



# St. James Matters

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## THE RECTOR'S WHATNOT: Seeing The Rev. Fr. Kelly Marshall

So there I was, hunched forward in the eye doctor's office with my chin on that little contraption they've rigged up to keep your head from moving, and with my eyes pressed against the huge, multi-layered goggle machine the doctor uses. "Well, the retina's detached," she said. "Good you came in today. I'll send the surgeon in. He'll try to fix it."

"Can we do it next week?" I asked with innocent dumbness. She just looked at me, knowing I didn't get it yet. "You'll be blind in that eye if we wait that long."

The surgery happened at St. Elizabeth's in Boardman a few hours later—more quickly than you can imagine—and I was home by 7 o'clock that evening. For the next week, therapy involved sitting with my elbows on my knees, sometimes holding my head in my hands, but always looking down. Everything in the healing eye was a blur. I reacquainted myself with listening to the radio. I also realized how much I dislike the carpet in the den.

When you and I were back together at St. James on Sunday, January 29, our first hymn was 370, *Thou whose almighty word*. The recurring refrain is *Let there be light*. One of the verses calls for "*sight to the inly blind*." (Quaint old usage there—*inly* for *inner* or *inward*—isn't it?) I was reminded of the critical importance of my eyes, of seeing, of the gift of sight, of the beauty and significance of every day's light.

Healing was a primary aspect of Jesus' work. And giving sight to the blind was perhaps the most stunning of all the healings. It's as though Jesus invited us to ask, "What does this mean?" Here's one thing it means: there's "inward" sight, and there is the opposite, inward blindness.

My recent eye-opening experience with my vision has invited me to consider my inward sight. In what ways does the Light of Christ brighten and enlighten my spirit? When with Mary Magdalene I become aware that "I have seen the Lord," how has that Jesus-sighting impacted me? What are differences between then and now, when I report with the newly-sighted man of John 9, "All I know is this: once I was blind, but now I can see"?

As this Epiphany season of Light moves into Lent, I invite each of you to give thanks to God for your eyes—for your sight, both inner and outer. Consider what it means, that the same Jesus who is the Light of the World has enlightened *your spirit* and given sight to *your life*. And think about what difference it makes, that the eyes of your soul work—that your spirit can *see*.

Your Rector and friend,

*Kelly +*

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

## LENT BEGINS — Wednesday, February 22

Fr. Kelly Marshall

*“The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.”*

Ash Wednesday this year falls on February 22, and Christians throughout the entire Western Church begin their holy observance of Lent on that day. Plan to attend the Ash Wednesday Liturgy with your St. James' Family at 7 p.m. that evening. Children of all ages are properly present with parents or grandparents that evening! You can prepare your hearts for this important liturgy by reflecting on the prayers in the Litany we pray on Ash Wednesday. Find it on page 267 of your *Book of Common Prayer*.

### Lenten Tuesdays: “Lord, when did we see you hungry?”

The focus of Jesus' ministry was announcing that the Kingdom (Reign) of God was already present. He did this by teaching, and this teaching was through what he said and what he did. Here's what Jesus did: (1) healed sick people; (2) **fed hungry people**; (3) confronted the evil (demons) of his day.

**Hunger.** As the people who carry on Jesus' work through St. James' Church, we're taking a careful look at how we, also, can feed hungry people. **On Tuesday evenings in Lent** (7:00-8:30), we're hosting speakers from the following organizations to help us understand hunger in the communities where we live. Join others from the parish family, as we learn about something we've not experienced personally—living hungry.

February 28 — Second Harvest Food Bank  
March 6 — Ruth Ann Reiner (St. Stephen's, East Liverpool)  
March 13 — Red Door Café (St. John's, Youngstown)  
March 20 — Evergreen Seventh-Day Adventist Community Church  
Food Pantry  
March 27 — Lockwood United Methodist Community Meal

Be sure to read the article *The High Cost of Poverty* which you'll find on the tables in the Narthex and Parlor. You'll find an excerpt from this article on page 6.

### DEADLINES

If you would like us to include an announcement in the Sunday bulletin, please email the information to [office@stjamesboardman.com](mailto:office@stjamesboardman.com) **by noon each Monday.**

The next edition of *St. James Matters* will be the March edition. **Deadline for submitting articles is February 20.**

### 2012 Annual Meeting—Better Late Than Never!

Save the date—Sunday, March 4 right after the liturgy! Our postponed Annual Meeting will convene in Jones Hall to receive and review the 2012 Parish Budget, to elect new Vestry members, and to explore the new model we'll be embracing when Father Kelly begins his half-time ministry with us later in the year.

## Lenten Giving Opportunity

Kathy Scheel

Did you know that Food Stamps can only be used to purchase FOOD? Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Households **CANNOT** use SNAP benefits to buy:

- ❖ beer, wine, liquor, cigarettes or tobacco;
- ❖ any nonfood items, such as: pet foods;
- ❖ soaps, paper products; and household supplies.
- ❖ vitamins and medicines.

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, we will be collecting toilet paper to be donated to the Food Bank at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church located next door to St. James. Our neighbors to the south hold a food distribution twice each month. We look forward to getting to know them better, and to serving our community by helping with this food ministry.

### From Two Cents a Meal website:

1/2 of receipts go to a local hunger ministry, 1/2 to Hunger Network in Ohio.

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED



Will you consider signing up to host Coffee Hour following the Sunday liturgy? Coffee Hour Coordinator Bev Hilderbrand makes the coffee. Hosts simply need to bring snacks and serve the goodies. Hosts also clean up following the Coffee Hour. A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the Narthex. See Bev if you have any questions. Hosts are needed each Sunday. Offerings the first Sunday are designated for *Second Harvest Food Bank*. Donations from other weeks cover the cost of coffee, cups, juice, etc.

## HUNGER TASK FORCE

Kathy Scheel

It all started at Peaberry's, where Father Kelly, Father John, Jeff Downey, and I were discussing Adult Christian Formation. I was having a \$3.50 latte. We kept circling the topic of "Feeding Hungry People" with both *food* and the *Gospel*. We thought that our parish had shown interest in both and decided to tie these interests together in various ways. The Hunger Task Force was born!



Other interested folks joined us to plan some things you've seen already. The *Souper Bowl of Caring* involves a large soup pot that we will use to gather non-perishable items and

monetary donations to support local feeding programs on Super Bowl Sunday. The big water jug in the Narthex is a place to drop your spare change to support the *Two Cents a Meal* program (more about that in future articles).

From now through the end of Lent, we hear prayers and scripture references to hunger, and have a chance to "digest" these words. On Tuesday evenings in Lent we will discuss various efforts to combat hunger in our area with local leaders. We will also have several opportunities to act – by working at our Community Meal (February 25), at Second Harvest Food Bank (March 17) and at the St. John's Red Door Café (May 13).

If you would like to take part in the Hunger Task Force, join us **Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30**. I don't feel guilty about having that \$3.50 latte, but \$3.50 given to Second Harvest could have probably purchased 10 jars of peanut butter. It makes you think. ☺

## HUNGER FACTS

Kathy Scheel

Sadly, a study released by the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) in August 2011 revealed that the Youngstown-Warren-Boardman area ranks **#3 in child food hardship** among the nation's 100 largest metropolitan areas (Second Harvest Website). And according to the Ohio Department of Education, **49.9%** of the children in the Mahoning Valley are eligible for free and reduced-price meals.

From a study conducted by Feeding America Food Banks entitled *Hunger 2010*, the following are sobering statistics about people visiting church pantries and soup kitchens in Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties:

- ❖ 35% of food recipients report having to choose between paying for food and paying for medication.
- ❖ 31% of food recipients report having to choose between paying for food and paying their rent / mortgage.
- ❖ 51% of food recipients report having to choose between paying for food and paying utility bills.

Source: <http://febp.newamerica.net/k12/OH/3904830>.

### Boardman Local Schools Did You Know??

- ✓ Boardman Schools Free and Reduced Lunch Enrollment is 34%.
- ✓ Family of four with annual income of \$41,348 is eligible for reduced price lunches.
- ✓ Family of four with annual income of \$29,055 is eligible for free lunches.

Source: *USDA Food & Nutrition Service Income Eligibility Guidelines* (<http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/governance/notices/iegs/IEGs11-12.pdf>).

### The Parochial Register

#### Burials

*Ronald Thomas*  
December 3, 2011

*Fran Hixson*  
December 17, 2011



### SINGLES & COUPLES

7 p.m.

Bring a dish to share and get to know members of your parish family.

#### **February 3**

Hosts: Paul & Julie Van Devender

#### **March 2**

Hosts: TBA

#### **April 13**

Hosts: Rod & Florence Hosler

#### **May 3**

TBA

## PASTORAL MINISTRY

Fr. Kelly Marshall

**Are You Called to a Pastoral Ministry?** Since early 2004, we've had in place at St. James' Church a team of ministers (lay persons—ministers because they are baptized!) who have worked closely with the Rector (and later, the other clergy) to care for the needs of our elderly or homebound members. These ministers received training in making calls of a pastoral nature in homes, nursing homes and hospitals. Some were licensed by the Bishop as Eucharistic Visitors and took the Holy Communion to members who are unable to join us on Sundays. With the unexpected and fortunate increase in clergy since 2008, the four clergy (for better or worse!) took on much of this work.

**Time to reverse that model!** If you are the least bit curious about being in ministry with those in our parish family who are sick or lonely or homebound or grieving, will you have a chat with Father Kelly about it? Over the next months, we'll provide opportunities for you to explore this ministry possibility. ∞

## FINANCE TEAM UPDATE

Rose Bissett

### Report for the Period January—December 2011

Pledges Budgeted ..... \$119,800

Pledges Received ..... \$111,081

Deficit ..... \$8,719

## DIOCESAN PRAYER CYCLE

Perhaps you've noticed that we're naming Mission Areas, Parishes, and their Clergy in our Prayers of the People each Sunday. The Rector has restored this practice as a way of praying for our sisters and brothers in other Episcopal congregations throughout our Diocese. On the first two Sundays of February throughout the Diocese, we're praying for our own Southeast Mission Area, its congregations and its clergy. You'll notice that all the parishes are served by supply clergy, with the exception of our own, St. Luke's in Niles, and St. John's in Youngstown. The times have changed, haven't they?

## FIRST COMMUNIONS ON PALM SUNDAY



All the baptized people of God are welcome to eat at the Lord's Table. That means baptized children, too. At St. James' Church, we've been recognizing children who have begun receiving the Bread and Wine since last Palm Sunday, as well as marking the day as a First Communion Sunday for those who have not yet done so. If your child falls in one of these categories, please contact Father Kelly right away. We'll find a time for all of us to get together before Palm Sunday—kids and parents/grandparents together—to talk about the Holy Sacrament.



## 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 Membership Ministry Coordinator Mary Ann Fees or Fr. Marshall.

## Note to Leaders of Ministry Areas



Because we're late this year firming up the 2012 budget, you may be curious about whether or not you have the dollars you requested. In almost every case, you will. An exception might be if you requested an amount for 2011 and used very little of it. If so, a member of the Finance Team will touch base with you before the Vestry adopts a final budget on February 27. So you are free right now to proceed with necessary ministry expenses.

*Diocesan Winter Convocation*

**February 10–11, 2012**

Sheraton Suites • Cuyahoga Falls

Contact Antoinette Taylor for more information:  
ataylor@dohio.org or 216-774-0476

## ECW UPDATE

Janet Smart



Many thanks to everyone who helped with the meals following the memorial services for

Ronald Thomas and Fran

Hixson. The families certainly appreciated our help.

Thank you to all those who were willing to bake cookies for the reception following the St. Andrew's Day service on November 30. Extras were used for the coffee hour the following Sunday.

Small boxes with cookies and candies were delivered to our home-bound parishioners for the holidays. Cards were sent to those who are living out of town.

Some of the profit from our rummage sale was used to purchase three tables (one round and 2 rectangular) to be used in Jones Hall. We also paid to have our dishwasher repaired.

On Tuesday, **February 7, 2012** at 1 p.m., the ladies from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church, 343 Via Mt. Carmel, Youngstown will be hosting **Church Women United's Inter-faith Tea**. There is no charge for the tea. The **World Day of Prayer** will be held on **Friday, March 2** at several locations. See the article on *The Vindicator's* Religion page for times and places.

Please continue to save the "Boxtops for Education" for the Lillian Valley School. Our knitters and crocheters are very busy making hats and scarves for the Seamen's Institute's Christmas-at-Sea program. They already have over 50 items completed. They will be collected and blessed at our ECW Diocesan Annual meeting in May and sent to New York City for distribution. See Wealthie Prince for patterns if you'd like to help. ∞

## INSPIRING DIVINE DESIGNS

### *Scrapbooking/ Cardmaking*

February 5  
February 19

*We're making a few changes for the winter months. Scrappers will meet at the home of Jo-Ann Kaschak (7425 S. Palmyra Road) from 5 to 7 p.m. Please call Jo-Ann to let her know you'll be coming.*

*Card makers will continue to meet at the church (Jones Hall). We will meet on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, from 4-6 p.m., so that everyone can be home for kick-off. Please let Sharyn Fees know if you plan to attend. Call 330/507-5515 or email sefees@zoomintenet.net.*

## February Birthdays

- 3 Cheney Morgan  
Ralph Sylvester
- 6 Karri Tufaro
- 12 Andrea Theisler
- 19 Kelly Marshall
- 21 Dave Adair
- 26 Michael Himes

## Anniversaries

- 3 Tom & Wendy McQuiston
- 14 Paul & Julie Van Devender



### ~ SAVE THE DATE ~

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

**February 18 @ 8:30 a.m.**

**Perkins, Rt. 224 in Canfield**

**Contact Rod Hosler  
for more information.**

### ~ SAVE THE DATE ~

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

**February 11 @ 9 a.m.**

**Perkins, Rt. 224 in Boardman**

**Contact Florence Hosler  
for more information.**

## FIRST-EVER CHOIR RETREAT

### ***"Choir: The Ministry of Mutual Prayer and Support"***

A Morning Lenten Retreat  
for the Choir of St. James' Church

Saturday, February 25 — 9 a.m. to 12 noon

The Mary Magdalene Chapel and the Parlor

## THE HIGH COST OF POVERTY

The Washington Post's DeNeen L. Brown explains why the poor pay more.  
Sunday, January 22, 2012

WASHINGTON, D.C.

You have to be rich to be poor. That's what some people who have never lived below the poverty line don't understand. Put it another way: The poorer you are, the more things cost. More in money, time, hassle, exhaustion, menace. This is a fact of life that reality television and magazines don't often explain. So we'll explain it here.

Consider this a primer on the economics of poverty. "The poor pay more for a gallon of milk; they pay more on a capital basis for inferior housing," says Rep. Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore. "The poor and 100 million who are struggling for the middle class actually end up paying more for transportation, for housing, for health care, for mortgages. They get steered to subprime lending. ... The poor pay more for things middle-class America takes for granted."

### Poverty 101

We'll start with the basics. Like food: You don't have a car to get to a supermarket, much less to Costco or Trader Joe's, where the middle class goes to save money. You don't have three hours to take the bus. So you buy groceries at the corner store, where a gallon of milk costs an extra dollar.

At a corner store here in Washington, D.C., a loaf of bread costs you \$2.99 for white. For wheat, it's \$3.79. The clerk behind the counter tells you the gallon of leaking milk in the bottom of the back cooler is \$4.99. She holds up four fingers to clarify. The milk is beneath the shelf that holds beef bologna for \$3.79. A pound of butter sells for \$4.49. In the back of the store are fruits and vegetables. The green peppers are shriveled, the bananas are more brown than yellow, the oranges are picked over.

At a Safeway in suburban Bethesda, Md., the wheat bread costs \$1.19 and white bread is on sale for \$1. A gallon of milk costs \$3.49—\$2.99 if you buy two gallons. A pound of butter is \$2.49. Beef bologna is on sale, two packages for \$5.

Prices in urban corner stores are almost always higher . . .

*You'll find the entire article copied and placed on the information tables in the Narthex and the Parlor.*

Or find it online at <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/12022/1204858-109-0.stm#ixzz1I5RC4Jgp>.

## FUNDRAISING PROJECT FOR ST. JAMES' CHOIR

Paula Ulicny



Some time ago, the choir began a fund raising program to purchase new vestments. Organist/choirmaster Frank Lynn informed us of a program used in the school where he taught, to collect used computer cartridges and other recyclables in exchange for money. The list includes:

- inkjet printer cartridges
- laser toner cartridges
- cell phones
- ipods,
- laptop computers
- GPS devices
- digital cameras

We are still collecting these items. Please pass the word to people you know. Items may be placed in the box in the coat room, labeled for this project. You may also give the items to any choir member. We appreciate your support. ☺

## THANK-YOU BREAKFAST — FEBRUARY 26 — 11:30 a.m.

### GOOD FOOD . . . FELLOWSHIP . . . FUN !!!

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend a "thank you" breakfast organized by Tom Kuchinka and other members from the former St. Rocco's Episcopal Church. The breakfast will be held on **Sunday, February 26** following the liturgy.

The menu will include scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, and toast. Please place your name on the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex if you plan to attend so that those preparing the food will be able to plan accordingly.

This breakfast is a means of expressing gratitude to the Vestry and parish family for the kindness extended to the members of St. Rocco's church following its closing. We hope to see you there!

### Gospel Readings For February

#### February 5

Mark 1:29-39

#### February 12

Mark 1:40-45

#### February 19

Mark 9:2-9

#### February 22

#### Ash Wednesday

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

#### February 26

Mark 1:9-15



To access the week's Bible Readings online, go to:  
<http://www.lectionarypage.net>.

## St. James' Episcopal Church – Activity Calendar

~ February 2012 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Note:</b> The Young People's Choir rehearses each Sunday following the liturgy.</p>			<p><b>1</b> 7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>2</b> 6pm Cribbage</p>	<p><b>3</b> 7pm Singles &amp; Couples</p>	<p><b>4</b> 7pm AA Meeting</p>
<p><b>5</b> 10am Eucharist 11:30am Vestry with Fr. Brad Purdom 4pm Cardmaking</p>	<p><b>6</b> 6:30pm Evangelism Ministry Team</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> 7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> Winter Convocation</p>	<p><b>11</b> Winter Convocation 9am Women's Breakfast 7pm AA Meeting</p>
<p><b>12</b> 10am Eucharist</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> 7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>16</b> 6pm Cribbage</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> 8:30am Men's Breakfast 7pm AA Meeting</p>
<p><b>19</b> 10am Eucharist 4pm Cardmaking</p>	<p><b>20</b> Newsletter Deadline 6pm Finance Team</p>	<p><b>21</b> 6:30pm Hunger Task Force</p>	<p><b>22</b> 7pm Ash Wednesday Liturgy</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> 9am – 12 noon Choir Retreat 4pm Community Meal 7pm AA Meeting</p>
<p><b>26</b> 10am Eucharist 11:30am Thank-you Breakfast</p>	<p><b>27</b> 6:30 Vestry</p>	<p><b>28</b> 7pm Lenten Adult Christian Formation</p>	<p><b>29</b> 7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>Notes:</b> Lenten Adult Study Begins – Feb. 28, 7 p.m. Singles &amp; Couples – March 2, 7 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting – March 4, 11:30 a.m.</p>		



Jesus Loves Everyone

## Looking Ahead



**February 22, 7 p.m.**  
*Ash Wednesday Liturgy*

**February 25, 9 a.m.—12 noon**  
*Choir Retreat*

**February 25, 4—5:30 p.m.**  
*Community Meal*

**February 25—11:30 a.m.**  
*Thank-you Breakfast*  
*(see page 6)*

**February 28, 7—8:30 p.m.**  
*Lenten Study Begins*

**March 4, 11:30 a.m.**  
*Annual Parish Meeting*

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



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