

# St. James' Journal

The Rev. Dr. Cathy L. Deats, Rector

March 2009

*Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Book of Common Prayer, p.364

During Lent, at the 10 am service, you will notice we are using the “contemporary” version of the Lord’s Prayer. People have strong feelings about language in liturgy, especially the Lord’s Prayer (“You can’t change the words Jesus gave us!” “I think these words communicate better what Jesus was teaching his disciples!”). For serious students of the Bible, it is obvious that whether Jesus gave us specific words or not (and it is certain they were not delivered in English), the heart of the matter of prayer is what is communicated. In the Lord’s Prayer, the message is that God is God and we are human; that we rely on God to be fed; that we need to forgive and be forgiven, that we need protection from evil; and (in case we missed it the first time) that God is God and we are human.

Liturgical language has caused battles and schism in the church. When the 1979 revisions to The Book of Common Prayer were in circulation and trial use, heated arguments and opposition were common. Even now, thirty years later, there are congregations whose main purpose it is to keep alive the 1928 Book of Common Prayer as the one, true prayer book of the church. There are at least 300 of such congregations in the United States, including one in New Jersey. A bumper sticker for sale on their website reads: *Real Episcopalians use the 1928 BCP.*

The tradition of Lent in the church has moved from a time of giving something up (a favorite food, a vice, a behavior that is an affront to God) to a time of taking something on (community service, Bible study, visiting the sick). Then, in the true spirit of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, our multi-tasking abilities allowed us to give something up *and* take something on. In true age of technology fashion, even the Roman Catholic Bishops in Italy have encouraged people to “fast” from technology, giving up cell phones, MP3s, televisions and surfing the web until Easter.

But we miss the point of Lent if the changes we make in the season do not affect us deeply. If we go back to the exhortation we heard on Ash Wednesday, we

find that the instruction of the church on how to keep “a holy Lent” is really more about the heart:

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word. (BCP, p. 265)

Self-examination requires that we honestly look at our thoughts and actions. Hopefully, repentance follows that. We are asked to pray, and sometimes the best way to open up our prayer life is to be open to new places to pray, and new ways of praying. We are asked to fast and practice self-denial, not as another item on the “to-do” list, but as a way to the heart of God as we realize that all that we are and all that we have are gifts from God, and that all that we do reflects on how much we allow God to do through us.

Language, like us, is a living thing. Just as prayer book language revision is designed to keep us in contact with the holy, our lives need revision to keep in contact with God. We are called to abandon our discomfort with something new because we have never done it that way. We are called to give up destructive behaviors that can be explained as the rudeness of our times. We are called to extend ourselves beyond our comfort zone to follow Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem. The deep changes possible in Lent can be accessed by simple changes in behavior, in speech and in quiet.

Stylist Stacy London of TLC’s “What Not to Wear” TV show counters their fashion failures’ claim that “this outfit is just not me” or “I don’t like this” with the exhortation: “You cannot know that unless you try it on.”

So try some new words on for size for these six weeks of Lent; see how they fit you and where they may take you.

Prayerfully yours

## Wardens' Words

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At the Parish Development Dinner last week, our leader, Peter Saros, said he often asks people to share with others, how they came to attend St. James'. This got me thinking about why my family chose this place. We were looking for an Episcopal church closer to home and decided to give St. James' a visit. From the moment we walked in the door, we felt welcomed and at home. Our children fit right in and so did Ed and I. There were plenty of opportunities to help do the Lord's work, lots of fellowship and plenty of supportive listeners. Over the years, many people have come and gone. Some have moved or passed away, but other wonderful, loving people have filled in the spaces. Whether we are going through good times or bad times, the spirit of the congregation remains warm, caring and welcoming. As I have gotten more involved with activities at the church, it has become even more apparent to me how God's love shines into every corner of St. James' and through all who call this place theirs. That is why we keep coming. Every time we walk through the doors, we know we are WELCOMED, we are LOVED, we are HOME.

*Dawn Modugno  
Senior Warden*



**Vestry Hi-lites** returns in March; the Vestry Retreat was our February meeting.

### Vestry Retreat

A fire in the wood-burning stove, chili bubbling on the stove, the smell of coffee, and a rousing game of Episcopopoly (similar to Monopoly, only the object is to build a church rather than an empire). This was how the Vestry Retreat began at the Hermitage (an eight-bedroom building with kitchen and gathering space) at the Kirkridge Retreat Center in Bangor, PA. We welcomed new member Paula Van Clef, and took time to get to know each other better as we prepared for the work of 2009.

The Retreat seemed to be a pattern for our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration: we looked back at the things we did well, reflected on disappointments, and made plans for the future. The list of accomplishments was long, the list of people to thank for them even longer. It was a time of gratitude, reassessment and refreshment.

*Cathy Deats*

It is often said that March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb. While that might not always be true, this year might be proof positive for the old adage. As I write this article the snow is falling (up to a foot is predicted) and the wind is blowing. March has surely come in with the roar of a lion; now we can only hope all will be calm by month's end.

When I stop to think about all that is going on at St. James' right now, I can't help but feel that 2009 has "come in like a lion". Of course, there is the building project: putting the finishing touches on Phase I while working hard to complete Phase II. This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. James' and there are many activities being planned for celebrating this incredible milestone. While not tied directly to the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration, a Capital Campaign is being planned. The work on Parish Development has begun, under the direction of Peter Saros - the first dinner was a great success and I look forward to the remaining ones. While all of this is happening, the "routine" work of running the church continues.

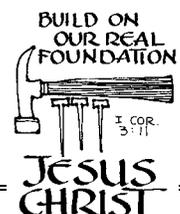
I'm hoping that as 2009 ends, things will be a bit calmer. Yes, I'm hoping it "goes out like a lamb". We'll have a usable space to relax and enjoy fellowship. Hopefully, we'll have a parish that is reenergized and in a good position to go forward....to start the "next 150 years"!

*Greg Malejko  
Junior Warden*

### Phase II Continues

Work has been completed on the Parish Hall upper level – framing, rough plumbing, rough electrical and insulation. Approvals for the framing, plumbing and electrical work have been granted. Following some minor carpentry work, the insulation inspection will be completed and then we are ready for sheetrock. The elevator likewise awaits finish work before state inspection. All these things are "behind the scenes (or walls!)." You may have noticed completion of the flooring in the lobby and evidence of other finish work. As soon as approvals allow, you will be invited into the space that we will shortly call home to events great and small!

**Sacristy Completed!** Just in time for Lent to begin, the final cabinetry and countertops were installed in the sacristy. Many thanks to Modugno Carpentry for their excellent work!



## March Dates to Remember

- March 14 Confirmation Class • Mitcham House • 9:30 - 11:00 AM
- March 14 St. Patrick's Day Dinner • Christ Church • 5:00 - 8:00 PM
- March 15 - Food Bags Distributed for Easter Baskets
- March 15 Gertrude Hawks Candy Orders Due
- March 17 Parish Development Dinner • Trinity House • 6:30 PM
- March 19 - Confirmation Class • Chapel • 7:30 - 9:00 PM
- March 22 - Food Bags Distributed for Easter Baskets
- March 26 - Vestry Meeting • Mitcham House • 7:30 PM
- March 28 - Altar Guild Meeting • Church • 10:00 AM
- March 28 Confirmation Class • Mitcham House • 9:30 - 11:00 AM
- March 29 What in the World Coffee Hour • After 8 & 10 AM Services

## April Dates to Remember

- April 3-4 Confirmation Retreat • St. Paul's • Morris Plains
- April 5-12 Holy Week Schedule • pages



## Hackettstown Group Home

We continued our relationship with the women of the Hackettstown Group Home with a craft night on February 12, when we made crafty Kleenex box holders. The women showed off great creative talent once again! Eileen Malejko is our regular leader. Three people are needed each of the nights (second Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM) to lead a craft activity, and the next date is March 12. Please contact the church office or Eileen to let us know when you would like to help. Teenagers especially welcome!

The women (Terry, Bonnie and Kim) will be our guests at the St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 14<sup>th</sup>!

**St. Patrick's Day Feast** at Christ Church in Budd Lake **Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> 5:00-8:00 PM.** See

**Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy** is on sale now! Easter is April 12<sup>th</sup> and **orders are due March 15<sup>th</sup>.** Please see Ellen Infante for a catalog and order form.

The **Lay Eucharistic Visitors** (those who bring Holy Communion to our members at home or in hospital) will meet on **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 AM** in the church. Our agenda is to welcome new members and review visitation schedules.

Please RSVP to the church office [stjames214@comcast.net](mailto:stjames214@comcast.net) or 908.852.3968.



The **Altar Guild** will meet (and welcome to anyone interested in joining them) on **Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM** in the church. Our agenda is an update of duties as well as some Holy Week and Easter preparation.

**Support Your Local Food Pantry** In March we will be collecting peanut butter for Trinity's Food Pantry. There will be a collection container in the Narthex and at the Moore Street entrance.

## Parish Development Dinner Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM Trinity House on Moore Street

All are invited to continue our exploration of where we go from here – Celebrating 150 Years of Building Community. Please check the enclosed insert to see where you have been invited to participate.



## The Gertrude Butts Fund Seeks Scholarship Applicants

The Gertrude Butts Fund, a non-profit corporation organized in 1929 and closely affiliated with the Diocese of Newark, seeks applicants for the 2009 -2010 academic year. Income from the fund is used to provide collegiate scholarship aid with an emphasis on youth in need in the Diocese of Newark.

Anyone whose circumstances fit the Fund's emphasis and who is pursuing a collegiate education at the bachelor level is asked to mail his or her name and address immediately to:

St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
Attn: Gertrude Butts Fund Application  
85 Conestoga Trail  
Sparta, NJ 07871

Upon receipt of your request, an application package will be sent to you. The application must be completed and returned by **April 1, 2009.**

## Sunday School News

After much preparation for the Children's Sabbath on February 8th, Godly Play lessons resumed in the latter part of February, with lessons on receiving The Light and Baptism. We greatly appreciate all of the support we received in preparation for the Children's Sabbath from Cathy Deats and on the morning of the service from Russ Worthington and Father Sumner. **We will continue to collect bins and plastic garbage bags until mid-March which will be donated to Family Promise in Oxford.** Thanks to those who have donated thus far.

At this point in the school year, we are in need of another round of snack and juice. Please send in 2 half-gallon bottles of juice and 2 snack items to share during our feast. Thank you for your contributions. Lessons in March will focus on Lent and the preparing for Easter.

### March Schedule

- March 1 Family Sunday
- March 8 Lesson-The Lenten Puzzle
- March 15 Lesson-The Faces of Easter
- March 22 Lesson-The Faces of Easter
- March 29 Assist with Easter Food Collection

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions via email or at home at 908.850.9214.

*Kathy Lacouture*

## Youth Group News

On February 20-21, five of our members: Katie Lacouture, Amy Modugno, Ricky Okoye, Isaac Quelly and Justin Simmons, participated in the 30 Hour Famine. Our thanks to them for raising money for World Vision and hungry children throughout the world. Last month our discussions were about "Happiness" and "Heaven" and Hell". We also heard about Justin Simmon's trip to the presidential inauguration. Next month our topics include "Responsibility" and "Influence". Youth Group meets every second and fourth Sunday during the 10 o'clock service. We welcome new members and guest speakers.

*Dawn Modugno and Lori Purcel*

## Q: What is Confirmation?

*A: Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.*

These are the words of the *Catechism* from The Book of Common Prayer. This year's Confirmation Class is now forming, and we invite young people ready to make an adult commitment to Christ. In addition,



Maggie visits Sunday School

## Maggie Update

Maggie, a two year-old yellow Labrador Retriever, has successfully completed the tests for certification as an American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen. There were ten test situations on the assessment. She had to pass all ten items. Among the tests, she had to walk with a loose leash, sit calmly while meeting an unfamiliar dog, stand to be inspected by a stranger and stay alone with a stranger for three minutes. Her next test will be for certification as a therapy dog. The items will be similar but will include assistive equipment such as walkers and wheelchairs. She continues to need work in managing her enthusiasm, especially when entering a new place or situation.

Maggie continues to visit The House of The Good Shepherd twice weekly. Her weekday activity group has grown so popular that it had to be split into two groups. Residents and staff all look forward to her visits. She recently visited Mrs. Lacouture's Sunday School class and posed for a picture with the kids. Everybody seemed to have a good time and Maggie looks forward to a return visit.

*Paul Barkus*

adults who have been baptized and/or confirmed in another religious tradition are invited to join this time of study and reflection. Depending on the former tradition, you will be confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church.

Please speak to Catechist, Russ Worthington or Rector, Cathy Deats with questions or to enroll.



## Senior Choir - \_\_\_\_\_

In keeping with the more solemn and penitential spirit of Lent, you'll notice several changes to our service. We begin the service with a silent procession and in place of a Song of Praise or a Gloria, we sing the "Kyrie Eleison" which translates to "Lord have mercy upon us". The weekly psalms will be chanted as was done during Advent. The tune is also the same as we used in Advent. The service music settings for the Kyrie, Sanctus and Agnus Dei are all by the 16th century composer John Merbecke. The settings are from the 1940 hymnal as they are the more familiar versions for many of our congregation. Their timeless and somewhat melancholy tunes make them well suited to our Lenten services. The Senior Choir is also looking towards Holy Week, Easter and our 150th Anniversary/Building Dedication service. Choir rehearsals are back to Thursday nights at 7:30 and, as always, we welcome any new members!

## Youth Choir -

Sunday School rehearsals for our Easter Song will begin on March 22. The children will be singing during the 10 am Easter morning service!

*Pam Laura*

## Meet Ron Cipriani \_\_\_\_\_

Ron was born in Wilkes-Barre, PA and grew up and went to school in nearby Plains Township. He was in the marching band in high school and was voted by classmates as having the "best personality" in his senior class.

Ron attended Wilkes College where he received his degree in teaching. His first job was in Hunterdon County teaching elementary school children.\* He enjoyed it so much that he stayed with it for 38 years!

Ron married his high school sweetheart, Janice, in the Lady Chapel of St. James'. They have two adult children, Diane and David and three beautiful grandchildren, Zack 10, Colby 7 and Tess 20 months. Ron loves spending time with his grandchildren.

Ron enjoys reading, exercising and traveling in his free time. He enjoys music as well and played in bands

## Undercover Angels \_\_\_\_\_

- ☺ Ed and Eddie Modugno installed the final cabinetry and countertop in the sacristy
- ☺ Katie Lacouture and Amy Modugno assembled more Welcome Packets for our visitors
- ☺ Meredith Firmin and Barbara White stepped up to help clear the way for railing and carpet installation in Phase II

## Bell Choir "Notes" \_\_\_\_\_

After a relaxing month of January without Bell Choir rehearsals, the choir members returned to "work" on February 8 to prepare music for March and April. The choir will participate in the 10:00 service on March 8, playing *Let Us Break Bread Together* and March 29, playing *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*. The choir will again play *Let Us Break Bread Together* on Maundy Thursday at the 7:30 p.m. service. Also in April, the choir will play an Introit on Easter Sunday and participate in the Service of Celebration for the 150th Anniversary of St. James' and the Dedication of the Parish Hall on April 26.

It is with great pleasure that the choir welcomed Jiyng (Jane) Shao to the Bell Choir. We are happy to have her with us.

Many thanks to all the members of the Bell Choir who faithfully practice each week. We hope that our participation in services adds to the worship experience of the congregation.

*Louise Olshan*



for all sorts of occasions although he claims he is not a good dancer.

Ron gets involved in St. James' in so many ways. He is currently serving on the Vestry. He is an usher and counter, and participates along with Janice in most of St. James' activities. It's

always nice to see his smiling face greeting parishioners on the weeks he is ushering!

On a recent trip to Poland, Ron was "persuaded" into dancing with a folk dancer and was told he did quite well. The myth that he is not a good dancer has been proven untrue. You might want to ask him to prove it at coffee hour some Sunday.

*Roving Reporter Barbara Olesen*

*\*See Editor's note page 7*



If you discover an undercover angel, report it to [news4stjames@comcast.net](mailto:news4stjames@comcast.net) anytime

## Fundraising

I would like to start by thanking Roberta Brandt for the Longaberger fundraiser. Each year Roberta donates her commission from the sale of these fine products to the fundraising effort.

Thanks to everyone that fought the crowds at IHOP on Shrove Tuesday! Although it was hectic, I think we all enjoyed the food and fellowship. We even helped celebrate Peg Pfaff's birthday with ice cream and song.

The Gertrude Hawk Easter candy sale is almost complete. Orders are due on March 15th. If you have not placed an order and would like to, please pick up a catalog and return the order form to Ellen Infante as soon as possible.

We have a St. Patrick's Day Feast scheduled for March 14th, Saturday from 5-8 pm. Dinner will be at Christ Church in Budd Lake, 369 Sandshore Road. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors. Children are also \$10. Dinner will include corned beef and cabbage, carrots and potatoes' and Dawn Modugno's homemade Irish soda bread. Please purchase your tickets in advance by talking to Barbara White. REMEMBER, IF YOU INVITE SOMEONE TO OUR DINNER AND THEY COME, YOUR DINNER IS 1/2 PRICE! We will refund you at the door. Please join us for good food and fellowship.

On March 29<sup>th</sup>, we will once again host the coffee hour at What in the World in downtown Hackettstown. Please read the article on What in the World on this page and invite your friends and family.

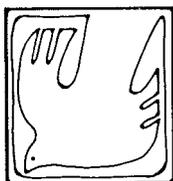
As always, if you have an idea for fundraising or would like to get involved, please contact me. I can be reached at 908-798-0928 or [barbarawhite\\_7@msn.com](mailto:barbarawhite_7@msn.com). Thank you for your continued support.

Barbara White

### Episcopal Appalachian Ministries (EAM) Work Camp 2009

St. James' will have six slots for the work camp to be held August 1 – 8. It is not too early to plan your summer and reserve your space. Please contact the Rector at [cathydeats@comcast.net](mailto:cathydeats@comcast.net) or 908.850.4549

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BEING BUILT  
TOGETHER TO  
BECOME A  
DWELLING IN  
WHICH GOD  
LIVES BY HIS



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EPHESIANS 2:22



## What in the World

St. James' will once again hold a fundraiser/coffee hour on March 29<sup>th</sup> at What in the World, located at 229 Main St. across from Hometown Hardware. Owners Al and Vicki Kopacka offer a huge assortment of fair trade gift ideas from all over the world. I stopped in to see what they had for Easter. There are beautiful crosses, hand-painted eggs, baskets, hand-painted paper maché rabbit and chicken gift boxes as well as chocolates and jellybeans. There are some great deals on their clothing line, which they are phasing out. They also offer all kinds of jewelry, soaps and oils, picture frames, candles, reed diffusers, blown glass, purses, rugs, pottery, lamps and food. You will always find something for those special people in your life within your price range. Please consider making Easter baskets or filling Easter baskets with products from their store. And check out their website which has pictures of many of their items. <http://www.whatintheworld.info/>

Al and Vicki generously donate a percentage of their sales during this event to support the ministry and mission of St. James'. If you stop by What in the World before our coffee hour, remember to tell them you are from St. James' and they will include your purchases in our fundraiser.

Barbara Olesen



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY FEAST**  
**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**  
**(Sponsored by St. James' Episcopal Church)**  
**at Christ Church**  
**369 Sandshore Road**  
**Budd Lake, NJ**

**Corned Beef & Cabbage**  
**Carrots & Potatoes**  
**Homemade Irish Soda Bread**  
**Dessert**  
**Coffee, Tea, Soda**

**\$12/Adults**  
**\$10/Seniors & Children**

**To purchase tickets:**  
**call the Church Office 908.852.3968**  
**email [barbarawhite\\_7@msn.com](mailto:barbarawhite_7@msn.com)**  
**or see her after the 10 AM Service on Sunday**

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## A Lenten Retreat with Martin L. Smith at Holy Cross Monastery

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I've just returned from a weekend Lenten Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery. Lent is a time for reflection and prayer and what better a place for me to renew and deepen my Lenten reflections and prayers than at Holy Cross

Dave and I joined forty other guests to hear Martin Smith, our retreat leader. Martin Smith is a priest well known throughout the Episcopal Church as a writer and retreat leader. He currently serves as Senior Associate Rector on the staff of St Columba's parish, Washington DC.

On Friday evening, one of the brothers welcomed us and oriented newcomers to Holy Cross. He invited us to experience silence, not as being prevented from talking as much, but as not *having* to talk. This would be a silent retreat when silence, except for Martin Smith's addresses, would extend over the weekend until Eucharist on Sunday.

Martin emphasized the meaning of Lent. It means *springtime*, not remorse, but a time to return, for renewal. During the retreat we explored the implications of Paul's own witness to the power of the Cross; to let go of the identity we were given by others, beginning with our parents. We could let go of that "false" identity and form an authentic self, centered on the indwelling Christ. "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." That is our real self who is centered, not self-centered. Martin said that in becoming fully vulnerable, Jesus teaches us to become fully human.

He also gave us a new view of Paul who has been demonized by writings that are really not his own but were written by others. For example, women should be subservient to their husbands. Paul's epistles explicitly name women who were among the leaders in the Christian communities he addressed. These women were too important, by their placement in Paul's letters, to be expunged by subsequent editors.

Martin's four addresses, using Paul as our Lenten Guide, were given within the monastery's daily cycle of services.

Dave and I didn't make it to the 7 AM Matins service but after breakfast at 7:45, we had daily Eucharist at 9:00. I felt a strong sense of community as we gathered together for the Eucharist. At Holy Cross, before the Great Thanksgiving, the congregation joins the brothers and all stand in a large circle around the altar. There's no altar rail and I in my wheelchair can be part of that circle. There is something ineffable that takes place there within the gathered community. It goes to the heart of communion (small *c*) with the Christ in all of us.

After a morning session with Martin and time to reflect on our own, Diurnam followed at noon. The closest I can come to the meaning of *diurnam* is that it comes from *diurnal*, the daily hours. In monastic life, diurnal hours commemorate specific times in the Gospels, including noon, when Jesus was on the Cross.

During the first half of lunch on Saturday, a monk read one of the daily Lenten reflections in Bread and Wine. After an afternoon with another address and individual time, we went to Vespers at 5:00 PM. We gathered after dinner for another address and then Compline closed the day at 8:30 PM.

In Compline, we say the deeply felt prayer; *Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace*. Compline leads into the Great Silence, which usually ends after Eucharist the following day, but we were on a silent retreat.

After Sunday's Eucharist, we joyfully filled Pilgrim Hall with our voices, greeting one another and talking to old friends and new. Our closing session with Martin was the time for our questions and his answers.

Sunday dinner is always highlighted by the appearance of dessert and Sundays are not included in the forty days of Lent. We had delicious food at every meal. Their chef is a graduate of the Culinary Institute!

*Nothing releases its full significance in the present moment.* I think that statement, the last journal entry from my second weekend retreat at Holy Cross, fourteen years ago, says it all. What I brought back from Holy Cross will continue to release its significance throughout this Lent and Easter.

*Phyllis Heistand*

Note: I have often used daily meditations in Martin Smith's A Season for the Spirit, Readings for the Days of Lent, as a spiritual guide. I bought the book at a Lenten retreat Holy Cross fifteen years ago. Martin writes about the congregation of selves within each of us, the ones we love, the ones we dislike, the adult self and the child. He writes about the need to integrate, not to deny, but to forgive and be reconciled to all the selves within us.

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*Continued from Meet Ron Cipriani*

Editor's note: When we moved to NJ, I got a teaching job at Woodglen School, just on the other side of Schooley's Mountain in Lebanon Township in Hunterdon County. There I met Ron Cipriani, one of the 4th grade teachers. So we've known each other since 1985. And I was so happy to see his smiling face at St. James' and to meet Janice when we started coming here.



## ***Celebrating our life together and the next 150 years!***

On Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, fifty members of St. James' gathered to celebrate our life together and to begin to talk about the *next* 150 years! Our consultant, Mr. Peter Saros, is leading us in this exciting venture. Our first step was to organize into four main committees to work together to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> year, beginning with a Capital Campaign.

We have assigned everyone who is active in our community a place in one of four committees, described below. If you would like to change to a different committee, please let us know.

Our next meeting, with dinner, will be held Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at Trinity House (behind Trinity United Methodist Church, on Moore and Main Streets).

**Come with us on this journey!**

### ***150<sup>th</sup> Capital Campaign Committees and Leadership Roles***

#### **Promotion / Publicity**

This committee produces the material on the campaign. It also covers media coverage and communication within the parish. It may also publish a brochure of the various ministries of the church and may include a history.

#### **Special Events**

This committee assists in the work of the Special Event (the big dinner). They also will plan and implement a series of events throughout the anniversary. They pick the location, negotiate the deal and work out the details.

#### **Host / Hostess**

This committee sends out the invitation to the Special Event and other events. Then, they call all the members of the congregation to see who is coming. In their calls, they try to assist those who need assistance in attending the event. Any pastoral issues that are discovered are forwarded to the appropriate persons. On the night of the event they are the greeters and make nametags.

#### **Ministry**

This committee is the soul of the campaign. They write a collect for the campaign that is read during the Sunday services. They may plan a Bible study, a vigil, a special service.

In some churches they have members write about what the church means to them, or how the church helps them in their daily life, and how it helps them in their spiritual development.

#### **Follow Up Committee (Appointed at a later time)**

This committee works to keep the campaign going over the three years and makes sure there is accountability of gifts. They solicit additional pledges over the years and makes sure that the congregation and the Vestry are kept updated on the projects that are funded.

#### **Promotion/Publicity**

Grace Binovsky  
Janice Cipriani  
Ron Cipriani  
Diane Clark  
Sal Corino  
Nelson Cardona  
Peter Gartleman  
Bill Hibler  
Brian Keane  
Nicole Keane  
Dave Lacouture

John McKinney  
Carol McKinney  
Sue Mecovich  
David Miller  
Dana Miller  
John Mushman  
Kathy Mushman  
David Olesen  
Louise Olshan  
Julia Quelly  
Wil Reyes

Maryann Schwing  
Michael Schwing  
Jim Simmons  
Maryann Simmons  
John Stout  
Theresa Stout  
Jim Taylor  
Paula Van Clef  
Paul Whitney  
Russ Worthington

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## Special Events

Ray Bedell  
Lynn Bedell  
Scott Carson  
Carol Carson  
Ted Deats  
Christopher DiMarzo  
Elizabeth DiMarzo  
John Donnell  
Diane Donnell  
Ann Dutton  
Peg Faust  
Sue Graff  
Mark Graff  
Ron Graybill

Sue Graybill  
Pete Huryk  
Gerri Huryk  
John Jamer  
Kim Jamer  
Bill Maier  
Mary Maier  
Richard Millar  
Maryann Millar  
Ed Modugno  
Fred Okoye  
Chika Okoye  
Barbara Pixley  
Irene Pollack

Lori Pursel  
Eric Schmiedeke  
Paige Schmiedeke  
Davika Segaram  
Roy Smith  
Wanda Smith  
David Taylor  
Pat Taylor  
Martha Travostino  
Barbara White  
Judith Wood  
Joe Pointek

## Host/Hostess

Richard Ames  
Marge Ames  
Paul Bartkus  
Phyllis Bartkus  
John Bach  
Jim Brandt  
Roberta Brandt  
Adam Corry  
Angie Corry  
Wendie Germain  
Diana Grant  
Peter Hubert

Brenda Hubert  
Dolly Iverson  
David Jenkins  
Janel Brewer  
Christopher Krauss  
Jean Krauss  
Pam Laura  
Janet Lowery  
Greg Malejko  
Eileen Malejko  
Dan Miller  
Linda Miller

Dawn Modugno  
Marie Niculcea  
Peg Pfaff  
Dale Reyes  
Jerry Sheard  
JT Thieringer  
Cynthia Thieringer  
Joe Wargo  
Iris Wargo

## Ministry

Geraldine Agen  
Linda Ayres  
David Bernauer  
Thomas Brunner  
Brendan Callanan  
Jennifer Finer  
Kevin Finer  
Joyce Forman  
Hazel Gowling  
Scott Guidera  
Nicole Guidera  
Lester Gurney  
Elizabeth Gurney  
Anne Harrington  
David Heistand  
Phyllis Heistand

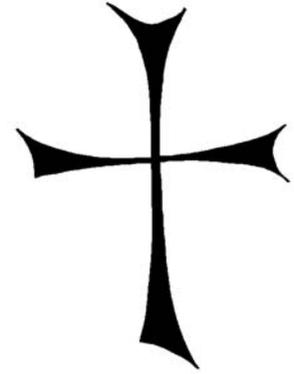
Jessica Callanan  
Meg Critchley  
Bill Critchley  
Nancy Duval  
John Edens  
DJ Hoffman  
Ellen Infante  
Fred Laforge  
Alicia Laforge  
Elizabeth Myers  
Brian Nolan  
Claudia Scala  
Dave Handville  
Sheila Shuford  
Isabelle Simon  
Patrick Stasolla

Ann Edens  
Bob Ellis  
Joanne Ellis  
Tony Elmo  
Mary Jo Elmo  
Samantha Stasolla  
Ed Sumner  
Carol Sumner  
Ron Torlucci  
Sue Torlucci  
Peter Tynan  
Debbie Tynan  
Helen Wise  
Patti Worthington

*In the holiest week of the Christian year, we enter the drama of Christ's last week on earth. We know you will want to participate in your own faith community, and we invite you to be our guest at other worship opportunities we offer:*

**Sunday, April 5 – 8:00 and 10:00 AM**

Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entrance of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. At the 10 AM service, we remember his journey with a neighborhood procession with palms and singing. The altar is hung with red to commemorate the passion of Jesus. Members of the congregation read the story of the passion. We shout, "Crucify him!" with the crowd. As we leave the church, we sing, "At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow..." affirming our belief that in life and in death, he is Lord.



**Wednesday in Holy Week, April 8 – Tenebrae**

In the quiet of the church, we read by candlelight the story of God's redemption. As the night progresses, the candles are extinguished and we remember the darkness of the tomb in which Jesus was buried.

**Maundy Thursday, April 9 – Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing**

Jesus celebrates the Passover with his disciples with a meal. Then he does a strange thing: he takes on the role of a servant and washes their feet. The altar is stripped of all decoration and the reserved sacrament is removed to the chapel for the Maundy Thursday Vigil. Choir and organ echo the solemn mood.

**Maundy Thursday Vigil (in the Chapel) – April 9-10**

We pray and meditate in silence in the presence of the sacrament of the body of Christ. We heed Christ's words, "Could you not watch with me one brief hour?" Members of St. James' sign up to keep vigil each hour of the night from 9:00 pm until noon on Friday. Please enter the chapel via the Moore Street chapel door.

**Good Friday, April 10 - Community Ecumenical Service 12:00 noon**

We pray the Good Friday Liturgy together as a community and listen to God's word to us. We read the story of the last hours of the life of Jesus the Christ. The musical accompaniment of the organ helps us know we *were* there when they crucified our Lord.

**Good Friday, April 10 – Stations of the Cross 7:30 PM**

We walk with Jesus on his last journey to the cross, stopping on the way to remember those who beat and mocked him, those who helped him, and those who grieved. Choir and organ accompany our prayer, "Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us."

**Holy Saturday, April 11 - Chapel Service 12 NOON**

Simple prayers and reflection on the day Christ spent in the place of the dead.

**Easter Eve, April 11 - The Great Vigil of Easter 7:30 PM**

The first celebration of the resurrection, held after sundown on Saturday. The service begins in darkness. We light new fire for the Paschal (Easter) Candle, which celebrates resurrection. We hear the story of God's grace through history, and we bring back the joy postponed for the season of Lent, with alleluias and the ringing of the bells. (Bring any kind of bell to ring!) Organ and choirs lead our praises.

**Easter Day, April 12 – Holy Eucharist 8 AM and 10 AM**

We celebrate a festive Holy Eucharist with great rejoicing and the sounds of the trumpet. Organ and choirs lead our singing.

**Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
The Lord is risen indeed; Alleluia**



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**We wish you a blessed Easter!**

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# Lent



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