

ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

THE REV. DR. CATHY L. DEATS, RECTOR

MARCH 2013

When my son was about eight years old, he began to use the telephone. Remember, this was the olden days of corded phones, with the main household phone being a wall-mounted unit in the kitchen. One of the first calls he received was from a neighborhood boy asking him to come to a birthday party. As Alex was talking details of who would be there and what the favors were to be, I observed him. He held the phone to his ear with one hand, twirled the phone cord with the other, as he walked back and forth across the kitchen. I was stunned into jaw-dropping stillness. There he was: a picture of *me* on the phone!

Who has not observed similar resemblances among family members? The way a person smiles, a walk, a particular gesture, the tilt of the head. It is not as much about looks as about action, behavior. We all know the old tongue-in-cheek saying, “do as I say, not as I do.” And we all know that’s not how it works. Whether you believe the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree, or actions speak louder than words, you know for sure that the great majority of the ways we learn to behave come from imitation.

The apostle Paul knows this. He tells us time and again that the key to experiencing real, authentic Christian life is by imitating Jesus.

Lots of the things we imitate are innocent, such as a Jersey accent or the way one holds a fork, or even seeing your child as your own “mini-me.” But others are deeper and have lasting effects. Our work ethic, our attitude toward spouse and kids, and even our church attendance are things we pick up from others. Even things like prejudice, intolerance or discontent can be the byproduct of conformity to the bad behavior of those around us.

We are what we imitate. Each of us is a combination of influences resembling many people in our past and present. We conform to the image of others, even as others are conforming to us.

This understanding brings great power to the words of Paul in the letter to the Philippians. He gives a loving but firm command, one we’ve heard him offer time and again in his letters to the church. “Brothers [and sisters], join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us” (Phil. 3:17, ESV). Paul knows that imitation is the way to go and that we are creatures of conformity. What Paul is telling the Christians of Phillipi, and what he is telling us is this: “You’re going to copy. You’re going to mimic someone’s steps and mirror someone’s movements when it comes to learning the Christian life. That’s how it is for human beings. So if you’re going to imitate somebody, go ahead and imitate me. Follow me as I follow Jesus.” True words, even if Paul had no problem with a weak ego.

Paul would have loved what went on here at St. James’ last weekend. We hosted the 30 Hour



Famine, when young people fast for 30 hours and gather for an overnight together to learn about hunger, to feel it, and to do service projects for the larger community. Nine young people from St. James’ and The Church of the Assumption played a team game where we learned about

life in places where even to go in search of food and water is dangerous. We spent a good part of Saturday at the Sussex County Food Pantry, packing bags, stocking shelves and sweeping floors. We did some chores around the church, including polishing the bells for the bell choir, which feeds our souls. Others helped to prepare the common meal to break our fast.

Let me tell you who these young people had to imitate:

- † Two priests, who led the exercises and organized the time and logistics. They helped us learn more about hunger and what Jesus wants us to do about it.

- † A family man with plenty on his own plate who slept on the floor and participated in the games and education.
- † A mom, likewise with plenty to do, who shopped for the ingredients and cooked soup to break our fast. Oh, and she made three trays of brownies too.
- † People who donated money to the young people for hungry children.
- † Parents of the young people who transported and supported them in this experience, some fasting along with their children.
- † A youth minister who lives her ministry with young people every day, who led them more deeply into their conversations and worked alongside them at the food pantry.
- † The director of the food pantry, who already spends much more time than required at her job, opening the pantry so that we could learn and have an opportunity to serve.
- † A volunteer at the food pantry, who gently taught the young people what life is like when you cannot feed your children, and how to help.

The Scriptures tell us that as we imitate the likes of Paul, as we learn from the faith and life of our baptized brothers and sisters around us, the end result is a community of people who resemble Jesus. Jesus, who in his living and breathing, in his walking and talking, in his healing and loving, became our example. Paul also tells us that as baptized disciples of Jesus, we have begun a lifelong journey of being conformed to the image of Jesus. That is, we will slowly but surely start acting like him, loving like him and resembling him.

May it continue to be so.

Yours in the walk,

Cathy +

**For Weekly Announcements and what's happening at St. James' visit our webpage:
stjameshackettstown.org
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From the Wardens

Once again I would like to thank Dave Handville, Peter Quelly and Dan Miller for their service and welcome Ann Edens, Barbara Olesen and Chika Okoye to Vestry; I am looking forward to working with you and all our Vestry members in the New Year.

While we continue to work on Parish growth, this year we have some questions to answer. What is our vision for the future of St. James'? How do we support our mission and ministry? How are we going to support our mortgage?

I think we start by each of us deciding what our individual vision is for the future of St. James', and then ask yourself what is God calling YOU to do.

We are in the process of building new leadership and growing financially but we can't do this without you. I invite you to share your thoughts. What do you see happening at St. James'. What ministries would you like to see? How do you see us supporting ministry, how do you see us paying the mortgage? Email me, send a letter, call or just talk to me during coffee hour.

Invite a friend to church!

Barbara

Junior Warden

As someone who runs early in the morning before work, I've been waiting patiently all winter long for the sun to rise early again. For many months now, the summer's carefree days when I could do miles before work in bright sunlight have been gone for sometime. The cold and darkness of winter mornings have been completely different and challenging. Being connected to this undeniable rhythm has been quite an experience.

Since I refused to run in the dark, sometimes there has been simply no time to go running before work. I would stare out from my garage into the darkness ready to go and hoping for the first glimmers of light. But sometime the light came too late for me to do the run I wanted to do that day. It truly put me in my place and I was humbled.

But despite this, I knew there was hope and change was coming in the form of spring and earlier sunrises. I knew this on a scientific level of course but I also anticipated and cherished it as something more meaningful to me. It was something I experienced deeply when I first began running early last spring. It was emotional and life changing to wake-up and hit the road so early.

I not only knew change was coming, I "felt" it. When people would complain about the cold, the snow or the weather in general all winter, I would never, ever complain. Why? Because, no matter how cold or stormy the days, I knew that each day, behind the clouds, the sun was rising just a little bit earlier. It was slow, but indeed earlier and I was patient. I always maintained my never ceasing hope that the reality of darkness would end and I would bound from my garage at 6:30 am to take on the world once again(something, by the way, I did early on Feb 26th!)

My year of running has revealed to me many things spiritual that I never anticipated. I learned of the beauty and wonders of creation right in our backyards. I've learned to appreciate and practice a greater degree of patience, hope and trust on both a physical and psychological level. And of course a better understanding of the gift of life itself and all our loved ones who surround and support us.

As Easter approaches and I see the all of us at St. James' prepare for this special season, I find parallels to my year-long running journey. The trials of darkness into the light of the Resurrection; the patience of Lent; the quiet comfort knowing that there is hope and strength in our faith when others may unfortunately may not have a sense of the gift of faith. The celebration that comes with overcoming darkness. And finally, never taking God's love or gifts for granted. Increasingly, it is all making more sense to me. It is all connected as it should be.

Dave Lacouture



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Fundraising Committee

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner was a very nice success, raising \$340 to start the year off. We have since kicked off the Easter Candy sale, catalogs are available in the Parish Hall and orders are due March 10th.

We are trying a new fundraiser, the "[Scrip Pro](#)" gift card program. This fundraiser works along the same lines as the Shop-Rite gift cards. You place your order including payment the second Sunday of the month and your cards are delivered 2 weeks later. You will find a list of local participating stores and restaurants in your bulletin or you can go to http://www.scrippro.com/docs/merchant_list.pdf for a complete list. Participants include IHOP, Kohl's, LL Bean, Amazon.com, Best Buy, Starbuck's, Dunkin Donuts, Wal-Mart, Shell and many more. St. James' receives a percentage of each card sold; percentages do vary and are listed. Of course gift cards make the best gifts, always sure that someone gets exactly what they wanted and in the right size. With graduations rapidly approaching now is the time to buy but there is always a birthday or anniversary, a new baby, Mother's or Father's Day or a wedding when you will need just the right gift.

Another way to participate in this fundraiser is your day to day purchases: you know you need ink for that printer, so get a Staples card. How many trips do you make to Wal-Mart in a month? Buy some Wal-Mart cards so you are always

prepared. Are you planning a home improvement project? Lowes and Home Depot are both available. Drugstores, Hallmark, Coldstone Creamery, -- they are all available. Planning a trip? Need gas? Going to the movies? And let's not forget our pets (Pet Smart) or crafts for the kids (Michael's is there too). I could go on and on (and I have!) but just check out your bulletin or go to the website for a complete list. **Note: This fundraiser does not include Shop Rite gift cards; you will still need to see Paul Bartkus for those.**

Orders are due March 10th. Please make your checks payable to St. James' FRC, and place your orders by completing the order form on the back of the flyer in your bulletin and giving them to a member of the FRC. If you have any questions talk to Anne Dutton, Barbara Olesen, Ellen Infante or myself and we will be glad to help.

Our annual Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner will be held on Sunday, March 10th, the same day as the Hackettstown St. Patrick's Day Parade from 4pm – 7pm. The cost for dinner is \$10. per person with kids under 10 eating free. Come out and walk with us in the parade and join us for dinner. If you are available to help with the dinner let me know, there will be a sign up sheet in the parish hall.

Our golf outing is scheduled for May 20th, we will once again play the Farmstead Golf and Country Club in Lafayette, NJ. The golf outing committee is hard at work making plans for this event. We invite you to play, join us for dinner afterwards or sponsor a sign or all of the above! If you know someone that has a business ask them to sponsor a sign, the cost for a business is only \$100 or maybe you know someone that would like to provide a gift certificate as a prize, we encourage you to ask everyone to support this event.

Thanks to everyone for all your support, I am looking forward to another great year in fundraising!

Invite a friend to Church

The Fundraising Committee

Special Events Committee

On behalf of the Special Events Committee, thank you for coming out and helping out at the January Epiphany Feast. It was a warm and pleasant way to spend a cold January Saturday evening: fellowship, food, song, and prayer, in no particular order.

Our lively committee generally meets on the third Wednesday of the month in the Mitcham House at 7pm and we are always happy to have new members. Currently we are planning to gather a group of parade walkers on March 10th to participate in the annual Hackettstown St. Patrick's Day Parade. If you would like to join the group, meet us at the Mitcham House at 2:30pm on the 10th. Our goal is to collect peanut butter and spread the news of the good work being done at St. James'. All ages welcome!

If you have an idea for an event please feel free to come to our next meeting on 3/13/13 (the second Wednesday this month due to Easter timing) OR talk to Cathy Deats,

Barbara White, or
Kathy/Dave Lacouture.

Kathy Lacouture

Thirty Hour Famine Participants At Sussex Country Food Pantry

Mere words simply cannot convey the gratitude felt by the staff at Social Services, the Food Pantry Volunteers and the countless number of residents who are blessed to receive food through the good work of the 30 Hour Famine participants.

The participants and adult mentors, among other tasks, filled snack bags full of tea, mustard and salt, gallon bags with cat and dog food and brown paper bags full of bar soap. They also assembled and filled bags with food for families, adults and homeless adults who do not have the ability to cook.

St. Mary's Church teens with coordinator Lisa Valentino joined Justin Simmons, Drew Lacouture, Linda Deloreto, Dave Lacouture, and Cathy Deats from St. James' to form the excellent work teams who accomplished so many needed tasks within the food pantry. The universal cooperation, enthusiasm and overall genuine desire to make a difference in the life of someone less fortunate was clearly revealed by the smiling faces of each and every person involved and was truly something special to behold. Excitement and good will permeated the atmosphere and created a memorable experience for all. To give is to receive; this project has provided a wonderful living example of this concept.

Sussex County Social Services and the Food Pantry Volunteers thank everyone once again for your time, efforts and contribution toward our mission to end hunger.

Carol Novrit



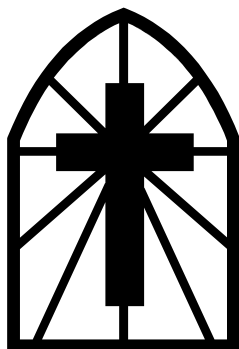
Vestry Hi-Lites

From the February Meeting

- ◆ The Vestry reviewed a grant application to the Ward J Herbert Foundation of the Diocese of Newark for monies to assist in replacement of the church gutter system; this is the last major repair / replacement of exterior church work
- ◆ Plans were made for the Vestry Retreat March 15-16; the major work will be examining roles and responsibilities of the Vestry and clergy, and beginning new work on addressing payment of the mortgage
- ◆ The Vestry welcomed new members Ann Edens, Chika Okoye and Barbara Olesen
- ◆ The Vestry is seeking persons for two important jobs related to Vestry: Clerk, who attends each Vestry meeting and takes minutes and Treasurer, who performs finance functions. [Carol Novrit, Assistant Treasurer, is Interim Treasurer, and Ellen Infante is bookkeeper.] Please notify the Rector or a Warden (Barbara White, David Lacouture) if you have some skill and/or willingness to assist us. The finance system has been recently converted to a very manageable system and is undergoing a streamlining of tasks.

Ashes To Go

The parking lot of Home Towne Hardware was the site of a St. James' outpost for the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday. Linda Ayres, Pam Laura, Jeanette Hile and Cathy Deats hosted the time of ashes, prayer and resources for Lent with some 20 - 25 people. Thanks to Stewart and Elaine Ginsburg for their hospitality to us and the community!



Adult Confirmation

Are you an adult who would like to make a formal commitment to The Episcopal Church? Or have you been a confirmed Episcopalian for a while, and want to make a re-affirmation of your faith?

Please contact the Rector immediately in order to be included in our discussion of and preparation for a deeper life of faith.

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Maintenance Morning - Time for spring



cleaning and getting ready for Easter! Come enjoy satisfying work, coffee, and great company while we clean up the grounds, make the building beautiful, and do minor repairs. All ages and skill levels welcome to work with Dave Handville and Pete Gartelmann.

Saturday, March 23rd, 9 AM to noon -- come join us for all or part of the time!

The Blood Drive yielded 8 donors and 6 successful donations. Numbers are



down due to our regular donors who were not ready to give again yet, as well as the attack of numerous cold viruses and flu.

Watch for our next drive coming soon!

Seeking Clerk and Treasurer

Please notify the Rector or a Warden (Barbara White, David Lacouture) if you have some skill and/or willingness to assist us



Music Notes

Sr. Choir

Holy Week/Easter – calling any returning college singers and “just-for-Easter” singers!

Now is a great time to join us for one or more of our Holy Week dates! We have Palm Sunday on 3/24/13 at the 10AM service, Easter Vigil on 3/30/13 at 7:30pm (rehearsal is 6:30 or 6:45pm) and the 8am and/or the 10am services on Easter morning. You don't have to process and sit with the choir for the whole service; you can just join us for the anthem! Rehearsals are Sunday mornings at 8:30AM in the Mitcham House living room. If you are coming to sing for these special services, come around 8:45.

Bishop's Visit

We are also welcoming any extra singers who can join us for the Bishop's visit on Sunday, April 7, 2013! Rehearsals are at the same time as noted above for the Holy Week/Easter music rehearsals.

Youth Choir

Our Youth Choir will again sing at the 10am Easter service. Rehearsals are underway during Sunday School.

Birthday Hymns

Keep those Birthday Hymn requests coming! Forms are still in the back of the church.

Pam Laura

BELL CHOIR "NOTES"

After a quiet and relaxing month of January, the St. James' Multi-Generational Bell Choir is very busy again.

After participating in the 10:00 service on February 10, the bells accompanied the Communion Hymn on Ash Wednesday at the 7:30 PM service and also at the 10:00 services on February 17 and 24.

The bells will continue to do the accompaniment when possible through the Sundays of Lent. A very sincere thank you to all the ringers who are sharing this work. St. James' is truly blessed to have such a dedicated group of ringers.

In addition the Bell Choir will be ringing at the 10:00 service on March 17 and then again on April 7. The Bell Choir may also participate in the Maundy Thursday service.

As always, we hope that our ringing adds to your worship experience.

Louise Olshan

Bell Choir Thank You

A very sincere thank you to the youth of both St. James' and Church of the Assumption and their adult leaders for polishing the bells. The bells were polished as part of the work done during the 30-Hour Famine.

When I opened the cases on Sunday morning and started to remove the bells, there was no doubt that they were a lot cleaner and shinier than a week earlier.

Thank you for this work. It is very appreciated by all the members of the Bell Choir.

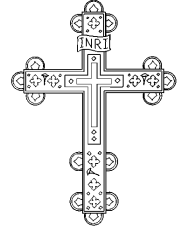
Louise Olshan

We wanted to share Tom's address for Afghanistan-

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541st EN CO, 307th EN BN
Camp Leatherneck
APO, AE 09372

Eileen & Greg Maljeko

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT ST. JAMES'
MARCH 24 - 31



SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH – Palm Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Communion/Blessing of the Palms
10:00 AM Holy Communion/Palm Procession

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH

7:30 PM *Tenebrae*
In the quiet of the church, we read by candlelight the story of God's redemption. As the night progresses, the candles are extinguished and we remember the darkness of the tomb in which Jesus was buried.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH

6:00 PM *Agape meal – a meal shared in the tradition of the Last Supper*
7:30 PM *Holy Eucharist & Foot Washing*
9:00 PM *Vigil* Chapel open all night to keep Vigil from 9:00 PM until 11:00 AM on Friday.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH

12:00 PM *Ecumenical Service at Panther Valley Ecumenical Church*
7:30 PM *Stations of the Cross*

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH

12:00 PM *Chapel Service*
7:30 PM *The Great Vigil of Easter with Holy Baptism*

EASTER DAY, MARCH 31ST

8:00 AM *Feast of the Resurrection Holy Eucharist*
10:00 AM *Feast of the Resurrection Holy Eucharist*

*ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN!
THE LORD IS RISEN INDEED; ALLELUIA!*

Journal Deadlines

please mark your calendars for
upcoming issues:

April 1 APRIL EDITION
April 28 MAY EDITION
May 26 JUNE EDITION
June 30 JULY EDITION



Groceries for hungry families at Easter will be collected on March 10 and 17; bags are available in the Great Hall and the rear of the church.

Please be generous, as you always are



Healing Service in the Chapel

Thursday nights in Lent

March 7, 14, 21

7 PM

Life at St. James'


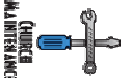





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In Christ's Name

MARCH 2013

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| <p>10  Daylight-Saving Time Begins 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM CHOIR REHEARSAL 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 3:00 PM ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 4:00 PM ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER</p> | <p>11 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center</p> | <p>12 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center 10:00 AM Literacy Tutoring 6:45 PM PRAYING THE BOX 7:00 PM EFM - EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY</p> | <p>13 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center</p> | <p>14 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center 7:00 PM Healing Service</p> | <p>15 8:30 AM Joseph Quinlan Bereavement Center 6:00 PM - overnight VESTRY RETREAT</p> | <p>16 8:00 AM - 3 PM VESTRY RETREAT</p> |
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for the news which did not make the deadline, news too good to wait, or the news still spinning somewhere in cyberspace, we bring you the Journal Via Media

The 30 Hour Famine raised \$838 this year to feed hungry children! Thanks to the Youth of Church of the Assumption and our own young people, Drew Lacouture and Justin Simmons. In all the years we have been participating (12), the youth of St. James' and other community churches which have joined with us have raised a total of \$14,684!



Kayode and Stella Oyegbite in Nigeria on Family Thanksgiving, in their church on Sunday 09 December 2012. "The All Saints Anglican Church is the mother of all churches in Abuja, Nigeria's new capital. We were told it used to be the cathedral until a bigger space was found about a decade ago and the cathedral moved to a new location. It could accommodate about 1000 worshipers and has 6 resident priests. We will keep you informed as we get to know more."

We miss your voices in the choir and hope you return to us soon!

Thank You

A very sincere thank you to the Cathy Deats, the Wardens, the Vestry and the congregation for the beautiful rose I received on Sunday, February 10. Now Sam does not need to spend a large sum of money on Valentine's Day flowers! The gift to the Episcopal Relief and Development's Gifts for Life program is also so very much appreciated. As an educator for 42 years, the nurturing and education of the youth in the world is of utmost importance to me. Providing preschool education along with nutritious food starts children off on the right foot and can have lifelong results. A special thank you for remembering my infant daughter, Kathryn, and including her as one my children. Losing a child is a devastating event and while it is now 38 years since her birth, baptism and death I still treasure the 63 hours of her life.

It was so nice to be recognized for my work at St. James', but to be honest it is really a lot of fun. Working with the members of the Bell Choir is such a pleasure. What a dedicated and wonderful group of people they all are. Spending Sunday mornings with the Senior Choir is always a joy as the members not only sing, but also offer support and encouragement to each other and me. Thank you for allowing me to serve not only as Bell Choir director and Senior Choir accompanist, but as your organist.

Louise Olshan



Petty Officer 2nd Class David Honigsberg will be honorably discharged from the Navy during March 2013. He has served with the 5th Fleet in the Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Bunker Hill for the past five years. David and his parents, Bill and Meg Critchley, are grateful for the prayers that were offered every week by St James' congregation.

David will be relocating to Seattle, Washington.

The collection of knitted and crocheted items donated continues to grow even though we have not had many get-togethers so far this year.

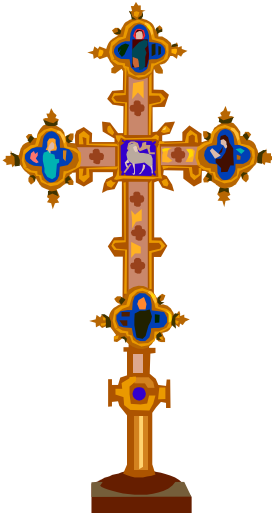


Dan and I were just in Florida for a few days in February and saw a couple of cargo ships coming into Port and I wondered if any of the seamen happened to have a warm cap and scarf for the days when they were in colder waters that had been donated by SCI knitters.

To keep up with all the SCI happenings, check out their website at www.seamenschurch.org If you are interested in joining our group email me at frlbailey1@comcast.net for more information. We are in need of more knitters/crocheters, so if you would like to join us or know of anyone who might be interested, please tell them about the Yarn Twisters.

Linda Miller

Lenten Services and Obligations



I would like to remind you at that if you would truly like to be a part of Easter, to please make an effort to attend the special services during Lent and at least one or two of the services offered during Holy Week. This is the holiest season of the year...and we should make an effort to share in these very different services. I urge you to come to at least one or two of these services. The teaching, feelings and the passion of the Lord are here to share and be part of. This is what church is all about.

I look forward to seeing you at these services.

Ellen Infante

I would like to thank Cathy, and the Congregation for recognizing my work here at St. James'. I really appreciate all the people who continually thank me for the job that I do for the Church. Volunteering as Parish Administrator has opened up my life and given me a whole new outlook. I really appreciate the opportunity to serve God and St. James'.

Linda Ayres

