



ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

THE REV. DR. CATHY L. DEATS, RECTOR

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There is a classic dream of embarrassment in the psychology literature. The dreamer is in a public place or about to walk on stage when suddenly he realizes that he is naked. The clergyman's version of the naked dream goes something like this: she stands in the entryway of the church, the first chords of the procession are playing, and the preacher realizes that she has no sermon prepared. No papers, no note cards, no text in the pulpit. She realizes that in less than twenty minutes, she will stand in that pulpit and have only her experience, decades-old seminary education and random thoughts to get her through.

Sunday, I leave for California for a visit with my son and his wife followed by the ten days of the 76th General Convention of The Episcopal Church. So the version of the embarrassment dream I expect to have this week is this: I arrive at the Anaheim Marriot for Convention, open my suitcase, and find shorts, t-shirts with goofy sayings on them and a Yankees cap instead of a suit, skirts and clerical shirts and collars. Fast-forward to Newark Liberty Airport, where Ted disembarks from Continental flight 16 with my suitcase full of proper convention attire. The anxiety-filled dream of arriving somewhere unprepared has many incarnations.

The General Convention of The three years (give or take) since the first gathering of our governing body, which mission. The ten-day adventure is a mix of hearings, debate of resolutions, corporate special meetings and events of the many

While the Convention is a varied worship, sometimes boring testimony and what you all are likely to hear of Convention that is what sells papers. Shall homosexual the church bless same gender unions? It will make you think that the human sexuality debate is the main purpose of the General Convention, and that the majority of our time is spent on it. In one way, it is our main purpose: in my opinion, the work of the church is about justice and mercy, and certainly these issues which challenge us to do justice and to love mercy are the issues which require our attention. The questions of who is invited to the table, who is worthy to be ordained (answer: no one), whom are we to love (answer: everyone) – these are the issues of the gospel. Love God. Love your neighbor. Respect the dignity of every human being. Seek and serve Christ in all persons.

Ubuntu is the theme of this triennium's General Convention. Ubuntu (pronounced oo-boon-too) is a Zulu or Xhosa word that describes humaneness encompassing a sense of caring, sharing and being in harmony with all of creation. It is a concept that South African Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu interprets to express "a person is a person through other persons." It is what our baptism is all about; we are members in the Body of Christ, with a calling to serve him and one another. The theme is meant to ground us, to remind us why we do Convention, to bring us back to the gospel when ego or selfishness or debate about how many angels can fit on the head of a pin distract us.

My bags are packed. I'm ready to go on this General Convention adventure. My prayer is that I leave a little room in that bag for Holy Spirit to come along and shake things up in me and in this old church that I love.

Yours in Christ,



Episcopal Church (TEC) has been held every Convention in Philadelphia in 1785. It is the directs church canon, liturgy, budget and legislative sessions, committee meetings and worship, a marketplace of exhibits and church-related groups which make up TEC. mixture of riveting discussion, awesome encounters with new people and experiences, will be about the hot button topics, because persons be ordained? elected bishop? Shall

Warden’s Words

As I write this, I am gathering materials to start building an ark! Hopefully, there will be less rain in North Carolina. Ed, the girls and I are heading to Ocean Isle Beach this weekend for our beach vacation. We will do nothing but relax, read, take walks, float in the ocean, play games and eat. We get to re-charge our bodies, relax our minds and feed our souls. I hope the rest of you get a chance to slow down a bit this summer too. Being busy is good, but being still gives us a chance to listen to God and appreciate the many blessings in our lives.

*Dawn Modugno
Senior Warden*

Phase II Update

Phase II is almost finished. We expect our bathroom partitions next week. Then, we will install the counter tops and have the sinks set. A little bit of door hardware is needed in the parish hall and then our temporary CO will become permanent. The kitchen committee has met and discussed priorities for finishing the kitchen. We hope to begin the floor in the next few weeks.

Vestry Hi-lites from the June Meeting

- Building Use Guidelines were reviewed and input given to Dave Lacouture and DJ Hoffman for the development of a draft for the next Vestry Meeting
- Fall plans include relocation of Sunday School classes to Great Hall; Parish Development Dinner September 30
- St. James' 150th Anniversary T-shirts and sweatshirts have arrived and will be on sale beginning Sunday, June 28th
- The Vestry will take a vacation from meeting in July; next Vestry meeting August 27



June 27-July 11 - Church Office Closed
Phone messages and mail will be checked regularly during this time.

Pastoral Emergency

Should there be a pastoral emergency during the rector's absence (June 28 - July 18), please call the rector's office (908.850.4549) for instructions.

**Pause
Rest
Worship**

To me, these three words reflect the essence of my Sunday mornings. While worship is the foremost reason for attending church, it is also a time to pause from everyday activities. The pause allows me time to reflect about the past week or perhaps to think forward to the week ahead. As for rest, I think Sunday mornings represent a time for both mental and physical rest. If I weren't in church, there's a good chance I'd be laboring around the house.

In the Southwest corner of Arizona, on Rt. 95 just North of the town of Yuma, there is a simple sign along the road, with the three words: Pause Rest Worship. The sign is an invitation of go down a dusty lane to a small church. Or maybe I should say a tiny church.



There, at the edge of the lettuce fields and near the base of some small mountains, sits a house of worship. It is no bigger than an average garden shed and it has six small pews (each could fit two people) and a tiny altar. There are no signs indicating regular services take place at the small church. It just serves as a respite for those traveling along the road, for weary travelers and perhaps local farmers that want to pause for a few moments.

As we head into the summer season at St. James', I look forward to the 9 am service on Sundays. It will be a time to Pause, for Rest and Worship. And Fellowship . . . which is something the small church in the desert is lacking!

*Greg Malejko
Junior Warden*



Dates to Remember

July 1 – 11	Administrator on Vacation
July 4	Spirit of Americana Celebration • Footbridge Park • Blairstown
July 5	Summer Worship Begins • One Service Only at 9:00 AM
July 1 - 5	Rector's Vacation
July 6 -18	Rector at General Convention
July 18	Car Wash • Shell Station • Hackettstown
July 21	Publicity Committee Mtg. • Mitcham House • 7:30 PM
July 23	General Convention Report • times & place listed below
July 26	4:00 PM Service followed by picnic • barbeque • Parish Hall (Watch for details in Sunday Bulletin)
August 1 - 8	Episcopal Appalachian Ministry
August 27	Vestry Meeting • Mitcham House • 7:30 PM



September dates are on page 8

Special Voices from the Pulpit

Summer is a time of vacation for everyone, and with the Rector away for two Sundays and at The Episcopal Church General Convention two more, a great opportunity to hear different preachers is upon us. The Rev. James (Father Jim) Warnke will supply on June 28 and July 5 and our beloved and familiar friend, The Rev. Abby Hamilton, will be with us July 12.

Summer Afternoon Worship

Inspired by the Open Doors Dedication service in April, we have planned a 4:00 PM Sunday service to enjoy the day with our families, and then gather with them for the Eucharist and relaxed cookout / picnic / potluck. Join the fun on Sunday, July 26th, at 4:00 PM. Bring a favorite dish to share. Watch for a signup sheet! (Sunday morning service at 9:00 AM will be held as usual.)

Efm

Education for Ministry is a unique mix of guided study, genuine community, theological reflection, and transforming worship. If you want to examine your faith to find a deeper faith, consider joining our seminar group, September through May. Enrollment forms are due August 25; please contact the Rector.

The 2009-2010 Seminar begins September 15th.

ITC Triathlon

Calling all sports-minded folks to participate in a leg of the local ITC Triathlon, which benefits NJ Special Olympics. Mountain bikers, canoeists, and runners are welcome to form a St. James' team (or two!). The Triathlon is Saturday, September 26th, and entrants will share the fee (\$50 each for a team of four). A fun kids tri is also available for ages 6 to 11. Please email Cathy no later than August 1

(cathydeats@comcast.net)

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH



EAM

This is the eighth trip St. James' has made to the Episcopal Appalachian Ministries work camp. Our crew will leave St. James' on Saturday, August 1st and will return a week later on the 8th. Our work this year will be a combination of repairs to walls and flooring, painting, insulation and siding. Workcampers Katie Lacouture, Matthew Malejko, Sylvia Okoye, and Barbara White will join the Rector in her 13th year with EAM. Please consider using this prayer in your daily devotions as the crew prepares for their work.

A Prayer for Appalachia

Gracious Creator God. We thank you for the rich texture of our land, for the hollows, rivers, tree covered mountains and rolling hills. We bring before You those who, for reasons of injustice, cannot share in the riches and bounty You provide in these hills. Send your spirit to nourish, strengthen and guide us to be helpful companions with those who thirst for righteousness, justice and peace. Where we can find the way, with whom we can make a difference, we seek your guidance. All this we ask through Jesus, on whom Your spirit rested in all power to proclaim release for the captives, the recovery of sight for the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. And in all that is before us, help us to remember that this is the year of the Lord's favor.

AMEN

General Convention report back to the Diocese, Thursday, July 23rd, 10 AM- 12 NOON and 7:00 – 9:00 PM; St. Agnes', Little Falls.

Trinity Pantry would really appreciate some vegetables! They can't seem to keep them on the shelf! Canned vegetables it is for July and August. Collection bins are in the Narthex, at the door from Parish Hall into church and at the Moore Street entrance.

HACKETTSTOWN, NJ 07840

**Drew Lacouture and Issac Quelly
Receive God and Country Award**



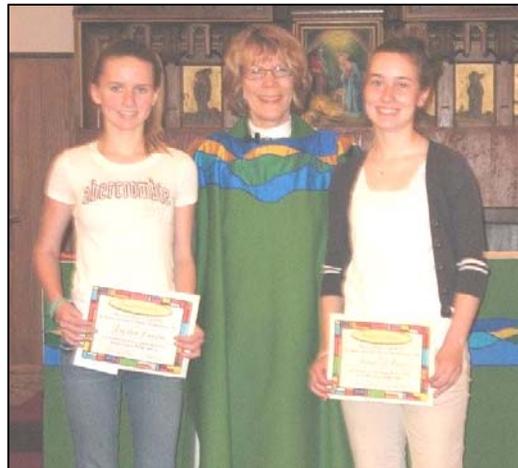
Drew Lacouture from Boy Scout Troop 416, Independence (left) and Isaac Quelly from Boy Scout Troop 157, Washington, (right) are joined by the Reverend Cathy Deats, Rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, Hackettstown, after receiving their Episcopal God and Country religious emblems during a special service held on Sunday June 14, 2009. The scouts received their emblems after several months of study with Reverend Deats, which included bible reading, prayer, projects, and lessons about the Anglican Church. The God and Church program is offered through P.R.A.Y. (Programs for Religious Activities with Youth) and is recognized by the nation's scouting organizations

First Communion



Alex Van Clef and Bianca Wargo Sunday, June 14th

High School here we come!



Kristen Carson and Sarah DiMarzo
Honoring Our Graduates Sunday June 14

Youth Group

Youth group is done for the summer, but will begin again on September 13th. We are looking for parents and other congregation members to teach classes next year. We have books and topics available or you can pick your own. Please let Dawn Modugno or Lori Pursel know if you are interested. We will leave a sign-up sheet with the dates for class on the Youth Group bulletin board. We have been running a 40-minute class and then joining the congregation for Eucharist.

Thank you,
Dawn Modugno and Lori Pursel

Maintenance Morning conquers to-do list!

A dozen handymen and women tackled a long list of chores on the first Saturday in June: air conditioners installed, parlor furniture restored to Mitcham House living room, bushes trimmed, bulletin boards installed, flower beds freshened, and a step installed outside the emergency exit of the Parish Hall. Perhaps the most impressive piece of work was moving the altar guild cabinet, which holds frontals and other altar accoutrements, from the Mitcham House to the Great Hall closet. Ask one the movers to tell the story: see Greg Malejko, Paul Bartkus, or Ed Modugno, to name a few.

**September Journal articles
Due Monday, August 31st**

Phyllis Heistand, Editor

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assembler Marge Ames and her Heath Village Team,
Cathy and all contributors to these pages*

Fundraising News

We usually try to slow down a little bit during the summer, take a breather and get ready for the big one. Before we do that though, there are one or two more events that we are looking forward to: the 4th of July celebration and the car wash to raise funds for the trip to Appalachia.

The Spirit of Americana Celebration in Blirstown, where we sell ice cream and lemonade, will be on Saturday, July the 4th, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. It is a community event held each year at

Footbridge Park in Blirstown, just off route 94. It is very easy to get to and there is always plenty of parking. There are plenty of activities for the young and old. Games include a watermelon spitting contest, water balloon tossing, pie eating and sack race to name a few. There are crafters selling their homemade wares, a variety of informational booths set up and plenty of food vendors. Hope to see you there.

Next is the car wash that helps support our trip to Appalachia. This is July 18th, from 9:00 AM until we're too exhausted to wash any more cars or we've raised a million dollars, which ever comes first. Once again, we will be at the Shell gas station at the corner of 46 and Mountain Avenue in Hackettstown. Come on down, bring your cars, bring your neighbors cars!!

Please join us on Monday, September 21st, at Minebrook Golf Course in Hackettstown for our 1st Annual Golf Outing. This **is not** a golf tournament but an afternoon of fellowship, fun, food, prizes and more. Games will include " Beat the Pro", our very own Brian Keane, "Closest to the Pin" and the "Longest Drive." We will also have a 50/50 drawing.

Regardless of your golfing skill level, you are invited to participate and help St. James' continue our celebration of 150 Years of Building Community. The proceeds will support the ministry and mission of St. James'. Make your reservations now by contacting Meg or Bill Critchley or Barbara White. Registration will



begin at noon with a 1:00 PM Shotgun Start. The cost is \$110.00 and includes: green fees, cart, bag drop, box lunch and a buffet dinner. Invite your friends and co-workers, your neighbors and relatives. It will be a great day for us all. There will be registration forms available for you to give to friends who might want to participate.

THE TRICKY TRAY, our most important fundraiser of the year, will be Saturday, October 24th, at the Budd Lake Firehouse. This is the moneymaker, folks! But this is only because you are so very generous with your donations of beautiful baskets and your time. Last year we went with a Christmas theme. We encouraged folks to include items that would make good Christmas gifts for the kids in their donations and it was a huge success. We promoted the event on Tricky Tray .com as an opportunity to get some shopping done early and I really think it boosted our sales and profit. We will try it again this year. Some of you may already know who the superhero of the day is but I will have to investigate. Letters will go out soon, asking for donations from community merchants. Those who donate will be added to our website. We encourage you to look at the website and to let merchants know that you are from St. James' and to thank them for their donation.

In addition to all of the above, we have in the planning stages a "What in the World" coffee hour, another car wash, our fall rummage sale, the Christmas gift wrapping sale and I think maybe we are due for a "pancake night" at IHOP. There is also a rumor that golf shirts and tees will be available sooner than later.

Wow, sounds really busy for slowing down but we all know it is worth it in the end.

Thank you for all your support and encouragement. You are the inspiration!

Barbara White

Coke and Pepsi Codes

We are continuing to save codes from Coke caps and fridge packs which we can turn into merchandise for our annual fall fundraising event. Pepsi caps now have codes that give us a chance to win gaming systems. See Barbara Olesen for details

ST. JAMES' T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS!

SALE BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH.

SHIRTS ARE BURGUNDY
WITH 150TH LOGO IN CREAM



ST. JAMES' CHURCH

150 YEARS OF BUILDING COMMUNITY

CHILD'S T-SHIRT	\$9.00	CHILD'S SWEATSHIRT	\$12.00
ADULT T-SHIRT S, M, L, XL	\$11.00	ADULT SWEATSHIRT S, M, L, XL	\$15.00
ADULT T-SHIRT 2X	\$13.00	ADULT SWEATSHIRT 2X	\$17.00

BARBARA WHITE HAS ORDER FORMS

Bell Choir "Notes"

A very sincere thank you to the members of the Multi-Generational Bell Choir for a wonderful year! The choir ended its year on June 21 with a beautiful arrangement of *All Things Bright and Beautiful*. With only two rehearsals to prepare the piece, the choir showed how good they really are by learning their parts and rhythm with ease. It is also great to hear our new bells, some low and some high. They add a special dimension to our music.

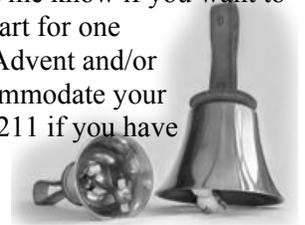
St. James' is blessed to have many wonderful ringers who work hard to prepare music for the congregation. We hope that our work enhances the worship experience for you. This year the dedicated members of the Bell Choir were Joyce Forman, Wendie Germain, Diana Grant, Katie Lacouture, Dawn Modugno, Brian Nolan, Chika Okoye, Sylvia Okoye, Tina Okoye, Sam Olshan, Helen Wise, Russ Worthington and Jiying Zhao. Katie joined the choir in September and Jiying joined in January. We are very happy to have both of them with us. We are also most fortunate to have Pam Laura and David Bernauer who are always willing to substitute in

the choir whenever they are needed. Sometimes they do not sub, but are assigned parts in a piece. I very much appreciate their flexibility and commitment to the choir.

Sylvia and Tina Okoye are both graduating from high school and will be away at college in the fall. They will be greatly missed. While most people probably think about two choir members leaving, I view it as four hands that will not be with us! We hope that they will join us when they are home on breaks and perhaps for the holidays. We wish them the best as they start this new phase of their education.

The Bell Choir will begin rehearsals in September after a well-deserved summer rest. We are always interested in having new members join with us. Think about it over the summer and let me know if you want to participate. I can assign you a part for one Sunday, for the fall season, for Advent and/or for Christmas. I will try to accommodate your schedule. Call me at 732-807-3211 if you have questions.

Louise Olshan



With Thanks to Our Musicians

On June 21, we celebrated all our musicians: Senior Choir, Youth Choir and Bell Ringers. While the Youth Choir was well represented by Emilia Quelly, the number of people at the altar rail came close to representing maybe 20% of our congregation. That's pretty good for a small church! I have to give many, many thanks to all those musicians who find a way to devote some time to helping make our music program what it is: Jim Brandt, Penn Pixley, Doug Brunner, David Bernauer, Helen Wise, Wendie Germain, Diana Grant, Jiying Zhao, Joyce Forman, Chika Okoye, Sylvia Okoye, Tina Okoye, Dawn Modugno, Brian Nolan, Russ Worthington, Katie Lacouture, Steven Bernauer, Emilia Quelly, the Torlucci children, Bianca Wargo, Hayden Smith, Trevor Carson, TJ Niculcea, Alaina Travostino-Rogers and, our faithful Bell Choir Directress and Organist, Louise Olshan.

I have to mention, because I didn't on Sunday, Sam Olshan, page turner/puller extraordinaire. Without his services, Louise would have a hard time playing and moving pages of music around at the same time! I also have to mention how supportive you, our congregation, are of the music we make every Sunday. Thank you on behalf of all our musicians for your support!

In the last Journal, I talked about how we sing to Jesus and this is true for all our musicians - singers, ringers and organists. All this being said, there is always room for more singers and ringers and you don't know what you are missing if you don't join one of these musical groups. I think you'll enjoy it if you try it! They are a wonderful group of people from youngest to oldest and I am proud to work with them every week.

Pam Laura

Director of Music

The Boethling Scholarship

The Olshan/Bernauer family was very pleased to present the Boethling Scholarship to two very deserving members of the St. James' congregation, Tina and Sylvia Okoye. It was especially meaningful to me to make the award to two of the young people at St. James' whom I know very well. Sylvia and Tina were in the youth choir when I came to St. James' and they joined the Multi-Generational Handbell Choir shortly after I started the group.

I would like to provide a little history on how this scholarship came to be. In 1979, my first husband,

Herbert Bernauer, passed away. To honor his memory, my parents, Carl and Frances Boethling, started the Herbert Bernauer Memorial Scholarship at Trinity Lutheran Church in Dover. Because of Herb's interest in youth (he served as a Youth Group advisor for many years) and scholarship (he had completed all his requirements for the Ph.D, except for the dissertation), the criteria were that the recipient had to be continuing their education after high school, have at least a B average and have been active in the congregation.

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The Boethling Scholarship *continued from page 6*

At the time that my father died, my mother continued to award the scholarship. When my mother passed away last year, my sons, Steven and David Bernauer and I had to decide what we wanted to do about the scholarship. We figured there were four choices – continue to award the scholarship at Trinity, award the scholarship at Steven's church in Virginia, award the scholarship at St. James' or discontinue the scholarship.

Steven and David each said that we should award the scholarship to a graduating senior at St. James'. We also thought it would be fitting to name the scholarship for my mother as she really enjoyed worshipping at St. James' and felt very welcome.

Congratulations to Tina and Sylvia from Steven and David Bernauer and Sam and Louise Olshan. We wish you and all of the St. James' graduates good luck in the next stages of your educational journeys.

Louise Olshan

Preludes and Postludes for the Summer

Each Sunday from September through June, I try to select music for the Preludes and Postludes based on suggested hymns as given in *The Episcopal Musician's Handbook*. During the summer, I look for a theme and select my music based on the theme. I have used music from the Shaker tradition, hymn tunes written in the style of famous classical pieces and honored composers and lyricists who were celebrating anniversaries, such as Ralph Vaughn Williams and Johann Pachelbel.

This year there are many great church musicians who are having milestone anniversaries. The year 2009 marks the 350th anniversary of the birth of Henry Purcell, the 250th anniversary of the death of George Frederick Handel, the 200th anniversary of the death of Franz Joseph Haydn and the 200th anniversary of the birth of Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy. This year also marks the 50th anniversary of the birth of Katherine Lee Bates who wrote the words for *America, the Beautiful*.

Henry Purcell is probably England's foremost composer of the 17th century. He wrote for virtually every musical genre of his time. He composed a large body of organ and orchestral works. As court musician to King Charles II, he was required to compose music for royal occasions. Many of these pieces, often called *Trumpet Tunes* and *Airs*, are still very popular today. It is said that he wrote more music with the word "trumpet" in the title than anyone else. In his later years he wrote mostly theatrical works, among them England's first great opera, *Dido and Aeneas*. (Source: Performance Notes by Barbara Seaborn in *The Organist* January/February 2008 and May/June 2009)

George Frederick Handel was born in Germany in 1685, the same year as Johann Sebastian Bach. He spent several years in Italy and returned to Germany to be the court composer in Hannover. His patron there later became King George I of England. Handel was said to have jumped at the opportunity to move to England. He is best known for his royal music, such as *Water Music* and *Royal Fireworks Music*, and his oratorios (lengthy choral works of a religious nature), among them *Judas Maccabeus* and *Messiah*. It has been said that J. S. Bach had great respect for Handel, but the feeling was not reciprocated. (Source: <http://www.classicalarchives.com/composer/2669.html>)

Franz Josef Haydn was born in Austria in 1732. His musical education came from his years as a choirboy in Vienna. In 1761, he was employed by the Esterhazy family. He remained with the family for 30 years and many of his pieces were performed at the family's summer palace, religious music for the chapel and operas and chamber pieces. He spent most of his time close to the Esterhazy homes, but did travel to England where he learned of the music of Handel. He is said to have had a profound influence on Beethoven. He died in 1809. (Source: <http://www.mfiles.co.uk/composers/Joseph-Haydn.htm>)

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy was born in 1809 in Germany. He was considered a child prodigy, studying piano, violin and composition. He is said to be responsible for the revival of Bach's vocal music. While he spent some time in Berlin as a royal composer, he was committed to the musical life in Leipzig, where he founded a school that is still highly regarded. He was in demand as a conductor. His oratorios, *Elijah* is probably the best known, show his deeply religious nature. He died in 1847. (Source: <http://www.classicalarchives.com/composer/2996.html>)

Katherine Lee Bates was born in 1859 in Falmouth on Cape Cod. She grew up in Wellesley, MA and graduated from Wellesley College in 1880. She later became a professor of English at the college and wrote poetry, children's books, textbooks and travel books. In 1893 she was a lecturer at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. On an arduous trip to the summit of Pike's Peak, she was overwhelmed by what she saw and quickly wrote all four verses of *America, the Beautiful*. The poem became very popular and is called the unofficial national anthem. She died in 1929. (Source: <http://www.harvardsquarelibrary.org/poets/bates.php>)

Louise Olshan

Meet Pete Huryk

Pete was born in Newark and moved to S. Amboy when he was seven. He attended St. Benedicts Prep in Newark where he played football. He actually commuted daily, by train and bus, from the Jersey Shore at the tender age of 13 until graduation from St. Benedicts.

Pete attended Seton Hall and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Relations and Management. He worked full-time for Retail Delivery Service while attending college and after he graduated. He has also worked for Prudential Insurance, Fran's Basket House and Strober Building Supplies. He currently works for Sanico.

Pete has been married to Geri for almost 35 years. They have four sons: Harry, Peter, David and Scott. Peter and wife Rebecca have two children, Luke and Emily. David and wife Tiffany have a daughter, Ella. Pete is very proud of his grandchildren and loves spending time with them!

Pete coached his sons' soccer and baseball teams when they were growing up. Pete would also do magic



shows at children's events. He and brother Bob currently are into modeling miniatures. They even go to conventions for judging!

Pete and Geri have attended St. James for about the last five years. You might know Pete as our infamous Tricky Tray Caller. He is also a member of the Events Committee and he and Geri often host coffee hour with Geri's delicious baked

goods! Pete also designed the St. James' float for our first showing in the Hackettstown Memorial Day Parade. You will find Pete and Geri attending and helping out at most St. James' events.

Pete and Geri have been going on vacation for the last 21 years to Topsail Island, below the Outer Banks. Did you know that Pete always organizes an event for vacation, such as a scavenger hunt for the kids or a murder mystery? Ask him about it!

Roving Reporter Barbara Olesen

for Andrew Shuford

Journey Beyond Death

There is a time when we all must go.
On a journey that I'm sure you know.

It's a place unlike here.

It's a place not to fear.

For I will be in a special place

With the One who has a Heavenly Face.

I will be with my Father, Jesus, who is my Lord and Savior

While I'm with Him, please do me this favor

Do not weep or cry for long

I am in heaven singing a beautiful song.

One day we will meet again

According to His Master Plan.

So live your lives with Holy Grace

We'll prepare for you a Heavenly Place.

We'll be united one day as you will see,

But live your lives as God meant them to be.

Before I go, I have one more thing to say to thee

I Love You All with gladness and glee.

By Jeanette Marie Nolan and Brian Richard Nolan Jr.

April 2007

*Our deepest sympathy to Sheila and Sidney Shuford
in the loss of their beloved son.*

The St. James' Community

Sneak peek at September

St. James' will host District One (the ten churches in our northwest corner of NJ) on Wednesday, September 16th

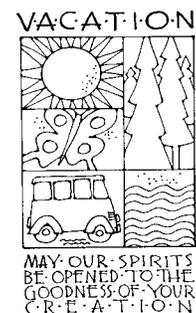
7:00 PM Evening Prayer in the sanctuary

7:30 PM Light supper and meeting in Great Hall

You are welcome to attend and meet our neighbors!

Sunday, September 20th, we welcome The Rev. Jacques Girard, Deacon, and Chaplain at the Seamen's Institute, as our guest preacher at both the 8 and 10 AM services. He will share his experience at a forum at 11:30 AM.

**REMEMBER THAT TWO SERVICES
RESUME ON SEPTEMBER 6TH!**



Reflections for 150th Anniversary Journal / Anthology – “What St. James’ Means to Me”

The Ministry Committee has been asked by Cathy to obtain reflections from parishioners on “What St. James Means To Me.” The reflections are for a Journal / Anthology that will commemorate our 150th Anniversary. Each reflection should be about two or three paragraphs long. They are due by **July 27**. Email reflections to pdheistand@comcast.net, drop them off at the church office, or hand them to one of the Ministry Committee members listed below.

The following suggestions are only to pick and choose if you find any to be helpful.

- Your best / strongest memory / most memorable experience / at St. James’
- What brought you to St. James’
- What brings you back to St. James’
- What this faith community means to you
- How you think the new building will / could help or affect life at St. James’
- How St. James’ has added to / enhanced / deepened your spiritual life, your relationship with God, with Jesus, with the Holy Spirit
- Someone at St. James’ who has made a difference in your life and in what way
- If you have been the recipient / receiver of prayer from the St. James’ community
- A favorite church season and why it is meaningful to you
- A favorite or most meaningful sacrament
- Special services, forms of the worship services that have been meaningful to you
- If you are or have been an EFM student, how that experience has affected your spiritual life, enhanced your experience at St. James’, deepened your knowledge of the Bible, Church history, built a sense of community.

🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸 *What St. James’ Means to Me* 🌸🌸🌸🌸🌸

I grew up in the Episcopal Church but was away from it for many years. But within the last ten years, I returned and found a great comfort within its traditions and prayers, all so familiar from childhood. I knew two people before I first came to St. James’ who attended here. Of all the many churches I have attended over the years, St. James’ was unique.

It is friendly but not too friendly, welcoming but not too welcoming. As I look around on Sundays, I am greeted with smiles. I’ve been asked my name over and over by the same people who guarantee they’ll remember the next time and walk away laughing. I see people working together for a common good whether it is a potluck supper or preparing the youth for confirmation.

I watch children looking around their church as I once did as a child, teenagers slightly embarrassed participating in church services as I did, young families and elders all together in their common home. Yes indeed, it is the church home of my youth and now my elder years. Thank you St. James’ for opening your arms to me.

Anne Harrington

St. James’ means to me so many things. It means home. It means open heart and open mind. I came to this church as a fairly faithful person, and over the few years I have been attending with Claudia, I feel that my faith and my love of God has grown. I feel very much at home with all the other people who attend and I like talking to other people about my experiences at St. James’.

This church, I think, has also brought out more of my ability to give, not only to the church but to others. I truly enjoy being able to put on a new coat of spackle or to help with some other small project. I feel if I can do these things in the church, I should be able to do other things outside the church.

To sum things up, I feel like I belong to something much bigger than myself, and I am very thankful for that.

Thanks,

Dave Handville

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