

# St. James' Journal

The Rev. Dr. Cathy L. Deats, Rector

May 2009



*“Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.” Revelation 3:20*

As The Right Rev. John Shelby Spong knocked on the doors of the St. James' Episcopal Church “Open Doors” Parish Hall, he called out, “Are the saints of St. James’ ready to open new doors?” The shout of the saints was, “Yes, we are!” and the doors were opened to this place of welcome: the home of a community in which people can walk or roll; hear by ear or sign language; where the spirit of God lives and moves in ramp or elevator or assisted listening device as well as in the lives of the people who built this place.

We have been dreaming of and working toward this day for decades. As I watched the Bishop knock at the door, the image of William Holman Hunt’s *Light of the World* came to mind. Jesus the Christ stands in front of a wooden door. It is twilight, or just before dawn. In one hand he holds a candlelit lantern. The other hand is raised to knock on the door. We believe that whoever knocks at our door seeking God should have the



door flung wide in welcome, as if Christ himself were standing there. We believe that, in fact, he is.

We are solidly in the midst of our 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration. In its wisdom, the Vestry has brought our focus to what some call “Parish Development.” But as we live into it, it seems very much like the story which spoke to me from Bishop Spong’s words to us at our Dedication. Our past is a witness to us and our history speaks volumes about our faith, our failures, and where we come from; it does not determine who we are. Our future lies ahead, and no one can know what it will bring. We walk the fine line between planning for it and trusting it to God. The present is the place we live and move and have our being. Here. Now.

Look around at the present of this community. Energy fairly crackles off the walls when we get together to consider and share and chew on who we are as the body of Christ. We ask, “what makes us special? what is the work God is calling us to do in this place? how can we ensure these open doors remain open? how can we draw others into our story, God’s story?”

To answer the questions definitively is not the goal; to live faithfully and joyfully is. Look around to see the saints of St. James’ doing just that. Artistic gifts abound. The work of the community is shared by more people. We have a physical space to house our outreach dreams and to drink in the fellowship that energizes us for the work that God gives us to do.

A careful look at Hunt’s painting reveals that there is no latch on the outside of the door at which Christ stands, knocking; we are the only ones who can answer that call and open the doors. By the grace of God, we have put our hand to the latch inside and have ‘flung wide the gates.’ History will be our witness. The present is full of joy! Our future is in the hands of God.

PEACE BE TO THIS ENTIRE HOUSE, AND TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. **AMEN! ALLELUIA!! ALLELUIA!!**

*---Dedication of a Church, Book of Common Prayer, p. 568*

## Wardens' Words

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What a wonderful celebration our 150th was! What a great feeling to be in a parish hall again and have our pews full! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard. The committee system is proving to be quite successful. We head into the spring and summer with our Capital Campaign kick-off, Memorial Day float and continued work on the Phase II of the parish hall to get our permanent CO and finish the kitchen. Good things are happening here at St. James', make sure you are a part of it!

*Dawn Modugno*

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Since returning home from the dedication of the new Parish Hall, my mind has been swirling with thoughts about the project. It's been quite a project; from planning the building, obtaining approvals, demolishing the old building, completing Phase I of the new building and finally completing Phase II.

While the project has been going for years, the part that will forever stick in my mind is the effort that went into completing the final stages of Phase II. The effort of so many, working so hard to get the building finished in time for the dedication on April 26<sup>th</sup>. However, I do have a confession to make: I did not believe it was possible. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Linda Murray (Parish Administrator) sent an email to Cathy and Dawn Modugno (Senior Warden) with a timeline outlining when each task would be completed. I truly did not see how it was possible (remember, on April 1<sup>st</sup> the drywall had not been finished yet!). The part that I did not anticipate was the level of dedication of an inspired group of people that wanted to meet the approaching deadline. It was work; hard work. Many people went home with sore backs and sore knees. Some covered with paint; everyone tired. Lots of hard work.

I thank everyone who helped us complete the project and those who worked so hard to make the building dedication a great success.

*Greg Malejko*



All photos of the 150<sup>th</sup> Dedication in this issue are courtesy of Jenny Worthington, with many thanks.



The Vestry: Russ Worthington, Barbara White, Ron Cipriani, Rick Ames, Paula Van Clef, Dawn Modugno, Cathy Deats, Brian Nolan, Dave Lacouture, DJ Hoffma, Greg Malejko, absent Martha Travostino.

## Vestry Hi-Lites from April meeting

- Bishop's Church Extension Fund – St. James' is the recipient of this fund for the completion of the elevator. The BCEF is a subscription donation fund which supports projects at various churches in the Diocese. We can expect to receive between \$6,000 and \$8,000 for this grant.
- Vestry Liaison contact with committees and ministries: Barbara White sent an email to her committees asking if they needed anything from the Vestry and thanking them for their service. She discovered that the Prayer Ministry is seeking additional members and suggestions were made to increase the awareness of this ministry; for example, having a Journal article devoted to witness by people who can write about how the Prayer Ministry has affected them.
- Final plans for the Dedication were reviewed.
- DJ Hoffman and David Lacouture will be the core members of a Building Use Committee to draw up guidelines for use of the Great Hall.

## Bishop's Church Extension Fund

Dear St. James' members and friends,

The BCEF is a subscription fund, which helps churches to fund various projects. Individuals and parishes may join at various levels and promise to respond at that level five times per year (\$25, \$50, etc., per call).

I am overjoyed to tell you that St. James' elevator project has been chosen to be the BCEF recipient for the present call. The funding can be anywhere from \$6,000 to \$8,000 to help us complete the elevator installation. The letter is attached.

Thanks be to God!

*Cathy*

## PROCLAMATION

**Whereas**, St. James' Episcopal Church was established in Hackettstown, NJ, on December 19th, 1858, and its cornerstone was laid on April 26th, 1859; and

**Whereas**, the Church has served the Hackettstown Community for one hundred and fifty years as a place of spiritual renewal and refreshment; a location for public school classes when classroom space was limited; a home to Alcoholics Anonymous 12 Step meetings for more than fifty years; provider of SHARE food services provided by the USDA; English as a Second Language classes; outreach to Appalachia, World Vision Hunger, the Lord's Pantry at Trinity UMC, families in need at holiday times, The Arc group home, hard of hearing and deaf people; support to the Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center, Literacy Volunteers of America, and Warren County Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Crisis Center and the Warren County United Way; and

**Whereas**, St. James' Episcopal Church is celebrating with great joy its Sesquicentennial year with the dedication of the Open Doors Parish Hall on April 26th, 2009;

**Be it resolved** that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hackettstown do congratulate St. James' on its faithful witness in this community and commend the people of St. James' for their dedicated work to help make Hackettstown an example of compassion as well as excellence in the State of New Jersey and the United States of America.



New Jersey Assemblyman John DiMaio, 23rd District



The Honorable Michael Lavery, Mayor of Hackettstown

## 150<sup>th</sup> Artists

**Pam Laura** – You know her as Director of Music and Vocal Choirs, but did you know she is also a composer? P. Laura has written the music for the Children's Choir for Christmas and Easter, as well as the *Festival Alleluia* for our Dedication Service. Pam says she is still making changes to its chords, so listen for it at the breaking of the bread!

**Tony Elmo and John Edens** – Two woodworkers whose talents can be seen in a most exquisite font cover of contrasting woods, depicting the symbol of the Trinity. The cover was delivered minutes before the Dedication service! Be sure to take a look at it. You are welcome to offer *your* gifts for this our anniversary year!



Cathy reads a Proclamation of Appreciation to Dawn and Ed and Modugno Carpentry. (It would take pages to even attempt to describe all they have done to make the Open Doors Parish Hall Dedication a reality.

## Zen 150

St. James' had been the proverbial beehive for weeks. I arrived Sunday morning to the sight of many, many people working all over our campus (which spilled out into Moore Street, giving us some welcome breathing room). There was a flurry of last-minute preparations, and everything just clicked into place – we were ready. Barbara and I took our pew with great anticipation.

The actual service was just grand. I loved the pomp of the processional – it went on and on – where did all those people come from?? I was delighted to see our warden Greg processing carefully and successfully with our very large, very unwieldy banner. I have never experienced such joyful music – the place was rockin'. This was a St. James' revival.

Seeing Bishop Spong was just exceptional. Back in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, I was “unchurched,” but often read about the “controversial” Bishop and the “rogue” Diocese of Newark in the Star-Ledger. Over time, these articles were a large influence on our journey to St. James'. Barbara and I were privileged to meet him several times during his annual visitations – and it was he who received and confirmed us into the church.

That was some time ago, and I had forgotten the impact that he had on me. So listening to him speak on Sunday, comparing and contrasting our history and beliefs with 150 years of a slow but steady expansion of human consciousness and understanding was a revelation. And the things I know and believe clicked back into place – God as the “ground of all being,” the mission to love wastefully and live abundantly, the necessity of human liberation. The church was dead silent save the occasional (appreciative) laughter and amens. I was completely in the moment. That was my Zen 150.

I was just thrilled that Cathy presented a Proclamation of Appreciation to Dawn and Ed and Modugno Carpentry – I have never known more faithful, determined, and beautiful people. Dawn has become our Extreme Warden. The standing ovation for them was so right and so electric.

There was a powerful sense of joy and good will all through the service and dedication. I am grateful to be a small part of all this – it's all good.

So many worked so hard to make this all happen. Our church has been transformed, and the people of St. James' renewed. I wish I could be here in 2159 to celebrate the next 150 years.

And then there is Cathy. She exemplifies the vision and leadership of our 19<sup>th</sup> century founders, and the transformational ethic of Father Mitcham in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Thank you Cathy, for leading us to this place. We have done so much. But please, let us leave something undone to challenge St. James' in 2159.

*David Olesen*

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## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Capital Campaign

The day of Dedication could not have been better: the food, the weather, the preacher, the crowd, and most of all the stunning beauty of the building we have created with our money, our love and our hours of labor. Now we have an opportunity to joyfully celebrate it once again with a formal dinner served in the Great Hall.

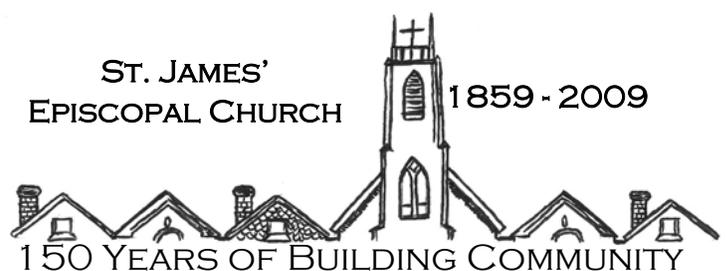
Our goal is to continue to be faithful witnesses in the community by continuing to build a worship and community space that is barrier-free. We also want to ensure that the stewardship responsibility of retiring the mortgage will not be overwhelming for our children.

Phase II of our building project, which completed the Great Hall, bathrooms and access to the upper level, was accomplished with the dedication and sweat equity of dozens of people. Phase III will include those areas not yet completed: a kitchen where family breakfasts and fellowship dinners can be prepared in a 21<sup>st</sup> century environment, and bright classrooms for education and music.

The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Capital Campaign will help us to fulfill our mission: St. James' is an open, inclusive and caring faith community that embraces diversity and celebrates the joy of Christ.

We invite you to the **Capital Campaign Kickoff Dinner on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**, in our newly completed Great Hall. Invitations go out this week – please plan to join in the celebration!

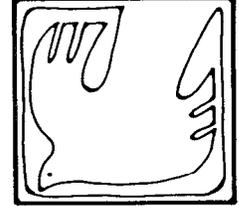
*Cathy*



## May Dates to Remember

May 2	Confirmation Class • Mitcham House • Noon - 1:30 PM
May 3	Energy Options • Mitcham House • 1:30 AM - 12:30 PM
May 4 – 10	Rector's Vacation
May 11	Parish Dinner • Open Doors Parish Hall • 6:30 PM
May 16	Capital Campaign Kick-Off Dinner • Open Doors Parish Hall • 6:30 PM
May 17	Capital Campaign Dedication Sunday
May 25	Memorial Day Parade • Hackettstown • Look for the St. James' float! • 10 AM
May 25	Memorial Day • Office Closed
May 28	Vestry Meeting • Mitcham House • 7:30 PM
May 30	Confirmation • Trinity & St. Philip Cathedral • 10:00 AM
May 31	Last Day of Sunday School
May 31	Pentecost

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EPHESIANS 2:22

## June Dates to Remember

June 7	Annual Picnic • Independence Field of Dreams 10 AM Service
June 14	Honoring our Graduates • 8 and 10 AM services
June 21	Honoring our Musicians • 10 AM service

## Hackettstown Group Home

We continue our relationship with the women of the Hackettstown Group Home with a craft night on **May 14th**. 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. Please contact the church office or Eileen (908.852.3283) to let us know when you would like to help. Ideas for projects are welcome too. Teenagers especially welcome!

## Members in the news

Congratulations to Mary Ann Simmons, elected to the Hackettstown Board of Education on April 21<sup>st</sup>! *If you know of a member or friend of St. James' who is in the news, report it to [news4stjames@comcast.net](mailto:news4stjames@comcast.net) anytime!*

## Puppy News

Kopper went back to the Seeing Eye for testing and training on March. 26th. He has passed his first set of medical tests. We miss him very much. We expect a new golden retriever, male puppy on May 6th. His name is Utah and he is from one of Merlin's litters. We look forward to his arrival.

*The Modugno family*

## Support Your Local Food Pantry

In May we will be collecting canned **veggies, including miscellaneous beans (kidney, black, pink, baked etc. etc.)** for Trinity's Food Pantry. There will be a collection container in the Narthex and at the Moore Street entrance.

## Episcopal Appalachian Ministries (EAM) Work Camp 2009

St. James' will have six slots for the work camp to be held August 1 – 8. **Applications are available online and are due May 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please contact the Rector at [cathydeats@comcast.net](mailto:cathydeats@comcast.net) or 908.850.4549.

## Undercover Angels

- ☺ **Everyone** who picked up a paintbrush, took out trash, sorted recycled building materials, installed flooring, carried boxes of tiles, laid tiles, framed windows, swept, vacuumed, waited around for building inspections, brought coffee, gave encouragement – any job that resulted in our temporary Certificate of Occupancy for the upper level of the Open Doors Parish Hall.
- ☺ **Everyone** who took hold of a wheelchair and helped lift its occupant up a flight of stairs so she too could enter the upper level Open Doors Parish Hall.

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

## Parish Picnic

June 7<sup>th</sup> – 10 am (Worship Service)  
followed by picnic  
Independence Field of Dreams –  
accessible, with walking path,  
playground and fields  
Food, Fun and Games  
Burgers, dogs and drinks provided  
Please bring a picnic dish to share

## Sunday School News:

Between Easter and the Open Doors Dedication, Sunday School only met in April on one Sunday. The Godly Play lesson was The Crosses, one of our favorite lessons every year. The history of various symbols is presented and explained, and students have the opportunity to trace or draw the crosses.

Next month we will have several more Godly Play lessons and we will end our school year with a celebration on **May 31st**, so mark your calendars and plan to join us.

### May Schedule:

May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Family Sunday-No Class
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day activity
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Godly Play Lesson
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Godly Play Lesson
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday School Recognition

*Kathy Lacouture*

## Youth Group News

Youth group met once last month due to the Easter holiday. Phyllis Heistand was our guest and helped our group understand more about disabilities. We have our two last meetings of the year on May 10th and 24th. We will talk about dealing with anger and have our spring party and game. All youth grades 6-12 are invited.

*Dawn Modugno and Lori Pursel.*

## Confirmation – reflections on Holy Week

This year's Holy Week was a great experience for me. I went to almost every service. Each service I got an individual message about Holy Week. For example, when I was handed the nail on Good Friday, I just could not imagine the pain from having four of these driven through my hands and feet. It shows how much Jesus suffered for us in pain alone. He also did not stop it when offered to come down from the cross so he would live and be healed. Overall, Holy Week was a great experience and if you missed it this year, I would recommend making it a priority to go to next year.

*Isaac Quelly*

My favorite day of Holy Week is Palm Sunday. The reason why Palm Sunday is my favorite day of Holy Week is because of the different way the service is done. I like how some of the congregation reads a part from the Passion. It's like a play is being read, with the different parts and what have you. It's nice to hear other voices reading aloud rather than the same service readers. This is why my favorite day of Holy Week is Palm Sunday.

*Kevin Honigsberg*

## EfM

EfM, Education for Ministry, has been, for many, a fun and amazing way to grow in grace. It's a unique mix of guided study, genuine community, theological reflection, and transforming worship. It's a college-level Bible study that not only teaches facts but shows us how to mine the Scriptures for ourselves. If Church gives you a fish to eat for the day, EfM trains you to fish for yourself so that you can eat for a lifetime. And it expands your sense of community: remember those wonderful conversations about the meaning and purpose of life you used to have? You can have them again, and the friendships they build, too. Worship can be something you do not merely attend.

But EfM is not free. It requires a willingness to examine your faith to find a deeper faith, it will take 2-4 hours of study each week (Sept.-May), 2-3 hours in seminar each week, and \$340 per year, including textbooks (scholarships are available). It's not just for Episcopalians; the seminars are far richer with participants from other traditions; so please invite friends from other denominations to join with you.

You commit to one year at a time; 4 years are available. The first year will enable you to master the Hebrew Scriptures; the second the Christian Scriptures; the 3rd year focuses on Church History; and the 4th on present day issues and theology.

For more information contact the Rector at [cathydeats@comcast.net](mailto:cathydeats@comcast.net) or 908.850.4549. There still are openings available for the 2009-2010 year, beginning in September. Talk to our present students: Ellen Infante, Eileen Malejko, Barbara Olesen, Oliver Puig (from St. Peter's, Mt. Arlington), Nancy Sampson, Barbara White, and Russ Worthington and plan to attend the June 14 graduation celebration and coffee hour.

*Cathy*

## Graduates

Please submit the names of any graduates to the church office for inclusion in the June 14<sup>th</sup> celebration at both Sunday services. We want to honor Middle School, High School, College, Professional School and all other kinds of graduations. Let us know by **June 1**.

**Confirmation** will take place at Trinity & St. Philip Cathedral on **Saturday, May 31, 10 AM**.

Kristen Carson, Isaac Quelly and Kevin Honigsberg will be confirmed. Scott Carson will be received



## Fundraising

Our rummage sale was a huge success. We made \$1066.00. Once again and as usual, there were lots of folks on hand to make this sale a success. We started setting up on Friday night and on Saturday morning at 7 AM another crew finished the job. Thanks Ed for the use of your tables and to everyone that helped to bring the furniture from downstairs. We sold almost everything and what few items that were left over were placed on the curb and magically disappeared overnight.

I must share a little story. During the rummage sale, my friend Diana Grant is opening boxes and putting stuff on tables. But of course, if you know Diana, you know she lives to shop and as I found out on Saturday, she will shop for you as well. She tells me about midday that she has a pile of items from the rummage sale that she thinks I will like and so we look at them. As it turns out, she has picked the exact items that I had donated to the rummage sale. I guess she knows what I like, but just so you know, I did not buy them back.

We kicked off our Yankee Candle sale on April 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, you can pick up a catalog in the great room/main hall of the new parish hall! Orders are due on Sunday, May 10th.

We made \$200.00 from the What in the World coffee hour. Thank you for your participation and thanks to Barbara Olesen and Anne Dutton for running that for us. Ellen Infante coordinated our Easter candy sale and that brought in another \$261.63 and we sold another \$66.00 worth of pens. We have not quite reached our goal of \$17,000.00 yet but we are on our way. Thank you for all your support.

We had hoped to hold a car wash in May. Unfortunately, I was unable to get that event on the calendar. We will however have one on July 18th and that is scheduled at the Shell station in the center of Hackettstown. Those funds will go to support our Appalachian Ministry trip.

On the agenda, we have a spaghetti dinner planned for Saturday, June 13th, the 4th of July Spirit of Americana celebration in Blairstown and the Tricky Tray on October 24th. Details of those events will also be forthcoming. There will be more, so keep an eye in the bulletin and on the web page for updates.

Thank you!

*Barbara White*



## Meet Anne Harrington

Anne Harrington was born in Santa Monica, CA during WWII. When she was six weeks old, her mother brought her across the country to Pennsylvania when her father was deployed to Germany. She was 2 ½ before she saw her father again. She grew up in her dad's hometown of Olean, NY and attended schools there. Anne was a Campfire Girl and Candy Striper as well as being involved in school and civic activities.

Anne attended nursing school at Mt. Sinai Hospital and worked as a nurse for 14 years. She was given the opportunity to work in the drug and alcohol field which she has done for 25 years. She is a credentialed drug and alcohol counselor in NJ and currently works at Gateway Northwest Maternal and Child Health Network as the coordinator of the Perinatal Addictions Prevention Project.

Anne married after nursing school and has three children and five grandchildren. Her children live within driving distance and her grandchildren are her heart! Her philosophy is that with grandchildren you only have to love them and play with them.....so much easier than raising their parents!

Anne moved to the area about 2 ½ years ago. She previously attended The Church of the Holy Spirit in Verona. Marge and Rick Ames (who also attended Holy Spirit) suggested St. James' to Anne and she has been here ever since. Anne is serving on the ministry committee and hopes to get involved more.....thanks for helping out at the Rummage Sale, Anne!

Anne doesn't have a whole lot of free time as she has a full-time job and two part-time jobs. She likes to read and travel when she gets a chance.

Did you know that Anne was a Majorette in high school? Ask her for details!

*Roving Reporter Barbara Olesen*

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The Dedication of

The Open Doors Parish Hall!

## Looking Back On the 150<sup>th</sup>/Dedication Service from a Musical Perspective

All the rehearsing, all the choir, all those bell ringers and, to quote a famous chef, "BAM!"... We had wonderful music for St James' special day! Many, many, many thanks to our usual choir, to our special "singer ringers" Nancy Sampson and her son Eric Sampson, and to Louise and to Sam Olshan (page turner/puller extraordinaire) for helping to put the jubilation in "Jubilant Song" and give life to my first-ever attempt to write music in parts. I was thrilled when Cathy asked if I would write a piece for this service and to hear it sung was so exciting! More thanks to Louise for her patience, flexibility and the wonderful Prelude and Postlude! I know Louise will be writing something about the Bell Choir's part in this event but I want to include them here, too. It's not every Episcopal church that has a bell choir and the anthem piece that our bell choir did struck just the right note (pun intended) as our Offertory Anthem! We are truly blessed!

The view of downstairs from the choir loft and the sound coming from downstairs to the choir loft was wonderful – all those people, all those voices! There were a lot of choir-worthy voices downstairs and they helped make the hymns that Cathy and I selected for this service sound full and strong and affirming – just like we are here at St James! All-in-all, a wonderful service, despite the heat!

*Pam Laura*

## Bell Choir "Notes"

The Bell Choir has been busy in April, playing at services on Maundy Thursday, Easter (8 and 10) and at the Anniversary/Dedication Service.

You will have one more opportunity this school year to hear the Bell Choir, Choir Recognition Sunday. Now that all the activities of April are done, the choir will focus on this music.

My sincere thanks to all the members of the Bell Choir who give so generously of their time. The Bell Choir is a wonderful group of people to work with. I enjoy our practices and I hope the members do also.

*Louise Olshan*  
*Director*



## Looking Back from a Special Events Planner/Worker Perspective

The "Open Doors" dedication, WOW, was that great or what?? I had serious doubts that we would pull it off in time, but thanks to the time and talent of many, many people we did it.

I must thank all the people on the "special events" committee for their dedication. Many hours were devoted to meetings and preparation. You did a great job and it really was beautiful. All the committees worked very hard to make this event a success. Thanks to you all!

And the Bishop - what a great sermon. We hate to be reminded that prejudice still exists in our world today but I am truly thankful to be a part of this community of St. James', a community that lives and breaths its creed, open and inclusive...celebrating the joy of Christ.

And the food - the food was wonderful! Thanks to everyone who donated trays for this very special event.

## Coming Events

As part of the 150th celebration, the special events committee has a couple of events to make you aware of. First, we are participating in the Memorial Day parade again this year and we are building a float. Pete Huryk has created a model that can be seen in the Parish Hall (I love saying that). We will be recruiting additional help for this project. If you have any experience with planning or building a float we need you! Please let me know if you are interested in helping out with this project. There is a meeting scheduled for Sunday, May 3rd at 11:30. The location will be announced on Sunday. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Secondly, we are planning a golf outing, as I am sure you have heard. The event will take place at Minebrook Golf course in Hackettstown on Monday, September 21st. The many details of this event will be forthcoming. This is another project, that if you are interested in helping out, we would love to have your input. Meg and Bill Critchley are chairing this committee.

*Barbara White*

## June Journal articles Due Tuesday, May 26, 2009

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To all who made the Open Doors Parish Hall Dedication such a memorable event, through your contributions of time and talent, labor and treasure, along with all who filled St. James' on April 26, thank you for joy-filled moments to record and savor.

*Another look at a wonderful day*



The Rt. John Shelby Spong, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark, Retired with Cathy. (Oh for a color photocopier.)

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## Inside St. James' May Journal



**The Opening of the Doors  
Dedication Sunday**

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