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The 136th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Newark was a mixture of meeting, worship, elections, socializing, lecture, report and shared meals. There was time to learn something new in workshops about prison ministry, capital campaign and starting a program for people living with HIV. There was also a workshop about discernment: identifying your gifts, the needs around you and listening to what God is calling you to do.

Jeremiah could have used a workshop like that. God was virtually knocking at the door of his heart. He asked the prophet-to-be, "Will you follow me? Will you become who I've made you to be? Will you speak my words?" Jeremiah had a number of objections to this divine call: "I can't speak well enough. I'm not old enough. I'm not brave enough." Jeremiah was being called to be a prophet — a spokesperson of God. His call was specific to the way God made him and intended for the situation in which God had placed him. In the same way, God calls each of us to become who he made us to be on behalf of those he has called us to impact.

Theologian Frederick Buechner has written that "Vocation is where our greatest passion meets the world's greatest need." You might say that God's calling interacts first with how he has created us individually: our gifts, passions, talents. But this calling then speaks out to others — extending the joy and the excitement of God's work to people in our lives.

In saying that calling is personal, we also mean that it's unique to each of us. We aren't supposed to read the stories of the calling of Jeremiah or Esther or Isaiah, and do what they were supposed to do. We're supposed to read those stories, reflect on them, and do what *we* are supposed to do. We aren't all called to be missionaries to Haiti, mothers to autistic children, plumbers, or artists. God's call is personal to each of us.

Look at Jeremiah. When God informs him that he is to be a prophet, Jeremiah responds with the classic stall technique: who me? I'm just a boy; you must be mistaken. When we read the accounts of the reluctant prophets, it isn't just *their* stories. It's *our* story. Responding to the call of God is a process. We question. We wrestle. We fear. We need clarification. We want things to be easier. We're human, and these responses are common in the process of understanding calling. They're expected in the process of growth.

Eventually, we just discern the best we can, and then we act.

What was true for Jeremiah is also true for us today: God believes in us more than we believe in him. But perhaps the most important part of God's call is that it is a partnership. When God calls Jeremiah, he doesn't leave him alone to accomplish that calling. He tells Jeremiah where he is to go and what he is to say. But the most important thing God says is "I am with you."

God's calling is always the invitation to partner with him in a place where the Spirit is already at work. Whatever God calls us to is the thing he intends to empower us to accomplish. This means we aren't alone in our calling. We aren't solely responsible for the results of what we are called to, and we can't claim the credit for it. We find God at work around us and join him in what he might do through us. That is the partnership of our calling.

Here at St. James' in the 21st century, this community and I are behind you in your call. Your leaders and brothers and sisters in Christ are ready and willing to help you identify your gift or passion and find a way to express it here as well as in the world. You will find several places in this Journal where there are opportunities for discernment.

This is a place where you can hear the voice of the Spirit at work, as you enter the holiness of worship, the fellowship of shared work and the joy that fairly crackles in the air. The Holy Spirit is ready to guide each of us to find "the place where our greatest passion meets the world's greatest need."

Listen closely for her voice.

Yours in Christ,

Cathy Deats +



Wardens' Words

Going paperless. We are all seeing this term more and more these days. I've received notices from banks, credit card companies and mutual funds. They all want us to go paperless, for obvious reasons: to eliminate the costs associated with the printing and distribution of statements and other material. Some claim that it's better for the environment, which is certainly true. Others claim that it is more secure because it eliminates mailing documents loaded with your personal information. This may also be true. However, I think their overriding concern is for the company's bottom line; they want to save money.

I remember the first time I had to consider a decision about going paperless. It came from my employer and they started offering access to electronic pay stubs. Well, I didn't mind looking at my pay stub on the computer, but I still want my paper copy. And why did I still need that paper copy? To be perfectly honest, I have no idea. Perhaps it's just a "security" blanket of sorts. I had every pay stub since I started working, all filed chronologically in a file cabinet drawer. It just wouldn't seem right to stop the collection now! Eventually, I did stop receiving paper copies in the mail and it was amazing painless. Of course, I now download every one electronically and I have them sorted (chronologically) in a folder on my computer!

So why am I telling all this? In the coming months you'll have the opportunity receive some St. James' correspondence electronically. The first opportunity is with the Journal. If you're interested in receiving it electronically, please let Phyllis know. Every copy of the Journal that is sent electronically will save paper and toner, wear and tear on the copier, labor and the postage to mail it. Hopefully, as the year progresses, St. James' will be able to realize additional savings by sending other documents electronically as well.

I'd like to give a big thank you to those rotating off Vestry: Brian Nolan, Russ Worthington and Barbara White (Vestryperson). It's been a pleasure working with everyone. A lot has been accomplished over the past couple years, largely due to the dedication of those serving as leaders. Kudos' are also in order for our outgoing Senior Warden, Dawn Modugno. Dawn's positive attitude and never-ending enthusiasm for St. James' (and the new Parish Hall) carried us when we needed it the most. Her time served as Warden couldn't have come at a better time!

Greg Malejko
Senior Warden

Note: Meet your recently elected Vestry Members and Deputies to Convention on page 8.

We have spent the last year celebrating our history, learning what makes us tick, how our gifts can unite us and how we can better serve the community of St. James', Hackettstown and Warren County. We discovered not to long ago that most of us face the same kinds of stresses. We struggle with employment, finances, family and health to name a few. We also find ourselves united in a community that shares a love for God, one another and the community. I encourage you to think back to the conversations of our Parish Development weekend and revisit the many suggestions for making our community more inviting and supportive. Are you blessed with the talent to transform these ideas into realities?

We need someone to chair two very important ministries here at St. James'.

Hospitality and Mission Strategy - Hospitality to help us engage and celebrate one another in God's light and Mission Strategy to help us engage, support and minister to our little corner of the world.

"One of the outward signs of a religious is the willingness to go out on a limb for God, to say yes when asked to do something we've never done before. All that seems to matter is the faith that if it is God's will, it will get done and it will be okay. What has God asked you to do that seems too difficult, too much? My prayer is that you will find whatever it is you need to say yes". Sr. Claire Joy

Invite someone to Church!

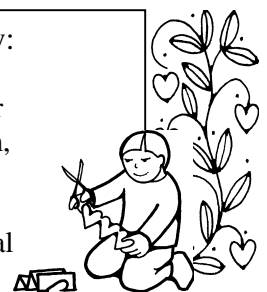
Barbara White
Junior Warden

Vestry Hi-lites from the January Meeting

The Vestry main item of business was to prepare for our Annual Meeting January 17th. In addition,

- plans to continue the Sesquicentennial Capital Campaign with congregational gifts were reviewed
- approval was given for advertising our hall for public use
- the backpack program with Hackettstown schools is running smoothly and increasing enrollment (read about it on page 4)

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February and March Dates to Remember

February 7	Family Breakfast • 9:00 AM
February 7	Souper Bowl of Caring
February 14	Valentine's Day • Holy Baptism
February 15	President's Day • Office Closed
February 16	Shrove Tuesday • Pancake Supper • IHOP • 5:00 – 8:00 PM
February 17	Ash Wednesday • Services at 7:00 AM - Noon - 7:30 PM
February 20	Lenten Quiet Morning 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM with soup lunch
February 25	Vestry Meeting • Mitcham House • 7:30 PM
February 26 – 27	30 Hour Famine
March 5-6	Confirmation Retreat
March 7	Family Breakfast • 9:00 AM
March 7 and 14	Food bags available for Easter food collection

Lent



Prayer for the good of the soul



Fasting for the good of the body



Alms giving for the good of our neighbor

Support Your Local Food Pantry

In February we will be collecting canned fruit for Trinity's Food Pantry. There will be a collection container in the Narthex and in the Parish Hall lobby.

All You Need Is Love!

The Sunday School children spent the time during our Annual Meeting and other class time making Valentine's Day cards for residents of the House of the Good Shepherd. They are excited about their trip to HOTGS to deliver them on Valentine's Day, February 14th. Thanks to the children and their teachers for this great show of love!

Warren County Health Department Continues to Urge Residents to get the H1N1 Vaccine: H1N1 Vaccine Clinics open to General Public

Warren County Health Department (WCHD) will conduct H1N1 flu vaccine clinics open to the general public at Warren County Community College and Hackettstown High School.

A H1N1 flu vaccine clinic will be held at Warren County Community College on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 from 5 pm -7 pm. The college is located at 475 Rt. 57 West, Washington.

A H1N1 flu vaccine clinic will also be held at Hackettstown High School on Saturday, February 13, 2010, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The high school is located at 701 Warren St, Hackettstown.

Beyond the Baptismal Covenant – Lay Leaders are Called, not Made

Take an evening during Lent to explore how we discern what ministries we are called to. What is the difference between being called to something and volunteering? Grace Church in Madison is hosting a series, and this session is Thursday, March 11, from 7 to 9 pm. Please contact the Rector if you would like to attend; transportation shared. cathydeats@comcast.net

Lenten Meditation Booklet Available

Episcopal Relief and Development has given us a valuable resource this Lent. We have copies of the 2010 Lenten Meditations booklet developed by Sister Claire Joy of the Community of the Holy Spirit in New York City. The devotional's theme is "Healing ourselves and a hurting world." These daily meditations will encourage, challenge and inspire you to reflect on your life and what steps you might take to help those who live in need. You will discover through prayer, reading, reflection and action, simple things you can do to make a difference. Please pick up your copy in the church or Mitcham House

Lenten Quiet Morning

Begin the season of Lent in a meditative space where you can experiment with spiritual practices to deepen your Lenten experience. On Saturday, February 20, try contemplative prayer, praying with color, and sound and chant as you move from space to space in the buildings. We begin at 10 am and a soup and salad lunch concludes our time together at 1 pm. Please register with the church office stjames214@comcast.net or 908.852.3968.

Lenten Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer, a service for the close of day is part of the Daily Office of The Episcopal Church, which includes Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer and Compline (close of day). Our vesper worship is led by our licensed Worship Leaders (formerly known as Layreaders) each night at 6:30 pm Monday through Friday. Lent is the perfect season to try this discipline of prayer, whether you can attend daily, weekly or occasionally. Consider praying with us on your way home from work, or before preparing dinner. Join us Thursday, February 18 through Tuesday, March 30, in the chapel.

Sunday School News

For several weeks now, Sunday School students have been preparing hand made Valentine Cards to bring to House of Good Shepherd on Sunday, February 14th. This is an opportunity to visit senior citizens, bring them smiles and good cheer, and expose the students to life in a nursing home. Permission slips will be available that morning for parents to sign. Please arrive that morning by 9:45 so we can leave St. James' by 10:00.

Godly Play lessons will continue in February with lessons focusing on the Lenten season. New lessons about the saints have been started by Miss Marie and Miss Lynn with a lesson about St. Valentine given on January 31. These will continue throughout the remainder of our calendar. Sunday School students plan to pack up care packages later this month to send to the college students in the parish.

Progress has been made on the St. James' Sunday School Quilt and completion is expected in the coming weeks. A dedication is planned in April when the quilt will be hung in the parish hall.

On behalf of the Sunday School teachers, thank you for the recognition given to Marie, Phyllis, Lynn and me at the Annual Parish Meeting. We appreciated the flowers and the kind words.

Please don't hesitate to speak with me at church or call me at 908.850.9214 if you have any questions.

Submitted by

Kathy Lacouture

Youth Group News

Youth Group will be collecting soup and money donations on Souper Bowl Sunday for the local food pantry. Please contribute. We will meet for class on February 14 and February 28. The Valentine's Day class topic will be Love.

The 30 Hour Famine will be held February 26-27. St. James' has been participating in the 30 Hour Famine since 2002 to raise our awareness to hunger issues and money for hunger relief. It's a 30-hour fast with a lock-in and service project held from Friday, February 26, 8:00 pm to Saturday, February 27, 6:00 pm. Youth begin their fast after lunch on Friday, then gather at the Great Hall of St. James' Friday night at 8 pm. There are a variety of hunger awareness games and activities, and a service project on Saturday. The famine concludes with a meal of soup and bread on Saturday night at 6 PM.

The money raised this year will go to Haiti.

Please see Dawn Modugno, Lori Pursel or Cathy Deats for details



Nicole Keane, with her daughter Courtney, and Ellen Compoli volunteer for the backpack program benefitting dozens of Hackettstown school children each week. (Photo courtesy St. James')



Backpack Program Feeds Hackettstown's School Children

From the Warren Reporter January 26, 2010

It is a well-known fact that children who have good nutrition do better in school than those who may arrive hungry. To address the problem of hungry children, St. James' Episcopal Church has partnered with the NORWESCAP food bank and the United Way of Warren County to be sure the children in Hackettstown's elementary schools come to school ready to learn.

Each week, St. James' volunteers Ellen Compoli and Nicole Keane pack forty backpacks full of nutritious meal and snack food. A typical backpack will contain oatmeal, mac 'n' cheese, granola bars, soup or chili, nuts, chocolate milk, and when available, a fresh apple or orange. The backpacks are delivered to the schools where they are given to students whose families have signed up for the program through the school nurse, guidance counselor or social worker. Every Friday, the students have extra food for the weekend.

School Nurse Kay Guidera at Hatchery Hill and ESL Teacher Paula Roselli at Willow Grove are the school contacts, and were instrumental in starting the program in December. NORWESCAP has been operating the backpack program in the Phillipsburg School District, and recently expanded into Hackettstown due to the efforts of Sarah Brelvi, Executive Director of the United Way of Warren County. A chance meeting between Brelvi and The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats, Rector of St. James', got the program moving. At the Hackettstown Community Day in October 2009, Brelvi's enthusiasm about the program and desire to expand met Deats' offer of church members' time and desire to serve. The result: within two months, the program was up and running.

Nicole Keane regularly brings daughter Courtney with her to deliver the food. When asked what she is doing, the 4-year-old responds, "We're feeding the children!"

Update: The Backpack Program has grown and additional volunteers are needed. Please contact Cathy Deats cathydeats@comcast.net or Linda Murray stjames214@comcast.net to let us know you are available!



Choir News

Just last week the Senior Choir, with the excellent help of Dave Olesen on guitar, led the congregation in another "5th Sunday" service, this time featuring Praise music with a bit of a Gospel twist. With the exception of the Service Music pieces and the closing Hymn, the music was selected from Lift Every Voice and Sing (aka LEVAS) which is the African-American Supplement to our Hymnal. This book has many wonderful songs in it and the choir will be exploring its contents further this year. We hope the congregation enjoyed this music as much as we did!

We'd love to hear your feedback about the music that Sunday, too! Is it music you'd like to do more often? Is it music you never want to hear again? Was it hard to sing or easy to sing? Was there a piece or pieces you particularly liked or disliked?

You can speak to me or to any choir member, or drop me an email at: plaura@verizon.net, or put a note in my folder on the wall between the Mitchem House kitchen and the Parish Hall. You can be anonymous or not!

Looking back, we had a wonderful Advent and Christmas season as we were joined by Katie Lacouture, Sylvia Okoye and Tina Okoye for both our Advent Lessons & Carols and Christmas Eve services. These three young ladies graced us again with their a capella version of "O Holy Night". It was just lovely! We had the Bell Choir playing, too, which is always a joy!

Looking ahead, we prepare for Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season. Then it's Holy Week and Easter! If you think you'd like to sing with us for Easter, please let me know! You know we always welcome temporary singers as long as you can make a rehearsal or two!

The Youth Choir will be singing at the 10 am Easter service again this year. Rehearsals for that will take place during Sunday School and will start sometime around February 21.

Thank you,
Pam Laura



Sign Language for Beginners – Save the Dates!

Deacon Sheila Shuford will offer a beginning sign class to give us more skills to communicate with hard of hearing and deaf people, and even with each other! Save the dates now, and sign up with the church office: Sundays, April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, from 9:00 to 9:45.



Bell Choir "Notes"

Many thanks go to the members of the Bell Choir for their hard work during Advent and on Christmas Eve. Although the weather prevented us from traveling to Montclair for the Service of Lessons and Carols, the choir did participate in the Christmas through the Arts program in Port Morris. The choir also participated in two of the Christmas Eve services. Thank you to all the members of the Bell Choir for their dedication during a busy time.

After a busy December, the Bell Choir did not take a break. The choir returned to rehearsals on January 10 and is preparing music for the last Sunday of Epiphany, February 14. The piece is *Follow Yonder Star* and uses several techniques, such as shaking the bells, placing a thumb on the bell (only with gloves on) and plucking the lower sounding bells. We hope that you will enjoy this piece, not only for the variety of sounds, but for the message that Christ is truly the light of the world.

A kind parishioner noticed that some of our gloves were beginning to get holes in them and some were tearing at the seams. She donated money to enable the Bell Choir to get new gloves. The gloves arrived in January and all the members of the choir are very thankful and appreciative of this very kind gesture. Once again we appreciate the support of our efforts. A very sincere thank you to the donor from the members of the Bell Choir.

Interested in joining the Bell Choir? Curious about how we make these unusual sounds? Stop in and observe a rehearsal. Call the director at 732-807-3211 if you would like to join us for the Lenten and Easter seasons.

Louise Olshan

Episcopal Appalachian Ministries (EAM) Work Camp 2010

St. James' will have six slots for the work camp to be held July 31 – August 7. It is not too early to plan your summer and reserve your space. For teens age 15 or rising 10th graders, and adults. Please contact the Rector at cathydeats@comcast.net or 908.500.2463

St. James' is going green!

If you would like to help, you can receive our monthly newsletter, the Journal, via email. We know that some of you still prefer the hard copy for various reasons, so if you want to continue with a mailed copy you do not need to do anything. To sign up for the Journal to be delivered to your inbox in living color, send an email to Editor Phyllis Heistand at pdheistand@comcast.net.

Fundraising

We are looking forward to another successful year of fundraising. We started the year with Tastefully Simple mixes and dips, thanks to Barbara Olesen and thank you for your support.

Our next fundraiser will be selling aprons. Thanks to Paul Bartkus for suggesting this. The timing was perfect. We are taking orders for **"Have you hugged an Episcopalian today"** aprons. We will offer them in red, forest green and royal blue with cream-colored print for \$10.00 each. Samples will be here shortly.

We will once again celebrate Shrove Tuesday at the IHOP in Hackettstown on February 16th. Not to worry, they will not be giving away pancakes this year. IHOP donates 10% of your food check to St. James'. Please join us and invite your friends.

The end of February, we will offer Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy for all of us with a sweet tooth. In March, we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a corned beef and cabbage dinner (hopefully prepared in our new kitchen). Dinner will be on Sunday, March 14th from 4 PM to 6 PM. The Hackettstown's St. Patrick's Day parade starts at 3:30 PM. We are hoping to get a good turnout and of course we are looking for volunteers to help set up, serve and clean up. Please sign up in the parish hall.

The golf outing committee has met and set a date of Monday, May 17th for our 2nd Annual Golf Outing. Please consider participating in this event and inviting your friends and colleagues. You will be hearing more about this later.

We still have a few hooded sweatshirts and long sleeve tee shirts available as well as a few pens left over if you are interested.

Don't forget fundraising is an opportunity to share with your neighbors and friends the story and blessing of St. James'. Invite them to dinner. Share the Blessings!

Thank you again for your continued support and if you have an idea for fundraising, please share it with us.

Barbara White

Kitchen Update

A quick peek in the kitchen and you will see the range and sinks are here! These items have been purchased with monies from several gifts designated for the kitchen. With those monetary gifts and the gifts of time (sweat) and talent of several parish families, we will soon have a fully functional kitchen for family breakfast and fundraising dinners.

So far, we have spent \$2168.00 on cabinets, \$1055.37 on flooring, \$2000.00 on the range and \$1054.00 for the two sinks and faucets. The cost for the hood and fire suppression system is \$6900.00, a total of

\$12,137.37. We have a parish family that is arranging for the installation of the sinks but we will need gas lines run for the range and an electrician to make the connections for the hood.

Our wish list includes a double door refrigerator, an under the counter dishwasher and a couple of stainless steel work tables but those items can wait. Some items that we will need include pots and pans and cooking utensils. If anyone would like to make a donation of these items or a monetary gift for the purchase of these items or towards the cost for installation of other items, it would be greatly appreciated. You can contact Dawn or Barbara to discuss what we need. If you do decide to make a monetary gift, please be sure to indicate the gift is for the kitchen on your check.

Barbara White

Altar Guild

The Greening of the Church 2009 was almost a whiteout. But fortunately the snow stopped. The sidewalks were shoveled and salted. Enough congregants braved the elements to attend services and lend a hand with the wreaths, flowers, roping, and other Xmas paraphernalia.

I am always grateful for those who participate in Greening and usually focus this Journal article on those who help set up for Christmas. But no one ever throws an "Untrim-the-tree" party. We Episcopalians are no exception. My most sincere thanks to those who took down the wreaths and roping, threw out or found homes for the poinsettias, and packed up the torches and Nativity set safely for next year.

I was a bit anxious when I walked to church on the morning of Greening as the roads were not yet plowed. But I knew we had enough time between that Sunday and Christmas to find the time to ready the church if Greening didn't happen. And I always leave things to the last minute anyway. In fact, because I still had to purchase the candles for the pew torches, I made a quick dash to the Shop Rite later that afternoon. Although I try to listen to Xmas CD's in December, I just happened to have The Temptations Ultimate Collection in the car's CD player. I doubt that Smokey Robinson would list his classic "Get Ready" as an Advent hymn. But it certainly grabbed me at that moment - *"I'm bringing you a love that's true. So get ready. Get ready. 'Cause here I come."* Through most of Advent we are pleading, "O come, O come Emmanuel." But hearing that sound in the car I felt reassured; Our Lord was responding - albeit with a Motown beat!

Meg Critchley





Reflections on Diocesan Convention

Participants in the 136th Convention of the Diocese of Newark reported to the congregation on Sunday, January 31st. They were asked two questions: What was a highlight, or blessing, for you? What was disappointing? Some of their responses are included here. Our thanks to Deputies Barbara Olesen, Jerry Sheard and Barbara White; leader of the forum, Russ Worthington; and participants in the forums. It is very affirming to have you all come to hear about our experiences.

Reflection on an elevator ride

Dave and I joined other Associates of Holy Cross for a recent weekend retreat. We were asked to think of a time in the past year when we felt most alive. That reflection became the basis for each of us to think about our understanding of God, of ourselves and of the world.

I never could have imagined that a ride in the monastery's ancient elevator would become a time I also felt most alive.

You have to picture the elevator. There is no elevator shaft so you can see the elevator slowly ascending and descending between floors. The elevator's interior is a scant 3' x 3' square with a folding see-through grill for its door.

When a few of the sessions had to be held in a room on the second floor, I inwardly groaned because of my difficulty in using that elevator. My wheelchair, with me in it, doesn't fit inside it and I have to make an awkward transfer into and out of it with a walker. But this weekend, the whole experience was transformed.

An unsolicited group of known and unknown

Disappointments:

Dinner (more rubber chicken!) • few resolutions •
The time schedule was disrupted more than once •
Diocesan budget presentation

Blessings:

Few resolutions • preacher The Rt. Rev. George Councill, Diocese of New Jersey • spirit of cooperation • worship in the Cathedral
Cathy

volunteers saw how Dave helped me into the elevator, then took the wheelchair out of Dave's hands and carried it, born aloft, unfolded, by at least two or three, up and then down the stairs after the session.

They were all waiting to greet me when I arrived on the second floor. After I was helped back into my wheelchair, all of us were led down the wide upstairs hallway by a dancing, finger-snapping young looking African American named Dyron (rhymes with Byron). Dyron's dance included a Baryshnikov's leap high up in the air with spins - and I was enchanted.

In a later conversation, we learned that Dyron is discerning a call to become a monk. He works for a nonprofit agency teaching life skills to homeless kids and families in New York City. He's a professional actor and dancer and, though not in training right now, to safely do those twisting leaps, he did one for me.

I was actually sorry I only had to make one more round trip on that elevator.

Phyllis Heistand

Prayer for Haiti

*Gracious God,
I lift my voice in prayer with all the people of the world.
Surround Haiti and her people
with your loving embrace
that they may be:
supported by the world in the work of rescue and recovery;
comforted as they grieve;
strengthened as they bury their dead;
healed as they tend their wounds;
restored in faith and the
hope of things unseen;
and transformed through newness of life in Christ.
Make me an instrument
of divine love, of mercy, of hope, and of new possibility.
Give me eyes to see,
ears to hear, the will to act, and a discerning and generous heart
that I may serve you and those who suffer in whatever way I am able.
In and through the power of the Holy Spirit, I pray. Amen.*

Meet Your Recently Elected Vestry Members and Deputies to Convention



Greg Malejko, Senior Warden, was born in Jersey City and grew up in Rockaway. A graduate of Penn State with a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering and Steven's Institute of Technology with an M.S. in Mechanical Engineering, he is a Senior Aerospace Engineer at Picatinny Arsenal. Greg met Eileen in high school and they married after college. They have three sons: Thomas, Michael and Matthew. Greg is the chairman of the Finance Committee, a counter and has served on the Vestry, most recently as Junior Warden. He enjoys golfing, woodworking, hiking and running.



Barbara White, Junior Warden, was born in Norfolk, VA and raised in North Carolina. She served in the Army for 10 years after high school. She served at Fort Monroe, VA and was a Drill Sergeant at Fort Jackson, SC. Barbara then moved to USA Berlin Brigade, where she coordinated troop and equipment movements through East and West Germany. She helped establish and was appointed commander of the first chapter of the Veterans for Foreign Wars in Berlin. She moved to Hackettstown from Brick, NJ where she found a home at St. James'. In addition to being the Fundraising Chairperson, she is a member of the Altar Guild and Parish Life Committee. She is currently a 4th year student in EFM (Education for Ministry).



Dan Miller, elected as a Vestry Member, has been a member of St. James', along with wife Linda, since 2000. Born and raised in northwestern Ohio, he is a graduate of the University of Toledo and has worked for BASF for more than 32 years. His career has taken him to assignments in Michigan, Louisiana and Germany before moving to New Jersey. Presently, he manages the Process Safety Group for BASF in the NAFTA region. Among other missions at St. James', Dan is our infamous "shaker" at our Fall Fundraiser. "



Dave Handville, elected as a Vestry Member, was born in Morristown and moved to this area about 35 years ago. He graduated from North Warren Regional in 1982 and enlisted in the US Army. He proudly served for four years and traveled the country for a few years. He settled in Hackettstown with Claudia Scala and has found a connection with St. James' with a faith that he thought he had lost.



Peter Quelly, elected as a Vestry Member, has attended St. James' for the past 5 years. He was born in Berkeley Heights and moved to Glen Gardner in third grade. He lives in Washington with wife Jewels Quelly and son Isaac and daughter Emilia. Pete is a professional cabinetmaker who works at Bomboy, Inc. in Catasauqua, PA. He has served as a firefighter in every capacity from junior member to Chief. Pete serves on the Kitchen Committee at St. James' and is very active with the Boy Scouts and Order of the Arrow.



Wendie Germain, elected as Deputy to Diocesan Convention, moved to New Jersey from Ohio after her husband's death to be near her daughter and her family. She knew as soon as she visited St. James' it would be her church home. She has been singing with the Church Choir for the past seven years and has also joined the Bell Choir. She attended EFM for two years. She earned her college degree when she was 51. She loves bird watching and spending quality time outdoors with her dog, Charlie.



Brian Nolan, Alternate Deputy to Diocesan Convention, has grown up at St. James'. As a youth member, he was an Acolyte and Lay Eucharistic Minister. Brian has been an adult participant in five Appalachian Ministry trips. He is a Lay Eucharistic Minister. Brian is a graduate of Oneonta College with a degree in meteorology, his first love. Currently he is a Pharmacy Technician for Wal-Mart. Brian has served on the Vestry in the past and as an outreach liaison was part of the re-vitalization of the CROP Walk in Hackettstown. You can always find Brian at a St. James' event.

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