your light shine in all I say and do! Amen.

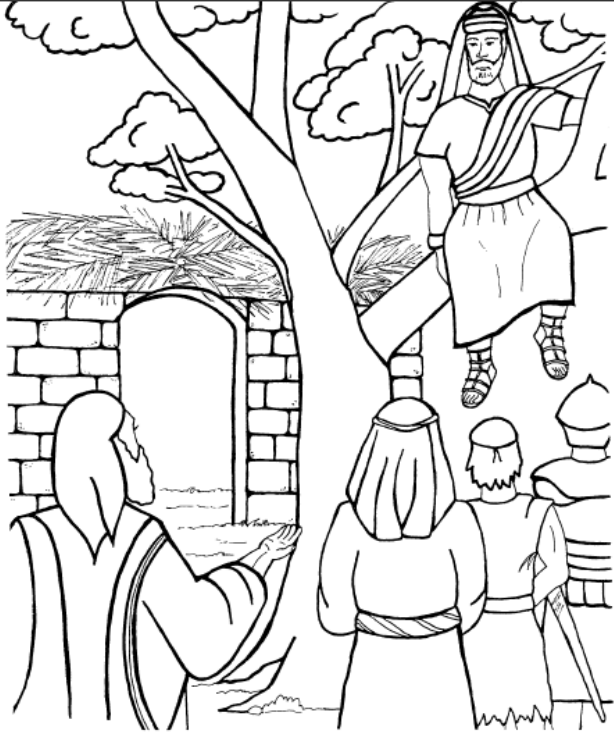
Place a candle inside and light.



October 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Note: The Youth Choir rehearses each Sunday following the feurgy.</i>						
3 10am Holy Eucharist 5pm Scrapbooking	4 8:30am Devotions in the Chapel 3pm Pastoral Ministry Team	5 7pm Islam & Christianity	6	7 9am - 5 pm Rummage Sale 6:30pm Eucharistic Ministers Session	8 9am - 3 pm Rummage Sale	9 9am Wilmer's Breakfast
10 10am Holy Eucharist 11:30am Ministry Coordinators 5pm Youth Group	11 8:30am Devotions in the Chapel 6:30pm Work of the People	12	13 6:30pm Aerobics 7pm Choir Rehearsal	14 7pm Cribbage	15	16 8:30am Men's Breakfast 9pm St. James Night In
17 10am Holy Eucharist & Healing Liturgy 5pm Scrapbooking	18 8:30am Devotions in the Chapel 6pm Finance Ministry Team	19	20 6:30pm Aerobics 7pm Choir Rehearsal	21 7pm Cribbage	22	23
24 10am Holy Eucharist LTO Sunday 5pm Youth Group	25 8:30am Devotions in the Chapel 6:30 Vestry	26	27 6:30pm Aerobics 7pm Choir Rehearsal	28	29	30 4-5:30pm Community Meal and 2nd Coat Mission
31 10am Holy Eucharist	Nov. 1 - 7pm All Saints Day Festival Eucharist					
Nov. 5 - 7pm Singles & Couples						
*each week						

Nov. 12 & 13 Diocesan Convention



Zacchaeus climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Jesus.
LUKE 19:4

Looking Ahead



All Saints' Day Festival Eucharist

Monday, November 1, 7 p.m.

Singles & Couples

Hosted by Fr. Kelly Marshall

November 5, 7 p.m.

St. Andrew's Day Choral Evensong

at St. John's Church (see pg.5)

November 30, 7 p.m.

St. Nicholas' Day

December 5, 6 p.m.

(Followed by Parish Advent Party at 7 p.m.)

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



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