



# St. James' Journal

THE REV. DR. CATHY L. DEATS, RECTOR

MAY 2010

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As a preparation for my sabbatical, I paid a visit to the L'Arche community in Haverhill, Massachusetts. L'Arche was created in France in 1964 by Jean Vanier, a man so distressed by the numbers of intellectually disabled people in institutions, he invited two of these men to live with him in a home environment. That first L'Arche home, and the other 136 communities in 35 countries around the world today, are created as communities of faith. They are homes where people with and without disabilities live together in community.

The community I visited is was created in 1984, and presently is a network of four houses: Ghandi house, with four core members, who are developmentally disabled men, three live-in assistants, two live-out assistants and a house manager. Assisi, Nazorean, and Peace houses also house core members, assistants, and house managers. A downtown main office is used for financial and business affairs, as well as a place for training and meetings.

I arrived just before five on a Tuesday night. It was community night, when all the houses gather for supper out and bowling, so I was able to meet all fifteen core members of the community. They all wanted to know my name and shake my hand. Debbie wanted to know where I was born, and Phil bonded with me when he discovered I had hearing aids just like him.

Then there was the bowling. I had never seen candlepins before. Fran offered to coach me on how to toss the small wooden balls down the lane. Despite her expert instruction, I maintained my tradition of lowest score. Back at the house, the assistants helped the core members get ready for bed and work the next day. The following several days were full of meetings with staff, conversation with folks around the breakfast table, and visits to the other houses. While each house had its own personality and routine, following supper, which was a cooperative venture from preparation to cleanup, all shared prayer time.

Everyone formed a circle and the lights were dimmed. Candles were lit, and music played. Community prayers of the people were read, and each person had a turn to pray aloud or silently. Phil is a man whose speech is largely unintelligible. To hear his prayer, though, was to know his close relationship with God.

I had expected to see an operation of group homes in action. I was interested in the fact that L'Arche at its heart is a faith community, and wanted to see how that played out in daily life. What I was not prepared for was the light.

There was a light in the community that was indescribable but recognizable. It was the light of God. No, the community is not without conflict. People don't love each other with a mushy idealistic love. L'Arche is not a sixties commune. These people love each other in the daily activities of life: shared meals, getting dressed, having a shower, getting into the car. They love each other for better or worse. I am excited about the other communities I will visit in this sabbatical time, both in the United States and Great Britain. Because we are called in baptism to seek and serve Christ in all persons, I pray for myself and for you to be open to see Christ's light in unexpected places over the next few months.

Faithfully yours,

*Cathy L. Deats* +

—HE KEEPS HIS EYE UPON YOU



—AS YOU COME AND GO • PS. 121

## Warden's Words

SO THE TIME HAS FINALLY ARRIVED! After much anticipation (and quite a bit of planning), Cathy is about leave on her well-deserved Sabbatical. The next three months will be, in a word, different. Since Cathy's arrival almost nine years ago, she has been a constant presence in our spiritual lives. Her presence is always felt: at Sunday services, assisting us in Pastoral issues and even navigating us through a building project. Her absence will leave a void that will be hard to ignore.

The congregation at large may not have been privy to all the details in planning the Sabbatical. As one might imagine, many things needed to be planned well in advance. There were major tasks, such as obtaining priests to cover all the services. And there were many, many smaller tasks that required attention. Cathy, the Sabbatical Committee, the Vestry and the Wardens worked together and tried to plan everything ahead of time. One part of the planning was to seek out grants to help pay some of the expenses. Just last week we learned that the Bishop's Office has arranged for a \$3000 grant to be used for the Sabbatical. This was certainly welcome news since the original amount earmarked for the Sabbatical was minimal, just enough to cover the bare necessities. Going forward, the Finance Committee may (starting with the 2011 budget) include a budget line for future Sabbaticals. If we can manage to put some money away each year, hopefully ample funds will be available to a future Vestry planning a Sabbatical.

While this Sabbatical is a time for Cathy to rest, reflect and get reinvigorated the same can be said of the congregation as well. The Vestry and Sabbatical Committee felt the time could be used to re-energize the congregation. Over the next three months, be ready to join your fellow parishioners in some fun activities meant to promote fellowship.

Greg Malejko, Senior Warden

## Vestry hi-lites from the April meeting

- The Price bequest, long in litigation, was resolved. St. James' received \$25,000, which the Vestry allocated to staff compensation, the Building Fund (mortgage plans include projected receipt of \$10,000 annually), Capital Improvement (as we plan for tower repair), and kitchen finishing and supplies.
- Sabbatical budget, from Diocesan Investment Trust of \$8985.15, fixed at \$7,000, including \$2,500 sabbatical clergy salary and other expense. Remainder (\$1985.15) to go to kitchen expense. Letter written to Bishop by Wardens

THE TIME IS HERE! We begin our sabbatical today. Cathy plans to spend much of her time studying L'Arche communities both here in the US and in England. What she learns and experiences during this time will help our community of St. James' live into our mission statement, to become an inclusive community, celebrating Christ in all persons. We welcome into our family the sabbatical priests, Abby and Betsy. We look forward to being with them and a mutual sharing of the gifts that we have been blessed with.

Cathy will be missed, but we are ready. Much time and effort has been spent planning this time. The wardens, vestry, and others in our community are prepared to help in any way that is needed and are always available.

In other news, we are planning our first real family breakfast in the parish hall for next Sunday. The gas lines are in, the sinks are in, the hood and fire suppression system is in and by next Sunday, all inspections should be complete. We will have bacon, eggs and pancakes for breakfast BUT before anything is baked in our new ovens, we want to bake bread in the ovens that will help us celebrate the body of Christ. Hopefully, the bread used in our Eucharist next Sunday will come from those ovens.

Please put the **Memorial Day parade** on your calendars. We will participate again this year with a float. The parade is Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> and we plan to set up the float and get everything ready on the Saturday before. We had a great time last year and we are looking forward to an even better time this year. If you would like to add something to the float, please contact me.

We are still looking for a co-chair to fill our Outreach/Mission Strategy and a chair for hospitality committees. If you are interested in either, please contact one of the wardens to talk.

Invite a friend to church,

*Barbara White, Junior Warden*

requesting additional funds for sabbatical; through his office, a grant of \$3,000 was given.

- Publicity Committee reports new website design will be provided pro bono from contact of Paula Van Clef. We expect design to be available by September.
- The Rector is meeting with a prospective General Theological School (GTS) seminarian for placement at St. James' September 2010 to May 2011.



*Almighty and  
everliving God,  
ruler of all things in  
heaven and earth,  
hear our prayers for  
this parish family.  
Strengthen the faithful,  
arouse the careless,  
and restore  
the penitent.  
Give Cathy,  
our priest,  
and the people of St.  
James', the sabbatical  
rest and refreshment  
we need to continue  
to do your work in this  
place. Grant us all  
things necessary for  
our common life, and  
bring us all to be of  
one heart and mind  
within your holy  
Church; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.*



## Sabbatical Q & A

### *Why a sabbatical?*

From the diocese to the parish, it is recognized that priests and parishes need regular sabbatical time for refreshment and re-visioning. The mission and ministry of the church is the responsibility of the people. However, parish organization (one priest, one parish) makes that a challenge. Periodic, deliberate times of separation keep both priest and community focused on what God is calling them to do, separately and together.

### *How long is a sabbatical?*

A typical clergy sabbatical is one month for each year of service. The Diocese of Newark recommends the same, with a maximum of six months for seven years of service. Our Rector's contract provides for three months after five years of service; she is completing her ninth year with us.

### *Who will do the Rector's duties while she is away?*

Part of the sabbatical budget is used to employ a sabbatical priest to guide the liturgical and spiritual life of the parish and provide pastoral care, as well as to take on some administration. St. James' is fortunate to also have others who will volunteer as clergy supply and backup. The Wardens will assure that pastoral needs are met and that the programs and activities of this time run smoothly. They will be ably assisted by the Parish Administrator, the heart of the church office and skilled administrator.

### *What is the Rector's sabbatical plan?*

The plan is for refreshment, study and quiet. Cathy will visit and study L'Arche communities (see letter), travel to Hawaii with her family and spend time with the Community of the Holy Spirit at their convent.

May: visits to L'Arche Erie and Bluestone Farm (CHS sisters operate this sustainable living community in Brewster NY)

<http://www.chssisters.org/melrose-bluestone-farm/>

June: visit to Kona, HI, where Cathy, Ted, Alex and Vanessa will spend two weeks at a Vicarage (no priestly duties required!), graciously donated by St. Augustine's Church through a colleague Cathy met at CREDO.

July: visit to St. Deiniol's Library in England, a residential library where she can study and visit two more L'Arche communities nearby <http://www.st-deiniols.com/>

After the first two weeks, Cathy will be blogging her sabbatical, as regularly as the Spirit moves!

### *What is our sabbatical plan?*

The Wardens have expressed this in their letters; we have planned more "one service Sundays," to give you more family time; several informal gatherings simply for fellowship and fun -- pizza on the porch, movie night, bowling, -- watch for these events. Your Vestry will be visioning who we are in 2010 and where we go from here as part of Parish Development Consultant Peter Saros' work with us. Some folks have set their own personal goals for this time.



## St. James' Sabbatical Priests and Deacons

**The Rev. Jeanette Hile** is a Deacon in the Diocese of Newark, and Chaplain at the House of the Good Shepherd, where she has formed a choir and brought joy and song to the Sunday worship service which regularly draws 40-plus people. Jeanette is also Professor of Music at Seton Hall University, where she has taught for more than 30 years. Greet this ecclesiastical bundle of energy on Sunday, May 23rd!

**The Rev. Sheila Shuford**, our own beloved Deacon, has recently taught sign language here at St. James' to a standing room only crowd of 25 eager students. In April, she presented a workshop at the Enable conference, "Disability and Faith. Sheila is Chaplain at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital where she provides services to deaf and hearing patients. Sheila will preside at Holy Communion by a Deacon on May 23rd at 8 AM.

**The Rev. Abigail (Abby) Hamilton** is a regular at St. James' as she shares her precious retirement time with us. Abby is devoted grandmother and wise woman of the cloth whose life in the church demonstrates that theology and living are two sides of the same coin. Abby has been in the Diocese of Newark for all of her priesthood, which began with ordination in 1977 as one of the first women ordained in the Episcopal Church. Abby says, "It amuses me to know that I am still the canonically senior woman in the diocese :>)". We are blessed to have Abby with us May 9, 16 and 30.

**The Rev. Elizabeth (Betsy) Myers**, our sabbatical priest, comes to us straight from an interim priest position at St. Luke's in Hope. She was ordained to the diaconate in 1974 and the priesthood in 1977. She is experienced in interim and sabbatical ministry and is retired from the Diocese of Bethlehem. Betsy loves to golf, has spent time as a Dean of Women and teaching religion, and has a wicked fine sense of humor. We are so happy that Betsy is willing and available to guide us during sabbatical time. She will be presiding at the liturgy in June, July, and the first week of August, and providing pastoral care for the entire sabbatical time. Watch the calendar for our Thursday evening chapel services when Betsy will celebrate a midweek Eucharist. Betsy lists her marital status as "single, with two dogs."

## A Note About Our Liturgy

When the Worship Committee and I gather to plan our liturgical life for the summer season, we consider liturgies which will minister to our combined congregations. We all have our preferences in style and language, and we strive not only to be faithful to the people of our congregations (for after all, the liturgy is "the work of the people"), but to be welcoming to visitors who may be with us for a brief time in the summer.

Our liturgy is grounded in the Book of Common Prayer. We also recognize the need to challenge ourselves by opening ourselves to new experiences of worshipping God. For these reasons, St. James' uses alternate liturgies on fifth Sundays of the month when they occur, during the summer, and occasionally on appropriate feast days.

This summer our celebration of the Holy Eucharist will be from the tradition of the Anglican Church in New Zealand. The New Zealand Prayer Book, published in 1989, followed 25 years of revision and experimentation. Like our own Book of Common Prayer, it was developed out of a culture (theirs, a Pacific cultural setting), using the best scholarship available, and with the goal of enabling a community to pray. It is described in the Preface as "a lively book, inclusive in language, comprehensive in purpose and rich in content." As with our own Book of Common Prayer, there were those who believed the language had gone too far, and some who believed it had not gone far enough. Since the purpose of liturgy is not to protect a certain linguistic form, but to enable a community to pray, any Book of Common Prayer is time-bound and only captures a moment in the process of liturgical change.

We welcome you to join in our worship here at St. James', whether you are here every Sunday or this is your first visit. **BOLD type indicates the people's part.** We hope that in this worship, as in all worship, you find a way to experience God and respond to God's eternal love and Jesus the Christ's call to discipleship.

Faithfully yours,  
Cathy L. Deats,  
Rector



**May Dates to Remember**

May 3	Cathy Deats • Sabbatical Begins
May 5	District One Meeting • St. Luke's, Hope • 7:30 PM (7:00 PM worship)
May 9	Mother's Day • Family Breakfast • All Invited! Cooked in our recently completed kitchen
May 14	Office Closed • Parish Administrator Out of Office
May 15	Maintenance Morning • 9 AM to 12 Noon
May 17	2nd Annual Golf Outing • Minebrook Country Club
May 21	Pizza on the Porch; Young Families • Mitcham House porch • 6:00 PM
May 23	Pentecost • Children's Sabbath • 10:00 AM
May 27	Vestry meeting • Mitcham House • 7:30 PM
May 31	Memorial Day Parade

**June Dates to Remember**

June 6	Annual Picnic • Field of Dreams • Independence • One Service at 10:00 AM
June 13-Aug 29	Summer Worship • One Service at 9:00 AM
June 13	Honoring our Musicians • 9:00 AM
June 20	Honoring our Graduates • 9:00 AM



Pentecost

*Please join us this Sunday, May 2, for a special coffee hour in honor of Cathy. We will have all sorts of goodies to celebrate the beginning of our sabbatical journey. See you there.*

*Barbara White*

**Support Your Local Food Pantry**

In May, we will be collecting canned vegetables and beans for Trinity's Food Pantry. There is a collection container in the Narthex and in the Parish Hall lobby.

**Graduates**

Please submit the names of any graduates to the church office for inclusion in the June 20<sup>th</sup> celebration at the Sunday service. We want to honor Middle School, High School, College, Professional School and all other kinds of graduations! Let us know by the next Journal deadline, which is **May 24**.

Come help us honor those who are celebrating transitions in life: eighth graders going to high school, high school and college graduates, and young people entering military or police service. June 20<sup>th</sup> is the date, at the worship service at 9 AM, followed by a very special reception.

*God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they enter a new time in their lives. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

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

Spring has arrived and so has the enthusiasm for the 2nd 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.

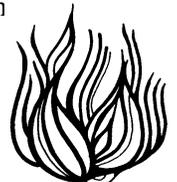
Mark your calendars now and come join us on May 17 at Minebrook.

*Dan Miller*

**Pentecost...the birthday of the church...the coming of the Holy Spirit...wind...breath...fire**

Children will be the focus of our Pentecost celebration on May 23rd at the 10 am service. The Rev. Jeanette Hile will preside, as we celebrate the Children's Sabbath with the children of the Sunday School. At the 8 AM service, The Rev. Sheila Shuford will preside and share how the Holy Spirit breathes through the halls of Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital, where she is Chaplain.

**Be sure to wear red!**



# Pentecost

**Sunday School News**

Sunday School students have had a busy month of April: singing beautifully in church on Easter Morning, having their art quilt blessed and hung in the Parish Hall, and learning about the origins of various symbols of the cross and St. Catherine of Sienna. And, we welcomed two new students: Ava, a pre-schooler, and Gerard, a first grader, which we always find exciting.

May will be our last month of Sunday School for this church school year and our last day will be on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Children's Sabbath, which falls on Pentecost. I am requesting a few special things for that Sunday: **1. Wear RED! 2. Come early: students will gather at 9:30 in the Parish Hall 3. Please bring an item for Coffee Hour.** Thanks in advance.

On behalf of the Sunday School teachers and students, we wish Cathy Deats, spiritual advisor and supporter extraordinaire, a sabbatical which meets her every need. **See you in August, Cathy!**

**May Schedule:**

- May 2<sup>nd</sup> Family Sunday-No Class
- May 9<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day- Flowers!  
Lesson: Symbols of the Eucharist
- May 16<sup>th</sup> Preparation for The Children's Sabbath
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> The Children's Sabbath  
Please arrive at 9:30  
Host Coffee Hour
- May 30<sup>th</sup> See you in church!

*Kathy Lacouture*

TJ and Ben prepare to carry the quilt out of church to its new home on the Parish Hall wall.

The boys and one of the quilt-making girls were present for the blessing



The Blessing of the Quilt  
The Children's Quilt



**Youth Group News**

Youth Group continues to meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month in the Mitcham House during the 10 o'clock service. Last month's topics included "Dealing With Problems" and "Morality". There are two meetings left in May before we break for the summer. All youth grades 6-12 are welcome.

*Dawn Modugno and Lori Pursel*

**Help Wanted -**

A new youth group coordinator for next year

Dawn and Lori are "retiring". Dawn started the Youth Group twelve years ago! Lori has been helping for at least ten of those years.

**Thank you, Dawn and Lori, for leading our teenagers in a program that has had wonderful participation, discussion topics relevant to teens and the annual 30-Hour Famine to name a few highlights of the Youth Group.**

***Thank you on behalf of all the young people you have led and from all of us!***

## Graduation News from West Point

On 22 May, I will graduate from the United States Military Academy and earn my commission as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the United States Army as Engineer Officer. I will have 60 days of, in my opinion, well earned leave prior to reporting to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri for the Engineer Officer Basic Course (EOBC). EOBC is a 17-week course designed to reinforce basic soldier skills, such as marksmanship and land navigation, and teach officers the fundamentals of combat engineering. Following completion of this course, I will move to Bamberg, Germany and serve as a platoon leader in the 18<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade.

*Thomas Malejko*



### Bell Choir "Notes"

The Bell Choir is busy preparing music for May 9 and June 13. On May 9, the choir will be ringing an arrangement of *For the Beauty of the Earth* and in June, the selection is *Scherzo*. We hope that you will enjoy hearing these pieces and that the participation of the Bell Choir adds to the worship experience. If you regularly attend the 8:00 service, you will have the opportunity to hear the choir on June 13 when there is only one service at 9:00.

A reminder to the choir members:

There will be no rehearsal after church on May 9 and May 23.

There will be no rehearsal on June 6, the day of the St. James picnic.

Rumor has it that a new, but experienced, ringer will be joining the Bell Choir in the fall. Hope the rumor is true! We are always looking for new members. If you are thinking about joining the Bell Choir, why not stop by at a rehearsal and see what ringing involves.

*Louise Olshan*

### Music "Notes"

Senior Choir continues through June 13 when we will recognize all our musicians for all the work they have put in this year and for all the beautiful music they have given us. We'll also recognize those children who sang with the Youth Choir this year. There's still time to come and sing with us before June! Join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30 in the church!

*Pam Laura*

### 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).

### Knitters' Group

We had our second get together on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall. Pam Laura, Helen Wise, Barbara Olesen, Phyllis Bartkus and myself participating.

Great strides (or should I say stitches) were made – Phyllis learned how to purl and was thrilled to see her scarf taking shape; Helen taught me something new; Pam began knitting a scarf and Barbara was crocheting away at a great speed!

Our next gathering will be on Saturday, May 1st at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall (as the Journal goes to press). If you need further information, please contact me at 908-684-3566 or email me at [frlbailey1@comcast.net](mailto:frlbailey1@comcast.net) and I will be happy to provide you with patterns, etc. The next dates planned are Thursday, May 13th (6:30 PM) and Saturday, June 1st (9:30 AM) in the Parish Hall.

If you would like to know more about the Seamen's Church Institute, please check out their website at [www.seamenschurch.org](http://www.seamenschurch.org) All knitted and crocheted items will benefit many mariners during the winter months. Donations of 4 ply, washable yarn in appropriate colors for the seamen are always welcome!

I would like to wish Cathy a safe journey as she goes on her Sabbatical and remind her to take her knitting along for those quiet moments.

*Linda Miller*

### Fundraising

We had a beautiful day for our rummage sale and there were tons of people out shopping for that very special treasure. Many found that treasure in our sale. We raised \$912.00. Thanks to everyone that donated items and thanks to all the many many folks that came out to help. It was a perfect day.

Roberta Brandt is offering Longaberger products for sale during coffee hour this week. If you are interested, please stop by her table and check out all the wonderful items that are available. Longaberger products make great gifts for any occasion and Roberta donates all of her commission on these sales to St. James'. Thanks Roberta and thank you for your support.

Our golf outing is fast approaching, May 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have not registered to golf and would like to, please complete the insert in your bulletin and turn in to the office. If you are not a golfer and would like to attend the dinner that follows that information is also on the insert. Hole sponsors are still needed and volunteers to help run the event. Please contact myself or another member of the committee, Paul and Phyllis Bartkus, Dan Miller, Brian Keane or Meg Critchley.

Invite a friend to church!

*Barbara White*



## Sheila Shuford to be Honored

The Warren County Human Relations Commission, established in 1993, throughout Warren County recently solicited nominations to recognize those individuals and businesses that have contributed to the improvement of human relations within the County.

Sheila has been selected to receive the "**BEACON**" **AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE** for "your leadership role in the St. James' Episcopal Church in your Deaf Ministry. As a champion for "embracing diversity and inclusion of all", we are very pleased that you are being honored. This award recognizes an individual who has been actively involved in an extraordinary manner to advance and promote all facets of understanding, tolerance and appreciation and acceptance of diversity in Warren County; and to an individual who has unselfishly contributed his/her time and achieved through chairing,

sponsoring or participating in, successful human relations projects, events, programs or attractions." (from the Warren County Human Relations Commission letter announcing the award)

Sheila will be honored at the 16th Annual Awards Celebration on Thursday, May 13th 4:00-6:00 P.M., at the Belvidere High School, Belvidere, NJ. The Celebration is open to the public, and there is no charge for this event. However, they must have your reservation(s) in advance since light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP by May 5th to the Warren County Human Relations Commission at 908-475-6630 (Voice Mail) or e-mail your response to [WCHRCdiversity@aol.com](mailto:WCHRCdiversity@aol.com) with the number of guests who plan to attend.

## EfM, Education for Ministry

As we leave worship on Sunday morning, we pray, "And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord."

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

But EfM is not free. It requires a willingness to examine your faith to find a deeper faith, it will take 2-4 hours of study each week (Sept.-May), 2-3 hours in

seminar each week, and \$340 per year, including textbooks (scholarships are available). It's not just for Episcopalians. The seminars are far richer with participants from other traditions. So please invite friends from other denominations to join with you.

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

There are openings available for the 2010-2011 year, beginning in September. Talk to our present students: Linda Ayres, Meg Bottomley and Joshua Buck (from Church of the Redeemer in Morristown), Peg Faust, Ellen Infante, Eileen Malejko, and Barbara White (graduating from her 4<sup>th</sup> year in June!). And plan to attend the June 20 graduation celebration and coffee hour. For more information, contact Mentor Barbara Olesen ([olesen@comcast.net](mailto:olesen@comcast.net)) or Cathy Deats (after August 8) at [cathydeats@comcast.net](mailto:cathydeats@comcast.net) or 908.850.4549.

*Cathy*

## Singles Social Gathering (SSG)

On Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, the SSG headed out to "The Golf Zone" for a game of miniature golf. The weather was overcast, but our spirits were high and we had a lot of laughs. We all took our turns....we had one hole in one, the rest.....well, lets just say it took more than two strokes for each of us to finally hit it into the hole. We started to get hungry, so we stopped at The After for some food.

We are looking forward to our future meetings. We are planning a BBQ/Cook Out on the Church of the Messiah grounds with some games like badminton and

maybe horseshoes or bocce ball after a survey of the land.

We are planning more trips. We will be keeping you posted as to what our schedule will be when all is finalized. If you are single or know of anyone who is single, and just wants to get out and have some fun, please keep the SSG in mind

I hope to see you at our next venture.

*Ellen Infante*



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## St James' Staff & Vestry

Rector: The Rev. Dr. Cathy L. Deats  
Deacon: The Rev. Sheila Shuford  
Rector Emeritus: The Rev. Clarence Sickles  
Senior Warden: Greg Malejko  
Junior Warden: Barbara White  
Treasurer: Penn Pixley  
Parish Administrator: Linda Murray  
Music Director: Pam Laura  
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