



St. James Matters

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THE RECTOR'S WHATNOT: Sabbatical Pilgrimage, Phase One The Rev. Fr. Kelly Marshall

As I write these words early on a Sunday morning, the weeks of my sabbatical "Phase One" are coming to their fullness. By the time you read this, I'll be eagerly into Phase Two—the travel phase which will take me to Europe through early August.

The first weeks of my Sabbath Time truly have been that—a time of stepping away from the day-to-day joys and duties of parish life to establish new routines of rest, worship, re-creation. "A change is as good as a break," they say, when it comes to one's work. And you've given me the chance for changes *during* a break from my work.

Here's what has made up a sabbath break for me in these first weeks:

(1) increased time for prayer and reading (the Bible and many other books); (2) the chance to focus my reading and thinking around one topic—the idea of pilgrimage, of sacred journey—and to that end, I've made my way through nine books on the topic and written lots of words; (3) the opportunity for a quiet retreat at Villa Maria; there I took my first physical steps on this sabbatical pilgrimage by walking the prayer labyrinth several times a day and by trekking through their woods, across their fields; 4) more concentrated time with my family than I usually get; and (5) the chance which never comes to a parish priest: the ability to worship with a different congregation each Sunday—to pray, share Eucharist, and learn how other Episcopal and Lutheran Christians approach God week by week.

A sincere word of thanks to the Wardens of the parish, Becky Borman and Mark Scheel, for their leadership in my absence; and to the Clergy Team for being with you for liturgy and pastoral care. A reminder: if you need to get an important message to me, do so through Becky Borman, Senior Warden.

Need a book for summer reading? Try *God is Not a Christian and Other Provocations* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu; *The Road to Emmaus: Pilgrimage as a Way of Life* by Jim Forest; *Caleb's Crossing* (a novel about journeying in a world which doesn't feel like our world) by Geraldine Brooks.; and *1861: The Civil War Awakening* by Adam Goodhart.

I will miss our annual Saints' Day festivals this summer! Wherever I am those days, my heart will be with you. Throughout this time when we're away from each other, you are in my prayers—family by family and person by person—each day. Pray also for me.

Your Rector and friend,

Kelly +

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At St. James'
Episcopal Church
ALL Are Welcome!

COUGHLIN'S LOG: The Trinity is Like a Microwave Oven

Father Zeke Coughlin

I'm writing this log in the week just before Trinity Sunday and am working out how to talk about the Holy Trinity. Describing how three persons can be one unified God is an impossible task that has been daunting for countless theologians. However, I'll do my best. Here are a few thoughts on how the Holy Trinity is like a microwave oven.

The reason for our somewhat confusing doctrine of the Trinity can be summed up in one phrase: The Living God is too big for any one person to understand or any one image to capture. God is unfathomable. Unfortunately, it is impossible for us to have a relationship with something unfathomable, and God very much wants us to be in a relationship with him. Hence, God reveals himself to us in three comprehensible "personas" or "masks." These three persons are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. If anyone tells you that they completely understand the mystery of the Trinity, they're lying to you. No one understands it. For most of us, it's like pressing the buttons on our microwave ovens to cook something—we know it reliably works, but we really don't know how or why other than the fact that it's got something to do with radiation. The Trinity "reliably works" as a way of interacting and being in relationship with God, but we don't really know how or why it

works other than the fact that it's got something to do with divinity. There might be some engineers reading this and chuckling at me, but I have a similar problem understanding how one can get a little metal box to generate the kind of radiation that only naturally occurs in a star as I do understanding how infinite divinity incarnates in the person of Jesus Christ and then talks to itself while praying to God the Father. However, while I could find someone to explain a microwave to me, I'll never find someone to explain the mystery of the Trinity.

That being said, the important thing about the Trinity isn't understanding it. The important thing is to be in a relationship with the Living God through the three persons he has revealed himself in. Have a relationship with God the Father, through God the Son, in the unity of God the Holy Spirit! If you're looking for a little help in getting to know these three, check out the Outline of the Faith in the back of our Book of Common Prayer. "God the Father" is on page 846; "God the Son," on page 849; and "The Holy Spirit," on page 852. These pages contain some simple questions and answers about the three persons of the Trinity to help you deepen your relationship with them. And like in any good relationship, talk to God. Prayer is always the best way to get to know God!✠

LAYWEEDERS

The Layweeders meet each Thursday at 10 a.m. If you enjoy working outdoors and would like to help make the church grounds look beautiful, please contact Regina Jenkins. We can always use more help with weeding, pruning, planting, mulching, watering, etc.



DEADLINES

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

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



WHO WE ARE

St. James' Church is a community of faith which embraces the richness of both the protestant and catholic traditions.

We are a home for *all people* who want to explore a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

FINANCE TEAM UPDATE

Rose Bissett

Report for the Period January—May 2011

Pledges and Regular Non-Pledged	
Giving.....	\$43,542
Budgeted Amount.....	\$49,915
Deficit	\$6,373

INSPIRING DIVINE DESIGNS

Scrapbooking/ Cardmaking

July 17
(No meeting on July 3)
August 7 & 21

Experienced and novice scrapbookers and card makers welcome.

Contact Jo-Ann Kaschak or Sharyn Fees for more information.

ECW UPDATE

Janet Smart



Many thanks to all who helped in any way to make our spring rummage sale such a success. We earned \$1,200 for our efforts and have donated \$1,000 to the general fund of the parish. Mark your calendar for our fall sale—November 10 and 11, 2011.

Barbara Jones and Janet Smart represented St. James at the ECW Diocesan Convention where our 75 knitted items were among the 323 items collected for the Seamen's Institute Christmas at Sea program. Yes, we again have the honor of being the parish who donated the most items. **THANK YOU KNITTERS!!** Keep up the good work!

Don't forget to save your "Boxtops for Education" for the Lillian Valley School if your own local school is not saving them. Place them in the container on the table at the top of the stairs marked accordingly. Thank you. ☺

Begin Your Week Well!



Monday Morning

Devotions in the

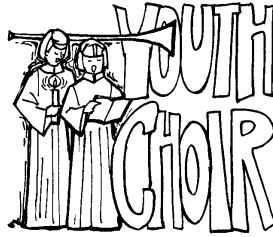
**Mary Magdalene Chapel
with the clergy**

**8:30 a.m. each Monday;
on your way by 8:45 a.m.**



YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHOIR

Julie Van Devender



Many thanks to the members of our wonderful Young People's Choir—**Annabelle and Sherlyn**

Himes, Emma and Lily Love, and Olivia Van Devender—for sharing the gift of song with us throughout the year. We are now on a summer break as I begin to plan for the next season of singing which will start in September.

As I previously shared with the congregation, it costs approximately \$10 to \$12 for each anthem we sing. The past year's budget was \$150 (funded by specific donations and for which we are very thankful). I try to purchase economic pieces based upon their liturgical significance, cost, and level of difficulty. I also try to purchase minimum quantities and look for the lowest shipping rates. We recently received a donation of \$70 towards our music needs. Thank you! That puts us nearly half way to our \$150 goal. If you are able to support us with a contribution, it would be very welcomed. Please make a note on your check or envelope—Young People's Choir, and those funds will be designated for our use.

We continually look forward to welcoming new voices. The only requirements are that the singers be able to read independently and have a desire to participate. ☺



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 one of the clergy.

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

St. James' Men's Breakfast

July 16 @ 8:30 a.m.

Perkins, Rt. 224 in Canfield

**Contact Rod Hosler
for more information.**

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

St. James' Women's Breakfast

July 9 @ 9 a.m.

Perkins, Rt. 224 in Boardman

**Contact Florence Hosler
for more information.**

Sunday Attendance Report

May 2010 Average	82
May 2011 Average	73
June 2010.....	76
June 2011.....	67

YOUTH VISITORS FROM BELIZE!

Father Zeke Coughlin



Over the last four years, the Commission for Global and Domestic Mission (CGDM) has been discerning the desirability of a relationship with the Diocese of Belize. At the 194th Diocesan Convention in 2010, after various visits and communiqués, it became clearer how the two dioceses could serve one another and enter into a partnership. This year, this relationship has presented us with a fantastic opportunity!

One of the immediate needs stated by the Bishop from Belize, is to encourage a youth exchange. This summer, this part of our vision will come to fruition. In just a few short weeks, the Diocese of Ohio will be bringing a group of young people and sponsors to Cedar Hills Camp for the first week in August, and then to homes around the diocese during the second week.

How you can Help:

a. Parishes are being asked to host a student/sponsor for the week of August 7-14. If you would be willing to host a student/sponsor for these days,

please contact the Mission Office (call 216-774-0466); then let Father Zeke know that you've done so.

b. We are also seeking funding for this new venture and would appreciate any contributions. Please make your check payable to the Diocese of Ohio, and write on the memo line: *Belizean Campers*. Checks may be sent to 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115—Attn.: Office for Mission.

This is a unique opportunity for our young people as well as parishes who want to experience cross-cultural differences and gain and expand our view of God and spirituality. If you think you would like to participate or support this ministry, please contact Fr. Zeke. ☞

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, July 4

Independence Day



EPISCOPAL YOUTH EVENT

Father Zeke Coughlin



Once every three years, the youth from around the entire Episcopal

Church gather in one place. The Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) is a time to gather, have fellowship, and learn from one another. This year, the event was held during the week of June 19 in St. Paul, Minnesota. The Diocese of Ohio sent many of our own youth to participate, including two from our own mission area: Kasey Vanden Bosch and Amanda Baker. It was a time of education, fun, and training. The youth learned about the broader Church across the whole world and worked together on a mission project, doing God's work in St. Paul. They also received training as Peer Ministers and came home as youth leaders. Please include these young people in your prayers as they continue to do God's work in our Diocese and the world.

Remember the youth are not the future of our Church! The youth ARE our Church! ☞

Gospel Readings for July and August

July 3

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 10

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 17

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 24

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

July 31

Matthew 14:13-21

August 7

Matthew 14:22-33

August 14

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

August 21

Matthew 16:13-20

August 28

Matthew 16:21-28



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

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 during coffee hour. Hosts also need to 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 (including the first Sunday of the month designated as *Second Harvest* Sunday).

PARISH FAMILY NEWS

Kasey Vanden Bosch was voted President of the Boardman High School Art Club for the 2011-12 school year. Congratulations, Kasey!! She also attended the recent Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) where she was trained to be a Peer Minister.

Jaimie Vanden Bosch recently got her drivers license and she is co-section leader for the tuba section of the Boardman High School band. This means she will be dotting the "I" in *Script Ohio* at Band shows and for football games. She has been second chair flute for concert band as well.

Kent, Walter, and Kurt Hilderbrand will travel to Cimarron, New Mexico July 10-23 to participate at Philmont High Adventure Scout Ranch. Philmont is a 138,000-acre working ranch established for mountain hiking. Elevations start at 6,900 feet, and treks can go as high as 12,500 feet. Kurt will oversee two crews of twelve as they make the 75-mile backpacking hike. Afternoon activities will consist of fly-fishing and panning for gold after the daily 4- to 10-mile hike. A special thanks goes to St. James' Church for giving the scouts a space for their organizational meetings.



Congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Downey**, married on May 14 at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul in Erie, Pa.



Congratulations to our class of 2011 high school graduates, **Michael Colangelo** (Poland High School), **Rachael Hilderbrand** (Springfield Local High School), and **Gretchen Scheel** (Canfield High School). We wish you continued success as you continue to pursue your dreams.

BISHOP HOLLINGSWORTH' VISIT — MAY 8, 2011



Our clergy team pictured here with Bishop Hollingsworth during his visit on May 8 (L-R) John Wigle, Mary Vidmar, Bishop Mark Hollingsworth, Kelly Marshall, and Zeke Coughlin.

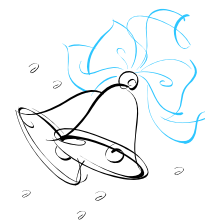
July Birthdays

- 2 Kasey Vanden Bosch
- 4 Jason Thorne
- 6 Larry Green
- 7 Kitty Jones
- Kathy Moldovan
- Christine Belvedere
- 9 Kim Jones
- 10 Gary Borman
- 15 Vanessa Shamrock
- 16 Walter Hilderbrand
- 19 Pat Julian
- 23 Kurt Hilderbrand
- Janet Smart
- 24 Ray Speerbrecher
- Paul Van Devender
- 26 Laurel Conway
- 31 Paula Ulicny
- Doug Hotchkiss



Anniversaries

- 11 George & Dolly Wagner
- Jason & Erin Thorne
- 13 Jim & Rose Ann Tufaro
- 16 Joe & Paula Ulicny
- 23 Kurt Hilderbrand & Donna Slagle
- 28 Ben & Wendie Vanden Bosch
- 29 Robert & Nancy Hilderbrand
- 30 Sam & Debbie Yiannaki



THE RECTOR'S SABBATICAL

As of the printing of this newsletter, Fr. Kelly is traveling through Europe and has been keeping in touch through Facebook. Visit the St. James' group on FB to see some great photos. Below is one he took from the Great Dome of St. Paul's Cathedral after he climbed 600+ stairs to get there!!!



FEED YOUR FAITH: SMALL GROUP PRAYER Tuesdays at 7 p.m.



A 90-minute Prayer and Study Experience to deepen our relationships with Christ and each other. We'll work together to explore new ways to pray and think about holy writings in a small group setting.

Join us Tuesday evenings for small group prayer and reflection to promote our Adult Spiritual Formation.

August Birthdays

- 5 Amy Amendol
Clare Julian
- 7 Wendie Vanden Bosch
Rene Smythe
Donna Speerbrecher
- 9 Rose Russo
- 12 Michael Theisler
- 15 Michele DeRhodes
- 18 Jo-Ann Kaschak
Harry Moldovan
- 20 Sheila Dilley
Nicholas Tufaro
- 21 Benjamin Thorne
- 27 Mary Ann Fees
- 28 Sue Adair
- 29 Aiden Van Devender
- 31 Nancy Ensley



Anniversaries

- 7 Bob & Mary Ellen Maruschak
- 8 Tom & Cindy Simerlink
- 10 Jim & Linda Shurfleff
- 13 Dave & Christine Belvedere
- 17 Sue & Joe DiLoreto
- 21 Alan & Sandra Baxter
- 26 Chuck & Louise Thorne
- 28 Chet & Jo-Ann Kaschak



SUMMER PARISH PICNIC

Tuesday, July 26
Masters Pavilion
Boardman Park

Gather after 5 p.m.
Supper beginning at 6 p.m.

Bring a casserole or side dish to share and your place settings. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages will be provided.

Do you have a favorite yard or card game? Bring it along.

Help is needed with set-up, clean up, and grilling the hot dogs and hamburgers. Please contact Parish Life Coordinator, Rose Bissett, if you can help.

Next Community Meal
August 27, 4—5:30 p.m.

Are you able to help with set-up, clean-up, preparation and/or serving of food, or visiting with our guests? Contact Florence Hosler or Liz Myer for more information.

St. Rocco's-Style Cavatelli and Meatball Dinner

(prepared by the original
cooks from St. Rocco's)

Sunday, August 14
11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

All You Can Eat!!
Homemade Cavatelli
& Meatballs
Tossed Salad
Homemade Bread
Dessert
Beverage

Adults: \$7.00
Children: \$3.00
(under age 5 eat for free!!)

Take-out Available

St. James' Episcopal Church – Activity Calendar

~ July 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7pm AA
3 10am Eucharist	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 7pm Feed Your Faith	6 7pm Adult Choir	7 6pm Cabbage	8	9 9am Women's Bkfst 7pm AA
10 10am Eucharist 11:30am Min. Comm. 4pm Youth Group	11 8:30 Devotions/Chapel	12 7pm Feed Your Faith	13 7pm Adult Choir	14	15	16 8:30am Men's Bkfst 7pm AA
17 10am Festival Eucharist 5pm Inspiring Divine Designs	18 8:30 Devotions/Chapel 6pm Finance Team 8:30pm Mission Area Council Meeting	19 7pm Feed Your Faith	20 7pm Adult Choir	21 6pm Cabbage	22	23 7pm AA
24 10am Festival Eucharist 4pm Youth Group	25 8:30 Devotions/Chapel 8:30pm Vestry	26 6pm Parish Picnic Master's Pavilion Boardman Park	27 7pm Adult Choir	28	29	30 7pm AA
31 10am Eucharist	Upcoming Events: August 14 – Festival Eucharist in Celebration of St. Rocco's Day (Cavatelli Dinner to follow liturgy) September 17 – Southern-Style Pulled Pork Dinner October 15 – St. James' Night In					



Looking Ahead



SUMMER SAINTS' FESTIVALS

Sunday, July 17, 10 a.m.

*Feast Day of Mary Magdalene,
First witness to the Resurrection and
Apostle to the Apostles
(Healing Liturgy)*

Sunday, July 24, 10 a.m.

*Our Patronal Festival: Blessed James,
Apostle and Martyr*

Sunday, August 14, 10 a.m.

*Feast Day of Blessed Rocco, Minister of Healing
(Healing Liturgy)
Cavatelli Dinner (11:30—4:30)*

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



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