



# ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

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## Awe, Wonder and . . . Fear?

*A seminarian reflects on the power of the Eucharistic Prayer*

It has been almost eight weeks since Michelle and I were welcomed with open arms to the community at St. James'. We are both grateful to all of you for the loving and warm reception, and for taking us in as part of this wonderful community.

During these past weeks at St. James', I have experienced some of the most formational, transformational and life changing experiences in my spiritual journey. Every Thursday afternoon, I'm blessed with the opportunity of sharing these experiences with Cathy Deats. I listen to her insights and wisdom as I wrestle with emotions, feelings and the meaning of these experiences and their impact in my life. A few Sundays ago, I had a very moving and paradigm-changing experience that I would like to share.

It was a hectic Sunday at the church, the family breakfast had gathered many families and many voices in the Great Hall. I had the opportunity to observe Cathy moving from one place to another, greeting people, solving various "little things" that arose, and even having a few moments to sit down and have breakfast. I remember thinking to myself "wow, that is a lot of stuff and it's only nine in the morning".

At the ten o'clock service, I was serving as a LEM and reader. After the Psalm, as I started to prepare for the second reading, I was thrown off "rhythm" when I looked at the book and noticed that it was open to the reading from the previous week. My mind started to race - my first thought was: "This is not what is in the bulletin." For one second, I fumbled with the options of looking for the reading in the book (which I like better because of the larger print and longer sentences) or to read from the bulletin. I settled for the latter. My heart was racing! Despite several attempts, I felt that I was not able to bring my rhythm down; I felt that I had done a poor job of "emptying" my mind and walking into the reading. I did not like the way I read. Afterwards, I wondered what would have happened had I taken another five or even ten seconds to find the correct page in the book.

Those thoughts were still racing through my mind as we came to the Eucharist. I have served at the Altar multiple times in the last six years. I have done almost everything, from setting the table, to passing the pages,

to complete ablutions. What I had never done before, however, was to stand silently to the side of the celebrant with "nothing to do" but to follow along in the Eucharistic Prayer. This was a different and new perspective for me.

As Cathy started the Eucharistic Prayer B (my favorite by the way and I started to submerge myself in it, I felt a sense of awe and wonder that I have become familiar with every time I hear the Eucharist Prayer. But, at the same time I felt a sensation that I had never experienced before during the Eucharist. As I explored the feeling, I found myself saying: "I'm scared, this feeling is fear." The more I pondered on the feeling, I realized that from within the celebrant a breath of air is thrust forward becoming an instrument of the Holy Spirit. And along with the presence of the congregation,

the words of the prayer and the love and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ come all together to mediate and create a window in which then and now become one in time and space.

At that moment, I could feel that through that threshold, we become one with Christ, with the Apostles, with each and every congregation of Christians who have celebrated the Eucharist throughout hundreds of centuries;



and also one with Christians and Episcopalians who may be celebrating the Eucharist at the same moment or on the same day. Cathy had preached about the "energy or power of faith" earlier and I thought that the amount of energy that was being generated at the moment had to be magnificent, that if it could be pictured or seen it would be an incredible scene in a science fiction movie like Start Trek or Star Wars, and that if it could be seen, a part of me might feel a little scared. It also scared me to think that the celebrant is asked by God to empty his or her mind and heart of the things of this world, of the many little things going on that morning and, of the various things that may require attention after the service. How am I going to do that?

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Later, during the week as I continued to pray and wrestle with the feeling of fear, I started to compare it with the sensation of fear I feel every time I fly. No matter how many thousands of hours I have flown, every time I'm about to make the motions to lift up or to land (particularly if I'm mating a helicopter and a ship), even if every instrument is displaying the appropriate information, there is a sense of awe, wonder and fear at all that is involved in defying gravity in such a manner. I know that such a feeling has served me well throughout the years. So, perhaps this feeling is much like it, a sense of awe, wonder and fear in the presence of the incredible power of the Eucharistic Prayer, a feeling that is worth praying that I never lose.

*Rod Perez-Vega*

### Notes from the Junior Warden

*God of Hope, when Christ appears, may he not find us asleep or idle, but active in his service and ready.*

How are you involved with the doing of God's work in our community? Do you have a few hours a month to offer to one of our many ministries? St. James' has several groups or committees that are in need of leadership and help. Can you give just a little bit more? Can you help out with the stewardship committee or the youth group? How about delivering flowers to someone you have not seen in a while? Can you serve as an acolyte or lector, become an usher; a member of our prayer ministry, alter guild or the fundraising committee? There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes that make St. James' warm and welcoming. Can you see yourself filling one of these roles? We can.

Recently several people have accepted a call to do more. Peg Faust and Chika Okoye as coffee hour coordinators, Jennifer Howlin and Alicia LaForge as Sunday School coordinators. Dave Handville has stepped up to manage some of our maintenance needs, Brian Nolan is the new coordinator for Acolytes, Julia Quelly is the new coordinator for Lay Eucharist Ministers and Rick Ames has taken over Lay Visitors. Now most of these people have busy lives and jobs, and all struggle with issues of time and balancing busy schedules and families. But they also have made commitments to our community to do just a little bit more. "*Many hands make light work.*" We need your hands, your ideas, your God given time and talent to help our Parish support the needs of our community. Please help!

Invite a friend to church.

*Barbara White*  
Junior Warden

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### Warden's Words

Most months, when I receive notice of the impending Journal article deadline, I begin to wonder what the topic of my article should be. In the back of my mind I ponder the question for days: what should I write about? I try to be creative and perhaps report on something that others might not discuss in their articles. That, of course, is difficult. Writing is not one of my strong suits (perhaps that's why I became an engineer) and not one of my favorite activities. So, most months, choosing a topic and typing a few paragraphs becomes quite a struggle. It just should not be this hard!

For this month's article, I began writing about all the great activities that took place at St. James' during October. There was the Blessing of the Creatures, the Young Families Halloween Event, the Tricky Tray, the Murder Mystery Dinner and an upcoming Maintenance Morning. Any one of them would make a great topic for an article. If only I could adequately describe the event and remember to thank all the people responsible for making it possible. I'm always afraid I'm going to leave out someone that played a critical role.

For this article tonight, I wrote several pages worth of material. And then I promptly deleted it. I did learn that I can delete stuff a lot faster than I can write it! Thank God for computers with word processors! While struggling to write the article, I was interrupted several times. I gave one haircut, fixed the TV remote control and helped choose an airplane flight for a family member trying to plan a rather unusual itinerary. So, I feel like I'm qualified to do lots of different things, but writing Journal articles seems to be one I really struggle with!

Seriously, I must send a big thank you to everyone that made the Tricky Tray such a HUGE success. In addition, the Murder Mystery Dinner was incredible. Thanks to Peter and Phyllis, who did a phenomenal job creating an entertaining night for us all. For those that missed it, well, you'll just have to ask around to find out who performed the dastardly act!

*Greg Malejko*  
Senior Warden

#### December Journal articles due

**Monday, November 29**

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## November Dates to Remember

- October 30 Maintenance Morning • 9:00 to 12 Noon  
 November 7 Daylight Savings Time Ends  
 November 7 Stewardship Sunday  
 November 7 Veterans' Day Service • 12:00 Noon  
 November 18 Vestry Meeting • Mitcham House • 7:30 PM  
 November 21 Final day for Thanksgiving Food Donations  
 November 24 Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service • Panther Valley Ecumenical Church • 7:30 PM

## December Dates to Remember

- December 5 Christmas through the Arts • Port Morris United Methodist church • 4:15 PM  
 December 12 Ms. Paige Sato and The Rev. Megan Sanders Seamen's Church Institute  
 Roundtable forums 9 to 9:30 am and following the 10 am service.

### Maintenance Morning Saturday, October 30th 9 AM to 12 noon

A cup of coffee with good people, a mild physical workout (indoors or out, your choice), the satisfaction of a job well done, saving a few dollars for St. James' - who could ask for a better Saturday morning?

Gather with us for jobs for everyone. For those unafraid of (minor) heights: gutter cleaning; for the clean-house junkies, cleaning the basement in the Parish Hall; for the muscular, removing air conditioners; and for those who love the beauty of the earth, putting the garden to bed for winter while brightening it up for fall.

Dave Handville will be your expert leader!

*Come for one hour or three...you will be glad you did!*

### Stewardship Sunday November 7

*Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Support Your Local Food Pantry

The request from Trinity this month is for "PASTA, PASTA, PASTA!"

St. James' coordinator, Richard Ames, says that the collection boxes have been filled to overflowing, thanks to the generosity of all those who donate food every month.

**Did you know**.....the cost of providing the monthly family breakfast is about \$100. The breakfast crew does a fantastic job serving everyone a great meal while trying to keep expenses low! Unfortunately, donations have not been sufficient to cover all the expenses. Please donate generously at the family breakfast; just think what a similar breakfast would cost at a local restaurant or diner!

*Greg Malejko*

### St. James' Episcopal Church Honors our Fallen

St. James' will hold its Veterans' Day service on Sunday, **November 7<sup>th</sup>**, 2010. The service will begin at 12:00 PM and includes the reading of the names of U. S. soldiers who have lost their lives during this war in both Afghanistan and Iraq.

Armistice Day became Veterans' Day by an act of Congress in 1954. President Eisenhower called on the nation to remember the sacrifices of those who fought in all our nation's wars, to celebrate the contributions of all veterans of military service, and to rededicate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace. It is Eisenhower's call that remains the three-fold purpose of Veterans' Day: remembering those who fought and died, celebrating all veterans, and promoting an enduring peace.

And so on this day, we remember, we celebrate and we pray.

And we invite you to join us. Our service is continuous for as long as needed to read the more than 6,000 names. Everyone is welcome to join us for a few minutes, for a half hour or whatever you are comfortable with. Our service usually takes 5-6 hours; we read the names in 15-minute segments and separate each segment with a prayer.

*Cathy Deats*

### Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service - November 24 - 7:30 PM

at Panther Valley Ecumenical Church, 1490 Rte 517 in Allamuchy. Our preacher will be The Rev. Birda Ferguson of the First Presbyterian Church. Take some time on Thanksgiving Eve to join with other Christian congregations in Hackettstown to give thanks to God for our many blessings. Please bring a donation of nonperishable food to the Thanksgiving service.



**Offer Thanks to God by Bringing a Non-perishable Food Donation** to St. James' no later than **November 21**. The Sunday School children will assemble the baskets and they will be delivered to those in need in our area. Please be generous, and try to include cereal and protein (peanut butter, canned fish and meat) with traditional Thanksgiving goodies (stuffing, sweet potatoes, and pumpkin pie mix). Paper bags with lists of suggested items are available in the narthex and Great Hall on November 7 and 14. Is your supermarket giving you a free turkey for your shopping dollars? Please donate to St. James' and we will include it in the baskets (**NOTE: with no freezer, we cannot accept the turkeys except on that day, November 21!**) The Mission Strategy Committee also has Shoprite gift cards available to purchase and include in the Thanksgiving food collection which must be ordered by October 31st; see Paul Bartkus. Thank you for your help!



### Support Your Local Food Pantry

When I asked what Trinity's Food Pantry needs from us during November, the answer was, "PASTA, PASTA, PASTA!"

St. James' coordinator, Richard Ames, says the boxes of food have been filled to overflowing thanks to your generosity.

### Highlights of The Parish Life Committee October meeting

- Acolyte leader Brian Nolan will do inventory of acolyte robes to see where new vestments may be needed. Trever Carson has been trained and has begun to serve on the altar.
- Sunday School and Youth Group are planning a Hallowe'en celebration for October 31. The youth will lead the younger children in games and activities and all will be present in church for a special treat.
- Rod Perez, our seminarian from GTS (General Theological Seminary) is organizing a St. Nicholas celebration for the Advent season.
- Giving Tree will be set up in the upper level overlooking the lobby. Sunday School will create decorations to accompany the gifts.
- Music is working on an organ / bell choir piece for Christmas.



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### How will you spend your "extra" hour?

As daylight savings time ends, we are given the gift of an hour when we push the clocks back to gain daylight in the morning.

How will you spend that hour?

Perhaps I will sit on the front steps and drink in the beauty of nature; the stunning fall colors, changing garden landscape and scurrying chipmunks.

Perhaps I will turn off my television for one hour.

Perhaps I will call that friend I have not seen in awhile or send a card to cheer someone.

Perhaps I will catch up on my sleep.

Perhaps I will start that new book.

The list is long, but certainly I can find some way to mark the time.

I might look through the stewardship info from St. James' (it arrives to mark the day of the extra hour...) and see where I might spend some time to build up the community I love.

### Got Talent?

In the kingdom of God, talent can be described as gift, special skill, or ability...some might say the willingness to serve is a talent in itself. As you think about how your talent might help our community, check out some folks who are finding theirs:

**Chika Okoye** and **Peg Faust** have taken on coordinating coffee hour. We know you will help them by signing up for a Sunday of bringing goodies! (*signups are on the table outside the Great Hall main doors*)

**Brian Nolan** is our Acolyte Leader, who will guide our young people (and adults!) in service in the sanctuary. Brian also is a great photographer and has gifted us with great pictures of the Murder Mystery and Tricky Tray. **Jewels Quelly** is our Lay Eucharistic Minister Leader. Her enthusiasm and willingness to serve will keep this dedicated corps of folks connected and energized.

**Pete Huryk** and **Phyllis Heistand** have shared their creative talents with us in two fantastic productions of Murder Mystery extraordinaire. Their gifts this year brought so much joy and laughter to us!

**Richard Ames** takes on the responsibility of making sure our altar flowers get to folks at home. You can help by being a visitor, either on a regular basis (notify the office) or if you are free one Sunday on an as-needed basis.

These are only a few people discerning the ways they can contribute. We know there are many more, including those who are in the process of claiming a ministry or trying one out.

*If you notice someone with talent, notify the editor:*

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Cathy Deats

## Sunday School News

This year's Sunday School class includes a great group of children and dedicated teachers. All children from Pre-K (age 4) up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend. We meet in the Parish Hall during the 10AM service every Sunday except for Family Sunday (the first Sunday of the month). Godly Play lessons are taught to the children, which includes a story, craft, and a feast.

We had a Halloween Party on Sunday, October 31. Several stations were set up for the children to enjoy some Halloween fun as well as a craft to "Decorate Your Own Treat Bag". Children and teachers paraded through the Church where Cathy spoke to the children and gave them treats. Then we paraded around the block where members of the youth group were stationed with treats for the children. In essence, the children went trick-or-treating around the block.

We have many exciting activities coming up during the holidays. The children will be working on a project to sort donated food to create Thanksgiving baskets for families in need. Also, Pam Laura has already begun working with the children to prepare a special song for the Christmas season, which the children will sing in Church. Check out the Sunday School bulletin boards in the Parish Hall to see pictures of the children and information on upcoming activities.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help teach and assist with the classes. If you are interested please contact Jennifer Howlin or Alicia LaForge.

### Sunday School Schedule

November 7<sup>th</sup> Family Sunday  
 November 14<sup>th</sup> SS Lesson – The Good Shepherd  
 November 21<sup>st</sup> Thanksgiving Baskets  
 November 28<sup>th</sup> SS Lesson – Advent Activity

*Alicia LaForge*

### The St. James' Giving Tree

Advent will soon be here. It is during Advent that the Mission Strategy Committee puts up The Giving Tree. **It will be in place in the upper hallway from Moore Street in the Parish House** for the First Sunday in Advent, **November 28<sup>th</sup>**.

The gifts from this year's Giving Tree will be used to help two local families, one in Hackettstown and one in Allamuchy. The school's nurse or social worker chooses the families and their identities are kept confidential.

If you wish to supply a gift, take a candy cane from the tree. Attached to the candy cane are two paper strips. One has a copy of these instructions. The other has the name of the gift and some identifying information that we need in order to match each present with a child. Please print your name in the space under "Your Name"

## Young Families Group Make Ready for Halloween

The Young Families Group spent a beautiful Sunday afternoon making scarecrows for decorations for Hallowe'en. Donated old clothes, a few pillowcases and a bale of hay quickly became a virtual family of scarecrows. Check out the one they made for the Mitcham House lawn! As they worked, ideas flew back and forth for the next events: keep your eyes open for a movie night and/or game night to be announced!



Hayden, Emma, Daniel, Dylan, Millie  
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and tear the tag at the fold. Place the piece with your name in the red box that is placed by the tree. Enjoy the candy cane. As the candy canes are chosen, they are replaced with red bows.

When you have purchased the gift, please wrap it and re-tape the tag on the wrapped gift. Again, this is how we will identify each present so that it can be matched to a child.

Return the present to St. James by **December 19** and place under the tree. We need to have the presents collected that early in order to coordinate with the schools.

Thank you for your help in this outreach and have a contemplative Advent and a Merry Christmas.

*Paul Bartkus*



## Adult Choir News

Well, so far, our advertisements for new members to form the Anthem Choir have not drawn any new members. While we are a little disappointed, we continue to patiently wait for school schedules to settle in, etc.!

Our next time for anthem Choir participation would be during Advent and Christmas Eve. You don't have to do both but we would love to have a few more singers to join us when we sing Advent Lessons and Carols at the 10am service on the Sunday before Christmas. We'd also love to have a few more voices join us at either the 7pm or 11pm Christmas Eve service...or both! Please consider lending your voice during the upcoming Advent or Christmas season!!

Remember, the Anthem Choir wears no robes, sits in the pews until it is time to sing then returns to the pews after, will always sing downstairs, does require attendance at Thursday evening rehearsals and pre-service rehearsal on Sunday mornings, helps us better worship God and enhance the overall worship experience for the rest of the congregation!

So, it is never too late to join! Try it! We think you'll like it! Thursday evenings at 7:30 in the church!

## Youth Choir News

The Youth Choir has started working on their piece for Port Morris and Christmas Eve. This year they are singing 'Go Tell It on the Mountain' and will be signing the song as well as singing it!

Important dates to remember:

**Sunday, Dec. 5 – 10 am service** – Youth Choir sings their piece during the 10am service in church.

**Sunday, Dec. 5 at 4:15** - The Youth Choir will participate again this year in the Story of the Nativity Through the Arts Program at the Port Morris United Methodist church on Sunday Dec. 5. Performers should arrive at Port Morris at 4:15 and may leave after they have performed (program starts at 5 pm). Our Youth Choir is always a hit at Port Morris, so don't miss it this year!

**Friday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)** 4:00 pm rehearsal, service at 4:30pm – Youth Choir sings during the offering collection.

## Vestry Hi-lites from October meeting

- The Vestry resolved the dispute between St. James' and Rochelle Contracting through mediation.
- The Tricky Tray netted \$8126.25 for St. James' mission and ministry. The Fundraising Chairperson recognized the leaders of the group of many who served: Ann Dutton, the Huryks, Barbara Olesen, Ellen Infante. The Vestry recognized the leadership of Barbara White.
- We have welcomed new leadership for Acolytes (Brian Nolan) and Lay Eucharistic Ministers (Jewels Quelly). Our website, listservs and email communications news will be led by DJ Hoffman and Linda Ayres.
- The Rector will be away from November 7 to 11 to reconnect with CREDO classmates in Asheville, North Carolina.

## Bell Choir "Notes"

The Bell Choir participated in the worship service on October 24. The piece was based on the famous tune, *Tallis' Canon*, which is used for several hymns in the hymnal. A canon is also known as a round, a piece in which one group begins later than another. Midway through the Bell Choir arrangement, the tune was played as a round.

The Bell Choir happily welcomed another new ringer, Roberta Brandt. I have mentioned that I am flexible in meeting the schedules of participants. For the October piece, ringers included David Bernauer, Jim Brandt, Meredith Firman, Pam Laura, Dawn Modugno, Brian Nolan, Chika Okoye, Sam Olshan, Jewels Quelly and Helen Wise. For Advent, Jewels Quelly will not be available, but Roberta Brandt will be ringing, along with Katie Lacouture who is returning to Bell Choir after some school-related responsibilities this fall. For Christmas Eve, Jim and Roberta Brandt will be unavailable. If her schedule allows, Jewels Quelly is considering rejoining the Bell Choir for an Epiphany piece to be played in February.

It is most enjoyable for me to work with this dedicated and hardworking group.

It is certainly not too early to start thinking about Advent. Please join the ringers who will be participating in the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas through the Arts program at the Port Morris United Methodist Church. This year the program will be held on December 5 at 5:00 p.m. It offers a unique opportunity to relax and focus on the seasons of Advent and Christmas and to hear the Good News through song, signing, dramatic readings, ringing and other art forms. Along with the ringers, the St. James' Youth Choir and St. James' Players will also be participating.

On December 12, the Bell Choir will again be part of the Lessons and Carols Service at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Montclair. This service will also begin at 5:00 and offers a chance to hear lessons from the scriptures foretelling the birth of Christ and God's love for His people.

*Louise Olshan*



## "Yarn Twisters" Knitting/Crocheting Group

The St. James' "Yarn Twisters" Knitting/Crocheting Group continues to meet twice monthly. We have gathered a wonderful collection of scarves, caps and vests for the "Christmas at Sea" program, as well as crocheted squares donated by the ladies knitting group at the House of the Good Shepherd which will be made into a blanket. Recently I laid out all the items and took some photos. The photos do not do the "sea" of hats, scarves, vests, etc. justice!



On going through the various bags left in the Parish Hall, I found little notes attached to various items – several ladies from Heath Village have knitted/crocheted items; Mary Pachnas – to date seven vests, several scarves and caps; Nancy DuVal also donated some items; and Essie Cox knitted a scarf. The count so far is 21 caps, 33 knitted scarves, 27 crocheted scarves, 7 vests as previously mentioned and still we have items being finished up in time for Paige Sato and a Chaplain to take with them on December 12<sup>th</sup> when they will visit St. James'! I hope they bring a large vehicle with them! We are also collecting the following items to include in the package. There is a box covered in red and white Christmas paper located in the Paris Hall for items.

- Unscented, Hypoallergenic Hand Lotion (2-4 oz bottles)
- Sealed Packages of Holiday Sweets
- Books or Activities like Sudoku, word searches, or playing cards
- Facial Tissue
- Microwave Popcorn
- Chewing Gum
- Handmade Christmas Cards
- Gently used men's coats
- National Geographic magazines

*All items must be in new and unused condition and in their original packaging. We cannot accept items that are used or unsealed.*

*Linda Miller*

## Coming in December

The Yarn Twisters have been cranking out caps and scarves; the people have been collecting travel-size toiletries and scouring their attics for old National Geographic Magazines; the call has gone out for coats for seamen who find themselves in our cold environment from tropical climates. Can a visit from the Seamen's Church Institute be far behind?

Be sure to be with us **Sunday, December 12**, when we will welcome Ms. Paige Sato, Program Director of "Christmas at Sea" and The Rev. Megan Sanders, Chaplain at Port Newark and Tri-State Church Coordinator, to bring the mission of SCI to life for us. Paige and Megan will host a roundtable forum from 9 to 9:30 am and another following the 10 am service.

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.

*Cathy Deats*



## Meet MaryAnn Simmons

MaryAnn Simmons was born and raised in Garfield, NJ. She was active in all kinds of sports. She attended Montclair majoring in English and Education. MaryAnn grew up Roman Catholic and she and Jim were married in Holy Name in 1993.

MaryAnn and Jim have a son Justin, 15. Rounding out the family is Press, a retired Greyhound who they adopted 4 years ago.

MaryAnn currently teaches at Wallkill Regional High School where she is an English teacher. She just completed her 26<sup>th</sup> year of teaching! In her spare time, MaryAnn likes to read, travel and spend time with family. She is currently serving on the Hackettstown Board of Education. She was also a recreational coach in Hackettstown for many years!

MaryAnn is an usher at St. James' and helps out with the Backpack program. You can find her working on and attending St. James' Fundraising events.

It's not hard to imagine that MaryAnn marched with the Garfield Cadet Drum and Bugle Corp-talk to her about it!

*Roving Reporter Barbara Olesen*



**Fundraising News**

Can you believe we have five tricky trays under our belts! Our biggest and most profitable fundraiser of the year has come and gone and once again your gifts of time, talent and treasure made it a huge success. The Tricky Tray raised \$10,064.00! EVERYONE is to be congratulated but there are a few folks that really step up during the months before this fundraiser and give many, many hours of their time and talent to making this a special event. Barbara Olesen, Anne Dutton, Ellen Infante and Gerri Huryk are the core of the tricky tray team. We start months in advance meeting once sometimes twice a week planning and organizing, sending out letters, calling on merchants and asking for donations. Barbara Olesen and Anne Dutton work their magic creating baskets, while Ellen Infante and Gerri Huryk wrap and tie ribbons on them making them beautiful. Gerri organizes the kitchen and the desserts. And Peter Huryk, where does he get his energy? Everyone loves Peter and for five years he has entertained our guests calling the winning tickets and helping to make everyone's night memorable.

Each year we make a donation to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Budd Lake Firehouse for the use of their kitchen. We use their ice machine, their coffee pots and their ovens. This year they returned our check as a donation to St. James'. The Budd Lake Firehouse has been home to our tricky tray each year and we would like to say a special thanks to Jerry Sheard for all his help. The firehouse hosts progressive bingo every Sunday night and I hear they have some pretty nice jackpots. If you like bingo, please support the Budd Lake Firehouse.

Our year is almost over but we still have a couple of ideas for raising a few more dollars. Keep an eye on the bulletin for what, when and where.

Thank you all for your tremendous support.

*Barbara White*

**Blessing of the Animals**

Visitors to the Blessing of the Creatures at St. James' Episcopal Church in Hackettstown included an assortment of dogs and a horse. In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, blessings of each creature were offered by The Rev. Dr. Cathy L. Deats, Rector of St. James'. The assembly celebrated with prayers and stories of how their pets were a blessing to them. Refreshments were enjoyed by all creatures and donations of pet food, toys and supplies were collected for Noah's Ark Shelter in Ledgewood.



*More Tricky Tray photos on page 10*

**Kitchen Update**

Although our kitchen is functional and serving our community well, there are several items still on our wish list. Just like in your kitchen at home, we want to make our Parish kitchen welcoming, easy and fun to work in. Any items that make cooking and cleaning up easy for you would do the same for someone preparing breakfast or a dinner at St. James'. Some of these items are on the expensive side and some not so much. Our original plans included a double door refrigerator, a small upright freezer and a dishwasher and we continue to search for a great deal on new or used items. We ask that if you hear of something, let us know. A closing restaurant or deli, a business that is updating their equipment, you never know what we might find. Of course, if you are interested in funding one of these items, that would be huge. The breakfast committee tells me that a small upright freezer should be on the top of this list. A freezer would allow purchases of some items in bulk and save money on the cost of providing breakfast.

Other items needed to complete the kitchen include stainless steel shelving and work tables, drying racks for the dishes, a hanging pot rack, an island to be used both as a prep counter and storage and a cart and plastic tubs for collecting dishes. Most of these items can be purchased at Sam's Club or one of several local restaurant supply stores.

*Barbara White*



Ellen Infante and Peg Pfaff with Shilah, unidentified horse and rider  
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# Booked By Murder

By Brian R Nolan Jr.  
Staff Reporter for "Dig'Em Up Newspaper"  
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HACKETTSTOWN- A deadly turn of events occurred at St. James' Celebrity Roast on October 23, when OG Devlin Stone was killed during the middle of the ceremony. It was later found that DJ Hoffman was the killer. After a fight with Maxwell Smart, DJ was taken into custody citing that the reason he wanted OG dead was because he had written a book called, "The Perfect Murder" which was rejected only to be turned into another book written by OG called, "Who's Trying to Kill Rev. Cathy Deats?" Appalled and wanting revenge, DJ knew that OG was "a dangerous con man who needed to be killed before he became a threat to national security" using the ideas in the book. Hence, "he, DJ, would be a hero and save our country."



Mystery Fan Club Presidents: DJ Hoffman, David Olesen, John McKinney, Dan Miller, Ted Deats, Eddie Modugno (writer), Phyllis Heistand, and O G Devlin Stone, Cathy Deats; CSI agent Rod Perez-Vega, Greg Malejko; detective DJ; O G is dead! Barbara Olesen and Eileen Malejko; O G's gifts and awards; creator, director Pete Huryk; Pam Laura shows blow dart gun to Cathy; Meredith Firmin and photographer Brian Nolan; accused DJ takes Eileen hostage, Greg and DJ duel, Greg saves the day and Eileen!

Blessing of the Animals, Young Families Make Scarecrows, Tricky Tray



**Blessing of the Animals:** Justin Simmons & Press, mobile blessing for Sugar White, unidentified horse & rider, Tanya & Pauline Volkert with Richard. • *Photographer MaryAnn Simmons*  
**Young Families Build Scarecrows:** Dylan; Millie; Cathy visits; Wanda; Jennifer Howlin, Emma, Michael Howlin;  
**Tricky Tray:** Eddie Modugno; Anne Dutton; Barbara Olesen • *Photographers Alicia LaForque, Brian Nolan*

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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  
 Organist: Louise Olshan  
 Sexton: Pauline Volkert

**Vestry:**

Richard Ames Ron Cipriani  
 Dave Handville DJ Hoffman  
 David Lacouture Dan Miller  
 Peter Quelly Martha Travostino  
 Paula Van Clef



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