



# ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

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## Stop - Look - Listen

Depending on your age, this is either a lesson in pedestrian safety or the lyrics of a song made popular by the Stylistics, Elvis Presley, or Diana Ross and Marvin Gaye. It is also a great way to approach Holy Week and, indeed, the entire season of Lent. It is inevitable that the early church, those energetic followers of Jesus, who could still remember the stories of his ministry told to them by fathers and grandmothers, would later become somewhat disconnected. Even disaffected, bored, or tired of the life of the disciple. The further in time disciples got from their Lord, the harder it seemed to keep the faith and the following. So the church, a bit institutional and even stuffy after a few hundred years, created ways and means for disciples to be reminded, refreshed and renewed on their journey. And the church called the season Lent, and the holiest week of the Christian year, "Holy Week" (sometimes creativity was a challenge).

Lent, and especially Holy Week, is a time *to stop* our normal way of doing things and to exchange our appetites for things that do not satisfy to hunger for God; *to look* around us and notice things we normally rush by or don't see; *to listen* to the voice of God in our lives. The Holy Week drama is unparalleled in any story brought to life in novel or movie. The church knows this, and jars us with sights and sounds: light and dark, the crashing sound of the rock which seals the tomb at Tenebrae, the sloshing water of the footwashing at the Last Supper – the altar stripped as bare as Jesus was – the apprehensive waiting through the night – the shouts of "crucify him!" on Friday and the dead silence of Saturday.



At long last, Easter arrives, breaking into the darkness of Saturday with the tiniest flicker of light. The Paschal Candle spreads this tiny flicker from hand to hand. The story of our salvation is told as the light expands. Finally, the joyous shout of "Alleluia, Christ is risen!" is heard and we shout right back: "The Lord is risen indeed; Alleluia!"

The Easter season begins, stretching 50 days ahead. The wisdom of the church strikes again: it is longer than the season of Lent! And to meet Easter is simple: stop, look, listen. *Stop* right in your tracks and see blessings: loving spouse, children, grandchildren, parents, home, the smell of the earth waking up from its sogginess, daffodils, a place to worship, hands to serve, the beauty of this world, the wonder of life, and the mystery of love. *Look* around and see what is happening in the community of those who serve the risen Lord, especially at St. James'. See opportunity for you to join with others in work important to us and to you. Drink in the fellowship, share in the laughter and the tears, help us welcome the stranger and feed the hungry, for we serve a risen Lord. And *listen*: listen for the voice of God from those who love you as well as in the silence of your heart. Then add your voice to our joyous shout:

***Alleluia, Christ is risen!***

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

Yours in the risen Lord,

## Wardens' Letters

Two weeks ago, the Vestry went on its annual retreat at the Kirkridge Retreat and Study Center, just over the Delaware River in PA. According to their website, Kirkridge is a "place for rest and renewal to pilgrims along life's journey." There is no doubt the Kirkridge serves as a place for rest and renewal; the Vestry is isolated from the hustle and bustle of everyday life (except perhaps a call or two on the cell phone!) as they focus on the work of the Church.

As is customary (at least for the handful of retreats I've attended), the Vestry spent time reviewing the past year at St. James' and then turned their focus to the year ahead. Certain aspects of the retreat were similar to years past: there was a crackling fire in the fireplace, keeping the meeting room toasty; Dan Miller brought his "famous" jambalaya; we even had rain, which seems to happen very year. This year, however, there was one big difference. Peter Saros, our Parish Development Consultant, led the discussions instead of Cathy.

Peter has been working with St. James' for just over a year and I find him to be very knowledgeable (not to mention entertaining); he has years of experience

working with many churches. He has the ability to look past the everyday business of the church and take a more macroscopic view. During the retreat, Peter discussed his observations about where St. James' is today and suggested what is necessary for us to move forward and grow our congregation. Peter has seen many churches successfully grow and has also seen many that make ill-fated decisions that prevent growth. The Vestry was both energized and a bit overwhelmed by Peter's suggestions; most felt the topic needed to be discussed further. So, this past Saturday, the Vestry met with Peter again (for four hours) to further discuss the topic of future growth. Overall, the Vestry is receptive to Peter's suggestions although no formal decisions have been made. As Cathy (and the congregation) takes a break during the sabbatical this summer, the topic will be put on hold. In the fall, the Vestry will revisit the subject and decide how to best proceed.

In the mean time, if you want to know more details, ask any Vestry member.

*Greg Malejko*  
Senior Warden

## HAPPY EASTER!

In preparation for Cathy's upcoming Sabbatical, we are looking for folks who might be interested in helping us cover the Thursday night service. The service held in the Chapel will be Evening Prayer Rite II and begins at 7:00 PM. This service usually takes about 25 minutes. If you are interested in leading one of these services, please sign up in the hallway leading up to the Great Hall.

During our retreat, we discussed many ways of how we continue our fellowship in the community. But we would like to know how you feel and what you would like to see happening around St. James'. If you have a need that is not being fulfilled or an activity that you would like to see get started, please let us know.

Is there is a committee you want to be involved with? Talk to us. We are open to any suggestion and are dedicated to providing whatever we can to help.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will send Cathy off for a period of study and renewal. Cathy's plans to work and study L'Arche communities will teach us how we can better become the all inclusive community that we strive to be. Please join us in wishing her well. The family breakfast will be in honor of all the work she has done here at St. James' and an expression of our commitment to her and our community for the future.

Invite a friend to church!

*Barbara White*  
Junior Warden

*These are the first 10 items on the Vestry's list of what the people of St. James' accomplished in 2009.*

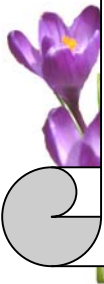
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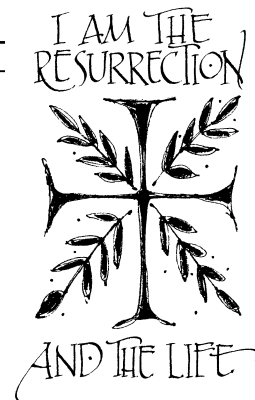
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MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED  
BUILDING USE POLICY  
NEW FAMILIES  
PLEDGES ARE UP



## What St. James' Accomplished in 2009

GOLF OUTING  
 EPISCOPAL APALACHIAN MINISTRIES  
 BACKPACKS FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN  
 NEW PA SYSTEM  
 PATIO  
 30 HOUR FAMINE  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL QUILT  
 SABBATICAL  
 MURDER MYSTERY  
 MINISTRY TO HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
 TRICKY TRAY  
 NEW ACOLYTES  
 AMAZING PROJECTS  
 GUTTER GUARDS  
 FIRST YOUNG PERSON UNDER 18 TO PLEDGE  
 REPAIR / NEW BELLS  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL INCREASED  
 ELEVATOR  
 PARISH DEVELOPMENT DINNERS @ ST. JAMES'  
 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING  
 BAPTISMAL FONT  
 COLUMBARIUM  
 E JOURNAL  
 MOVIE NIGHT  
 DEAF MINISTRY  
 WEDDING KNEELERS  
 VESTRY ELECTION  
 FUNDRAISING INCREASE IN TYPES AND PARTICIPANTS  
 SUMMER INTERN (INTERPRETERS)  
 MORE COUNTERS  
 MORE KITCHEN HELP  
 MORE LECTORS  
 CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS  
 FAMILY BREAKFAST IN THE GREAT HALL  
 PUBLICITY ANNOUNCEMENTS  
 PARISH HALL RENTALS  
 FOOD BASKETS  
 APRONS  
 BELL CHOIR  
 CHILDREN'S PERFORMANCE  
 BOY SCOUT RELIGIOUS AWARDS  
 IHOP DINNERS





**April Dates to Remember**

- April 11, 18, 25 and May 2 \_\_\_ Sign Language Class • Great Hall • 9:00 – 9:45 AM
- April 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Dedication of Children’s Quilt
- April 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Dedication of Crosslight
- April 14 \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Life Committee Meeting • Great Hall • 7:30 PM
- April 21 - April 26 \_\_\_\_\_ Administrator Vacation •
- April 22 \_\_\_\_\_ Vestry Meeting • Mitcham House • 7:30 PM
- April 24 \_\_\_\_\_ Spring Rummage Sale • Parish Hall • 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- April 25 \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Luncheon • Parish Hall • 11:30 AM
- May 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Cathy’s last Sunday with us until August 8 • Family Breakfast 9 AM
- May 17 \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing • Minebrook Golf Club • Hackettstown • 1 PM
- May 21 \_\_\_\_\_ Young Families Group • see page 8

**Sabbatical Plans**

The Sabbatical Committee (Dawn Modugno, Martha Travostino, Paula Van Clef) and the Wardens are getting closer to a detailed plan for our sabbatical time, May – July. We are organizing clergy coverage, pastoral care, and worship and parish life responsibilities. Plans for a parish sabbatical project are advancing, and rest and refreshment are also a big part of our planning for everyone.

Cathy’s last Sunday with us, until her return on August 8, will be May 2. You will want to join us that day for Family Breakfast in the Great Hall at 9 AM.

**150<sup>th</sup> Gifts**

The children of the Sunday School, with expert help from Gerri Huryk and Kathy Lacouture, have completed a quilt showing their love for St. James’. The quilt will be dedicated on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the 10 AM service and will adorn the wall in the Great Hall. A future Journal will feature a picture, but for now, we are keeping it under wraps before the unveiling!

**"Crosslight",**  
 a gift created by Cathy Deats in tilework and John Edens and Tony Elmo who crafted the cross frame for the tiles, will be dedicated and blessed on Sunday, April 18th. It is a gift in honor of St. James' 150 Years of Building Community. You will see this cross as you exit the elevator on the upper level.



**Parish Life**

The Parish Life Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM to plan the activities and worship for the season after Pentecost (June through November). On the agenda is final planning for the sabbatical period, including pastoral care and summer worship scheduling.

**All Parish Lunch**

We love dinners, and to usher in springtime and the Easter Season, we will celebrate a parish lunch on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. All ministries of the church will showcase their work in “Ministry Minutes.” You can get a ‘minute’ glimpse of what it is to be an Acolyte, work the Altar Guild or teach Sunday School. Join us for a good time, food, fellowship and a bit of hilarity. Please bring a dish to share, and we will supply beverages and dessert.

**Calling all Graduates**

Please submit the names of any graduates to the church office for inclusion in the June 20th 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 **May 30**.

**Congratulations, Rebecca!**

Rebecca Murray will graduate from Flagler College. She will be obtaining a dual degree in Elementary Ed and Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Rebecca has been accepted to Rochester Institute of Technology/National Technical Institute for the Deaf to obtain her Master's of Science of Secondary Education of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing with a concentration in Math.

**Support Your Local Food Pantry**

In April, we will be collecting boxed potatoes/mixes for Trinity's Food Pantry. There will be a collection container in the Narthex and in the Parish Hall lobby.



Welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday with Hosanna wands!

## Sunday School News

Spring brings renewed energy to Sunday School along with lessons about the Risen Lord, Easter eggs, and origins of cross symbols. It has also brought us new students to get to know and learn with: Susan, Francie, Emily and Lilly. (Sorry guys, no new boys!)

One of the upcoming highlights this coming month will be the dedication of the quilt/wall hanging that the students worked hard on all during the fall months. The quilt will be displayed in the Parish Hall and it is our hope that you can be present for this special event on April 11th.

### Schedule for April:

- April 4th Easter Sunday-Families in Church
- April 11th Easter Lesson-Quilt Dedication
- April 18th Godly Play-The Crosses
- April 25<sup>th</sup> Saint Lesson-Preparation for the Children's Sabbath

Kathy Lacouture

## Youth Group News

Youth Group continues to meet the second and fourth Sunday of the month during the 10 o'clock service. Our Deacon, Shelia Shuford, led our last class, teaching the teens about "Communication Skills". It was wonderful for our youth to learn about signing. We are still looking for volunteers to lead classes in April and May. Please see Dawn Modugno or Lori Pursel.

## Seeing Eye Update

Our last puppy, Kopper who went back for training last March, has been placed with a woman who works in Chicago. We are so proud of him and happy that he is working. Thank you for supporting this great program!

*The Modugno family*



*From the April 2009 Journal Blessings on Kopper, and on all the Modugnos who loved him and prepared him for this day.*

*Photo: Dawn Modugno, Ben and Madeline, and Kopper Photo taken on March 22, 2009, Kopper's last day with the Modugnos.*

And blessings now on Kopper and his new owner in Chicago. And on the Modugnos and their Seeing Eye pup, Utah.

*Dear Friends,*

*The final tally (except for one donation envelope not yet delivered) for the 30 Hour Famine is*

**\$1601.00**

*Eleven young people collected these donations. Please let your youth and congregation know how much we appreciate your support for the children of Haiti, who will benefit from these donations.*

**Awesome job, everyone!**

**Cathy Deats**

## Music News

Well, by the time you are reading this, the Senior Choir will have completed (or almost completed, depending on when you get your Journal) the big push through Easter Sunday! Holy Week is always busy with Palm Sunday and then five music services in a row starting with Maundy Thursday and ending with the two Easter morning services. The music will have been by turns sorrowful, enlightening, descriptive, uplifting, and joyous!

Those of you who attended the 10 am service on Palm Sunday heard the music move from joyful triumph in the procession around the block with our palms, and the Bell Choir piece that repeated that theme, to the solemnity and sorrow of the Passion reading and the choir singing "When Jesus Came to Golgotha" by Alec Wynton. The name of the tune that Wynton composed for this piece is *Indifference*, a very appropriate name as the text tells a story of modern people being indifferent to Jesus and just passing the crucifixion by. The final phrase is "...and Jesus crouches 'gainst a wall and cries for Calvary". We sang this piece immediately after the Passion reading and wore our regular street clothes so we would look just like everyone else, rather than looking like "the choir". We wanted to do the piece this way, to not set ourselves apart as if the text didn't also apply to us. The choir was very moved by this piece and we hope that you were as well.

My heartfelt thanks to the choir, as always, for working so hard and being willing to try new things. Especially huge thanks to Louise for her part in all of this work, for her well-chosen preludes and postludes, and for her work with our Bell Choir who gave us music for the joyous side of the Palm Sunday story.

On Palm Sunday, we said "goodbye" to Diana Brant, too. She has moved back to Barbados and is enjoying her first Easter with her children and grandchildren in over two decades. We will miss her very much and hope she's singing there! It will be odd to not hear that extra "Alleluia" that Diana always said after the blessing!

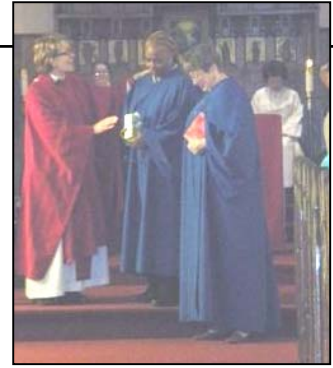
The Youth Choir also finished their preparations for their Easter song and if you are an 8:00 service attendee, you'll have missed their singing. They may be few in numbers due to several Easter vacations but they are enthusiastic. Thank you to Kathy Lacouture, Marie Niculcea, and others who have helped with the children's preparations!

And once again, we will say...ALLELUIA!

*Pam Laura*

*Music Director*

"Farewell" blessings  
for Diana Grant



## Bell Choir "Notes"

March was busy for the Bell Choir. Many, many thanks go to all the members of the choir who worked hard to prepare music for March 14 and Palm Sunday. Thank you to Tina Okoye who was home from college for Spring Break and was able to help out on March 14 when one of the ringers was unable to be there.

On Palm Sunday we said "farewell" to Diana Grant who has been a very faithful member of the Bell Choir for many years. We will miss her but wish her well as she returns to her family in Barbados. God's blessings be with you, Diana, as you start a new phase in your life.

The Bell Choir is now preparing music for Rogation Sunday in May and for Choir Appreciation Sunday in June.

We are always looking for new members. Please contact me at 732-807-3211 or during Coffee Hour if you are interested in seeing what is involved. Feel free to come and see a rehearsal.

*Louise Olshan*  
*Director*

Diana making  
Joyful music



## Altar Guild

It is with regret that I accepted the resignation of Diana Grant from St James' Altar Guild. I was fortunate to work with Diana on the 4th week team and on special occasions as occurred during the liturgical year. Diana was a quick study of Altar Guild 101 - meticulous, hardworking, and cheerful. Her joy in serving her Lord and the St James' community was evident in everything she did.

Diana will return to her native Barbados the end of this month. As she leaves the safety of the environment of St James' and embarks on the next stage of her personal adventure, I know that God will be with her. And the work ahead, whatever form it takes, will be meaningful and with more blessings than Diana can count.

*Meg Critchley*

## News from the Fundraising Committee

The fundraising committee has lost one of our greatest supporters. Diana Grant has left us to return to her native home, Barbados. Diana, always with a smile and a kind word, always willing to jump in and help at every fundraiser, will surely be missed. We wish her the best and pray for God's blessings on her and her family.

Our corned beef and cabbage dinner was very successful in spite of the rain. We raised \$363.00. Publicity did a great job in getting the word out. We had families from as far away as Bernardsville and Newark. We finally got to use the St. James' china. Thanks to everyone who helped in the decorating, cooking, serving and cleaning up.



Preparing for St. Patrick's Day  
Barbara White, Ellen Infante, Barbara Olesen

The Easter candy sale earned \$243.60 for us.

Unfortunately, our What in the World fundraiser had to be cancelled at the last moment. We will try again in the near future.

We are starting a Yankee Candle sale this Sunday. Catalogs are available in the Parish Hall. This sale will run for three weeks, ending on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Please pick up a catalog and remember to ask your friends and neighbors. Most everyone enjoys a Yankee Candle and we make 50% on this fundraiser.

The spring rummage sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The sale will run from 9 AM – 4 PM. There is already a ton of stuff in the basement and we will need lots of help to sort through it all. On Friday, we will be setting up and sorting. If you would like to help, we will start at 6 PM, work for a couple of hours and meet again on Saturday morning at 8 AM. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway. Please let us know when you are available. Your slightly used items can be dropped off at the parish starting the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>. Please leave items in the parish hall. Please remember, we cannot accept electronics or books except dictionaries.

Thanks for your support.

*Barbara White*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. James' Golf Outing

Spring has arrived and so has the enthusiasm for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual St. James' Golf Outing. This year's event will be held on Monday, May 17 at Minebrook Golf Club in Hackettstown, the same location as last year. We will be teeing off at 1 PM. We've dropped the price for golfers to \$95 for this year, and we are reaching out to the other parishes in District 1 to come join us for the fellowship and a bit of golf.



Like last year, we are also offering the opportunity for non-golfers to join in the fun at the dinner that follows at 6 PM. In addition to the golf, there will be door prizes, a raffle and a 50/50 drawing.

Registration for the event can be made by calling 908-852-3968, e-mailing [stjames214@comcast.net](mailto:stjames214@comcast.net), or the link provided on the St. James' website.

Mark your calendars now and come join us on May 17 at Minebrook.

*Dan Miller*



## Meet Barbara Pixley

Barbara was born and raised in Batavia, New York, and played tennis growing up. She attended nursing school and took business classes and worked secretarial jobs.

She met up with Penn, whom she knew from high school, during a winter break from college. They were married in 1977 and have two children, Brian and Jennifer. Brian is married and is a State Trooper in Delaware. Jennifer is graduating in May from Montclair. Rounding out the family is Angel, a dog the Pixley's adopted.

Barbara currently works as a substitute teacher for special education students. She still likes to play tennis as well as read. The Pixley's are infamous as food servers at St. James' dinners. You will find them at most St. James' events!

Barbara is a charter member of the St. James' Knitters, which just started Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. She is working on knitting scarves for the Seaman's Church Institute Christmas at Sea Program. Ask her about it!

*Barbara Olesen*

## St. James' Knitters

Saturday, March 27, was the first get together of the St. James' knitting group for the Seamen's Church Institute of NY and NJ. The Seamen's Church Institute cares for the personal, professional, and spiritual needs of mariners around the world. Founded in 1834, it is the largest, most comprehensive mariner's service agency in North America. Their website is [www.seamenschurch.org](http://www.seamenschurch.org).

We had a great turnout! There were 10 enthusiastic knitters, and a couple who stopped by. The youngest is Daniel Hoffman, who picked it up very quickly and is knitting a scarf for his younger brother! Barbara Olesen helped a couple of crocheters along who were a bit rusty, and others began knitting at a brisk pace!

Abby Hamilton had donated a lot of beautiful yarn and Cathy Deats donated a large bin for us to store it in. I think we are well on our way to some beautiful items being made.

If you would like more information about the group, please contact Linda Miller at [frlbailey1@comcast.net](mailto:frlbailey1@comcast.net) or 908-684-3566. No date was decided on for the next meeting, so please check the weekly bulletin and the St. James' website. Donations of yarn are gladly accepted – it should be 4 ply, washable, and appropriate colors for the seamen.

*Linda Miller*



## Join us for the Singles Social Gathering (SSG)

The goal of Singles Social Gathering (SSG) is to provide the opportunity for single individuals, age 30 to 70+, to find companionship. It is a chance to step out of our normal routine and meet new people. New friendships will be bridged through the sharing of interests and experiences. All are welcome to join us.

The last meeting of the Singles Social Gathering (SSG) took place on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. The meeting was held in the Parish Hall of St. James' Episcopal Church. We socialized and played a game called Bunco. This is a fun game that requires no skill...just rolling dice and rotating to different tables. Snacks and beverages were served. The evening was filled with good company and plenty of laughs!



The first SSG meeting was held in January at Church of the Messiah in Chester, NJ. This meeting served as an initial "meet and greet" where attendees could share interests in order to plan events for future SSG meetings. During this meeting, it was decided that SSG would involve having a social meeting at a church or hall every other month. The alternating months would be held at a restaurant or place of interest, such as a local play, museum, or baseball game. The hope is that as SSG grows, a diversity of events will continue to evolve.

The second SSG meeting was held last month. Attendees went to Cafe Baci in Hackettstown where everyone had a fantastic meal with great company and great entertainment.

Please join us for the next SSG meeting. We hope to enrich your lives, as you enrich ours. If you have any question regarding SSG, please call or email: 908-879-7208 or [messiahchester@earthlink.net](mailto:messiahchester@earthlink.net)

*Ellen Infante*

## Young Families Group

**Save the Date!** Friday May 21 the newly formed Young Families Group will be meeting for an evening of Pizza on the Porch of Mitcham House. If you did not receive an email regarding the Young Families Group or you know someone who should be added to the list, please email Jewels Quelly at [angelfoodpcs@verizon.net](mailto:angelfoodpcs@verizon.net).



**Maintenance Morning**

There are certain signs of spring . . .

the crocuses in St. James' garden . . . and Dawn Modugno in St. James' garden



The Vestry was occupied; it was a chilly day. The list had an inauspicious thirteen items on it. There were five people ready to work. When the morning was finished (almost an hour early), the list was returned to me with all but one item checked off (some equipment needed was not available) and an additional item added and checked off as well.

Many thanks to Pete Huryk, Phyllis Bartkus, Paul Bartkus, and Ted Deats, and job boss Ed Modugno Jr. And thanks to Dawn Modugno, who arrived on Thursday to do yard work because she was not available Saturday. The next time a Maintenance Morning comes around, you will want to join in!

*Cathy*



and Ed Modugno making things right and Pete Hurak grinning!

**Don't forget:  
St. James' Deaf Ministry to Offer Sign Language Classes**

If you were at the Hackettstown St. Patrick's Day parade, you noticed the St. James' Deaf Ministry led by Deacon Sheila Shuford. The Rev. Shuford is offering a four-week *Introduction to Sign Language Class*, which is open to the community. Classes are Sundays, April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, 9:00 to 9:45 AM, in the St. James' Great Hall, entrance on Moore Street at the corner of Washington Street, Hackettstown, NJ. There is no fee, and we ask that you register with the church: [stjames214@comcast.net](mailto:stjames214@comcast.net) or 908.852.3968.

The Rev. Sheila Shuford has spent over 30 years as an advocate of the deaf and hard of hearing. Sheila lost her hearing as an adult. She is one of two deaf Deacons in the Episcopal Church and is the coordinator of St. James' Deaf Ministry.

Come and learn how to communicate with a deaf person, and learn about deaf culture. ASL is a beautiful language and a useful tool. You are welcome to stay after the class to see a 10:00 AM Sunday Service and hymns interpreted by our certified ASL Interpreter, Mr. Chuck Clark.

*Cathy Deats*

*A blessing from the  
March 9, 2010  
Episcopal Relief &  
Development Daily  
Meditation*

*Live without fear: your  
Creator has made you  
holy, has always protected  
you, and loves you as a  
mother. Go in peace to  
follow the good road and  
may God's blessing be  
with you always. Amen.*

*Saint Clare*



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