

August/September 2012



St. James' Day Celebration

July 22, 2012

The 158th Anniversary of the Parish

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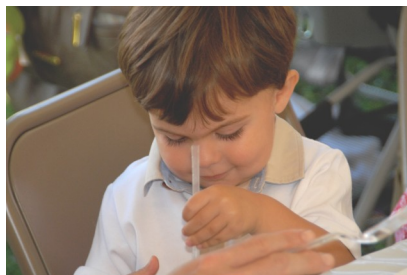
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St. James' Church ♦ 300 Broadway ♦ Long Branch ♦ New Jersey

The Grapevine



From the Rector's Desk...

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." Roman 12:4-5

The neighborhood association sent out a message alerting homeowners that a local Marine was returning home from Afghanistan. The 26 year old has served two tours of duty fighting for the freedom of others in the five short years since he enlisted. An impromptu parade was being assembled and everyone was invited to come and welcome him home. It was going to be a surprise!

There were people of all ages gathered on the sides of the roads where his family lives. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, folks in business attire, others wearing shorts, tank tops and flip flops all gathered in the scorching heat. People were waving streamers, 'welcome home' signs and American flags of all sizes. Young girls wore sparkling red, white and blue head bands; baby carriages were decorated with balloons. There were reporters from the local newspapers and television stations, his elementary school teacher and politicians. The local police and paramedics provided an escort for the last five miles from downtown...the last leg of his journey home. Local motorcycle enthusiasts—mostly veterans—rode alongside in noisy procession. There was plenty of laughter as well as tears of joy as we waited with his mother. Emergency vehicles heralded his arrival with lights and sirens. A fire truck provided a lofty perch for him to stand on as the crowd cheered his arrival.

A young girl standing on the curb looked around at the growing crowd. She turned to her mother and asked, "Do we know him?"

"No, we don't," her mother gently replied. "But we do know that he has dedicated his life to serve others—to serve us. For that, the least we can do is come together and welcome him home. To say 'thank you' for what he has done."

Yes, I thought to myself: this is the least we can do...for him, for his family...for ourselves.

Strangers and friends smiled, laughed and cried alongside each other. We knew we were sharing a special moment...honoring a young man's commitment to his country. And the young Marine, looking so official and spiffy in his uniform, cried when he saw the hometown welcome. I'm not ashamed to admit that I cried too...I don't think there was a dry eye in the crowd. Together we breathed a sigh of relief when he jumped to the ground to hug and kiss his mother for the first time in over a year.

Strangers and friends shared a wonderful moment in the lives of a Marine and his family. I shouldn't have been surprised by the numbers of people who showed up. The opportunity to reach out to others and to be touched by another person's joy or sorrow is what we all long for. God created us to be in relationship with him and to be connected to others. There is an intrinsic human longing to know God and a desire to know others and to be known by them. Today we *think* we know each other. *Facebook*, *Twitter*, email, cellphones, texting and internet video services like *Skype* allow us to 'keep in touch' in an instant. But that impersonal electronic communication does little to feed our need for deeper, personal connectedness to others. So many people today are soul hungry and they don't even realize it.

From the very beginning of his ministry Jesus acknowledged our basic human need for physical and emotional interdependence when he gathered a small group of disciples around him. They traveled together, they ate together, they learned together, they ministered together, they spent quality time *together*. They learned how to overcome their differences. When Jesus eventually sent them out to preach the Gospel, he sent them in pairs. As the early Christian church grew, its survival was totally dependent on members sharing their gifts and encouraging each other. From the very beginning there was no such thing as a solitary Christian.

In his first letter to the church in Corinth [12:12-14], St Paul describes the God-designed unity of the church that was, and continues to be, enhanced by the sharing of the diversity of its members:

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."

Throughout history humankind has tried to achieve this kind of unity without much success. Various forms of government and social organizations have fallen short. But God alone has always brought together people from different cultures and different age groups. God unites them by the power of the Holy Spirit making them 'one body' in Jesus. We see this happening in here at Saint James. God has brought together, under one roof, faith based and secular groups. The Congregation of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Long Branch Concordance have combined their God given talents and resources with our own talents and resources. The result is that the whole is much greater and more effective than its parts in providing services and care to those in need in our greater community. Our faith-based outreach ministries are enhanced; their secular services are more successful. Work is shared; relationships are nurtured; the joy and encouragement that comes from fellowship enriches all our lives. Those who were once strangers are no longer the 'other' in our midst. The more we talk to each other, the more we share in each others lives and serve side by side, the more we are becoming 'one'. No longer is it 'us' and 'them'—they are our friends—now it is 'we'.

Perhaps the greatest witness that the church brings to the world--and that Saint James' Church brings to Long Branch--is that people of such diverse backgrounds can come together and show that it is possible to be united as one body in Jesus...that unity is strengthened by diversity...that we have more in common as human beings than we could ever imagine.

Presbyterian minister Arthur Tappan (A. T.) Pierson wrote:

"To a true child of God, the invisible bond that unites all believers to Christ is far more tender, and lasting, and precious; and, as we come to recognize and realize that we are all dwelling in one sphere of life in Him, we learn to look on every believer as our brother, in a sense that is infinitely higher than all human relationships. This is the one and only way to bring disciples permanently together. All other plans for promoting the unity of the Church have failed."

May God continue to open our eyes to His blessings in our midst.

In Christ's love,

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COASTAL REDWOODS ARE THE TALLEST LIVING SPECIES ON EARTH. THEY CAN EXCEED 300 FEET IN HEIGHT, AND MAY BE 18-20 FEET IN DIAMETER, NEARLY 12 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND. THE MOTHER OF THE FOREST, A 329-FOOT BEAUTY, IS THE TALLEST TREE IN BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK. THE TALLEST COAST REDWOOD ANYWHERE AT 367.8 FEET, "TALL TREE," LIVES IN REDWOOD NATIONAL PARK AND IS 44 FEET AROUND AT ITS BASE.

THE ROOTS OF A COAST REDWOOD ARE VERY SHALLOW, GROWING ONLY FOUR TO SIX FEET DEEP, BUT SPREAD OUT FROM THE TREE AS FAR AS 125 FEET. THIS ISN'T MUCH SUPPORT FOR A TALL, HEAVY TREE -- FLOODWATERS CAN ERODE TOP LAYERS OF SOIL, EXPOSING THE ROOTS AND WEAKENING A TREE'S SUPPORT SYSTEM. HEAVY RAINS AND STRONG WINDS CAN BRING EVEN THE BIGGEST GIANT CRASHING TO THE GROUND.

BUT THE ROOTS OF INDIVIDUAL REDWOODS FREQUENTLY GROW INTERTWINED WITH THOSE OF THEIR NEIGHBORS. BY "HOLDING HANDS" UNDERGROUND, THE ROOTS FORM A NETWORK THAT ALLOWS THE TREES TO WITHSTAND EVEN GREAT STORMS.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

For the birth and baptism of Shawn Wesley Miller, son of Jenna & Shawn, *we thank you, Lord.*

For the glorious 158th anniversary celebration of the parish, *we thank you, Lord.*

For being awarded the Gannett Grant for \$3,630 to St. Brigid's Pantry, *we thank you, Lord.*

May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us,
let us pray to the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD!



Greetings from the Long Branch Concordance! You may not know this but we are a state funded Family Success Center. We receive \$240,000 from the Dept. of Prevention and Community Partnerships to offer parent education classes, workshops, community garden, and two major outreach events each year in an effort to prevent child abuse and neglect in Monmouth County. On June 8th we officially re-located to the second floor of St. James' and have taken over three large rooms where we are proud to conduct good work on behalf of the State of New Jersey and the Dept. of Children and Families. We are blessed to share space with a devoted community partner such as St. James' and are excited about the shared possibilities of providing wrap-around services to families in need. The LBC Board of Trustees, staff, interns, volunteers, and families are thankful to St. James', its' vestry, and parishioners for extending us the opportunity to conduct business in such a balanced and peaceful space. From my perspective, during such economically challenging times, it is more important than ever to be inclusive, working closely and collaboratively with our partners and friends. The work we do—demands it! It's no secret that our patrons will reap the rewards of our commitment, devotion and passion for strengthening families, uniting neighborhoods and building communities.

If you would like to learn more about the LBC, programs and services, outreach, staff and news, please visit us at www.lbc4help.org.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer, stay cool and come visit!

Lisa Wilson, M.S.W., Executive Director

Of your charity, please remember your fellow parishioners and those that have requested your prayers, especially

Luci, Caeden, Ethan, Coleman, June, Airelle, Davion, Katey & Tom, Cara & family, Elsie, Brenda, George, Pete, Melissa, Jeanne, Christopher, Spencer & family, Roy, Sue, Carol, Carmen, Nicky & family, Eileen, Josephine, Julie, Brianna, Jayden & family, Alice, Sherry, Irene, Trevor, Robert, Lois, Diana & Family, Jennifer, Norma & Hugh, Valerie, Sean, Ann Marie, George, and for our brothers and sisters in Christ, the Congregation of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

"Oh God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen." *BCP p. 458*

Buildings & Grounds

Dear fellow parishioners,

We're pleased to report that several projects on our "to do" list have been completed! The sealing and stripping of the parking lot, the trash enclosure in the southeast corner of the parking area, and the multiple projects undertaken to facilitate a smooth transition for the Long Branch Concordance are all complete.

We have received a grant from the Gannett Foundation which will provide funds for insulation and minor repairs to the garage. Completion of this project will ensure the refrigerators and freezers can be used throughout the winter months.

In the next few weeks you will see fencing installed along the Slocum Pl. side of the property, extending around the corner to the west side of the church sidewalk. Fencing, including a gate, will also be installed around the Memorial Garden.

The excessive heat has slowed down a few projects. The section of the church building over the red doors, as well as the window trim, have yet to be painted. Orinzo Martinez will attend to the completion of the project as soon as possible.

Nancy Francese is working to prepare the area under the office and choir room windows for planting. Speak to Nancy Francese or George Schwarz if you'd like to join in this ministry. You don't need a green thumb, just a willing spirit!

We've met with a structural engineer regarding water accumulation in the basement. His recommendations will be used to obtain estimates from several waterproofing companies.

Also in the works are repairs to the old St. James' sign that sat near the front doors of the church. We're rebuilding the frame and working on a base which will offer proper support. The heat has slowed us down but we hope to have it installed by Labor Day.

This year our church building will be 100 years old, while the remainder of our church plant will mark 50 years. Buildings of this age and size require a tremendous amount of maintenance and repair. It is often much more than just a few folks can handle. If you have a background in the construction trades and can spare some time now and then, please contact George (732)233-9602 or Dave (732)618-2789.

George Schwarz, Jr. Warden & Dave Till, Vestry Member



St. Brigid's Pantry News

Many thanks to Nancy Francese who used her new-found skills in grant writing to procure St. Brigid's very first grant! We were awarded \$3,630 from the Gannett Foundation to provide for insulation of the garage as well as the purchase of additional refrigeration/freezer units for the space. We would like to try and accomplish a good deal of the garage repairs and insulation work ourselves and apply the savings to fill the new freezer units.

After receiving our first grant, Nancy went to work on applying for a federal grant to further support the pantry. Her most recent application was reviewed by a local review committee. We expect a final decision mid-August to mid-September. The grant application requested \$60,000 to expand the services currently provided.

The people of Our Lady of Guadalupe have established 4 teams of 4 that are committed to operate St. Brigid's on Saturday evenings, and prepare and serve dinner. We are so very grateful for their active participation in this ministry!

Effective July 1st our clients are no longer able to visit the pantry twice a month. The food received by the FoodBank (through federal programs) has been considerably reduced, resulting in less food for pantries like ours to distribute. We pray that our most recent grant application will be approved and we will once again be able to assist our clients twice a month. In the meantime we've set up separate shelving for donations which we can distribute, at our discretion. These items are set aside to assist the folks that are *desperate for help*. Please help us keep these shelves stocked by donating one or more of these items when you come to church each week.

- ♦ Peanut Butter
- ♦ Macaroni & Cheese
- ♦ Soups & Stews
- ♦ Canned Tuna or Chicken
- ♦ Parmalat or Powdered Milk
- ♦ Canned Fruit
- ♦ Tomato Sauce
- ♦ Pasta



The Thrift Shop



The Thrift Shop volunteers welcome THEDA KEDDY to the ranks! Theda will be working in the shop on Mondays alongside Pat Brewer.

The fall always brings another opportunity to organize our closets at home. Please remember the Thrift Shop when you're sorting and sifting through cabinets and drawers.

We always need

- ♦ Costume jewelry
- ♦ Sleepwear
- ♦ Bedding
- ♦ Curtains
- ♦ Pots & pans
- ♦ Toys
- ♦ Men's jeans (size 32 - 40)

Due to limited space and huge overstock, we are currently NOT accepting women's clothing.

Through your donations and the work of our volunteers the Thrift Shop was recently able to provide \$2,000 to directly support St. Brigid's Pantry. The Thrift Shop pays its utility bills from our sales and donates all profits to the food pantry. We'd be happy to provide you with a receipt for income tax purposes!

As always, we need **VOLUNTEERS**. The Thrift Shop is open Monday-Friday from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Come by and try us on for size. This ministry might be just the "right fit." If you'd like more information please call Betty Ging at 732-229-2317 or Pat Brewer at 732-229-6404.

Thank you for your support.

Pat Brewer

Upcoming Events

CHORAL SCHOLAR PROGRAM TO START AT ST. JAMES' CHURCH

In September 2012, the music ministry of St. James' Church will begin a choral scholar program for high school students in the greater Long Branch area.

The choral scholar program will be aimed at any local high school junior or senior with a passion for singing and a love of music, regardless of their background or religious affiliation. It will be designed to offer students the chance to strengthen their overall musicianship through vocal, sight-reading and ensemble singing training with our professional choir. It will additionally expose singers to a world of choral music different from the choral music they may learn in the classroom, and it will offer outlets to publicly perform on a regular basis. Perhaps most importantly, the program will provide a place for students to develop teamwork skills and build camaraderie with others who like them love to sing. A stipend will be offered to those who can commit to the program for the upcoming academic year.

If you would like to find out more about the choral scholar program, please contact the parish office at (732) 222-1411 or at info@stjames-longbranch.org to arrange a time to meet with James Douglas, Director of Music and Organist.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The next Women's Book Club meeting is scheduled for **Monday, September 10th at 6PM** in the church parish hall.

We are now reading : The Tiger's Wife by Téa Obreht
NATIONAL BOOK AWARD FINALIST . NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

In a Balkan country mending from war, Natalia, a young doctor, is compelled to unravel the mysterious circumstances surrounding her beloved grandfather's recent death. Searching for clues, she turns to his worn copy of The Jungle Book and the stories he told her of his encounters over the years with "the deathless man." But most extraordinary of all is the story her grandfather never told her-the legend of the tiger's wife.

ALL women of the parish are invited to join us!



100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The 100th Anniversary Committee is seeking for additional members. The anniversary celebration is a series of year long parish events. Your participation in any capacity of this fellowship is greatly appreciated. The parishioners are the crowning achievement of why this building is here and has thrived for 100 years. Thank you in advance for your fellowship.

The committee extends a warm thank you to all who helped to make the start of this celebration on St. James' Day such a big success. Our appreciation extends also to our brothers and sisters of the congregation of Our Lady of Guadalupe who helped and participated.

Be a joyful noise unto the Lord

Voices of teen campers and their adult camp advisers soared over the campfire and off the side of the mountain as though they were reaching across the valley to Mount Killington and beyond. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord. All ye, all ye lands...Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise...be thankful unto him...thank you Jesus, thank you, thank you, Jesus."

The acoustical guitars rocked as the voices exclaimed Psalm 100 set to music. A tambourine chattered joyfully. Hands were inspired to clap. The July Vermont nights were chilly, but a fire burned within each singer and embraced all those around. Their spirits, lifting their hearts to their Creator, nearly had the small group of campers floating off the mountain. Evening group time for the church youth group was leavened with playful songs of praise and thanksgiving.

Giving thanks to God is like that. We are energized through the connection we nurture with our loving God when we offer thanksgiving to him. We empty ourselves of our pent-up 'me-ness' and spark a fire in our spirits with 'thou-ness.'

We have a need to continually offer thanksgiving to our Creator and Provider. Yet, we live in a culture where we rarely do so, even minimally. Our toil for money to buy things that are produced so far removed from us, causes us to see ourselves, not God, as the providers. We are the poorer for our failure to give of ourselves in ongoing thanksgiving to God. Thanksgiving is an element of the energy of love. It takes the focus off of us and our needs and expends some of our being to proclaim appreciation for another. Thanksgiving is ultimate ap-

preciation. Words of thanksgiving tend to energize us towards deeds of thanksgiving.

It takes effort to live in thanksgiving. Most of us are over-busy responding to another kind of abundance: abundance of demands that we allow life to put on us and that we put on ourselves. Most of us might not have trouble exclaiming aloud a "Thank God" or "Thank you, Jesus" after being delivered from a calamity of some sort. But, we don't do so well expressing thanksgiving throughout the day for the many blessings we have come to take for granted. The many little things that make up our lives just don't rise, in our awareness, to the level of blessing. We become so used to the myriad details of our lives, that we come to take much of our lives for granted. If we don't see something as blessing showered down on us, why would we give thanks for it?

A discipline of regularly giving thanksgiving causes us to shift our view from what we don't have and what we want, to what we do have and our responsibility to care for it and share it as graciously as God provides it to us. A discipline of thanksgiving tempers our ego and nudges us to recognize that much of what we have, though we may work hard, is ours only because God graciously provides it. And God's providing does not come every now and again, but rather every second of our lives. Every breath we breathe, every beat of our hearts, every interaction with creation, comes to us by the grace of God.

We know that throughout the history of humankind's relationship

with God, our egos and our needfulness have gotten in the way of our thankfulness. Scripture is full of references to this human weakness. Yet Scripture also offers remedies. King David's Psalms are full of calls to thanksgiving. In Psalm 9 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing to your Name, O most high."

Psalm 30 declares "Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever. Psalm 96 proclaims "Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts." Psalm 98 encourages us to "... sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things." And, of course, Psalm 100: "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing." and "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name."

Awareness is the beginning of living in thanksgiving. The old expression "Stop and smell the roses" comes to mind. Our spirits need us to stop and notice the blessings. We allow our high-energy culture to rush us through life. Our minds are rarely focused, often juggling a multitude of thoughts. While our ever-increasing electronic connectedness has many benefits to it, we also pay the price in attentiveness that is less and less in our control.

There are some relatively easy things that we can do to help us to build our commitment to thanksgiving. At St. James' we have begun one of those for you. Perhaps you have noticed an addition to the Intercessions, the Prayers of the People, during our Masses. A prayer



of thanksgiving has been added, along with a period of silence during which you can reflect on all for which you have to be thankful the preceding week and offer thanks aloud or in the silence of your heart. We urge you to use this time well. Be patient with yourself and the liturgy. Recount the blessings of the week. Feel gratitude well up. Offer up your thanks in love.

The late Reverend Roy Webber, offered a homily many years ago that got me started on a practice that feeds my spirit to this day. Every morning, upon waking, before stepping foot out of bed, I offer prayers of thanksgiving.

Try making the first thing each day offering prayers of thanks to God. You lived through the night and more life lies ahead of you. Certainly, you have things for which to be thankful from the preceding day. There are things for which to be thankful that you may not even consider, such as work, food, money, intellect, friends, family, and so on. Don't rush it. Offer it all up. You are starting your day focused where it should be, on the God who blesses you every moment of your life.

Making a list at the end of every day of things for which to be thankful is another practice I was encouraged to start years ago, and I am a little less successful at doing consistently. Yes, I get caught up in that trap of continuous doing right up until my last waking moments. Frequently, the journaling gets lost in the shuffle. When I do manage to do it several days in a row, what a difference it makes in my outlook on life!

Finally, as we close the day, it is an appropriate time to add our prayers of thanks to our evening prayers. Consider first offering thanks, and then offering the rest of your prayers so that the thankfulness stands out in your consciousness.

This all may seem like a lot to do. But, what is the effort in comparison with the endless blessings with which God graces us? We don't need to gather around a campfire on a Vermont mountaintop, as great an experience as that is, to experience joyful thanksgiving regularly. Disciplining ourselves to living in thanksgiving puts us daily in a right spiritual place to BE a joyful noise, unto the Lord in voice, spirit, and deed.

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Music at St. James'

-CHORAL SCHOLAR PROGRAM

As previously announced, the choral scholar program will begin in mid-September. As of July, two students have auditioned and been accepted into the program. During the course of the academic year, the choral scholars will rehearse and sing with the choir regularly on Sunday mornings and for other events and services as scheduled.

-CHOIR RECORDING

This past June, the choir gathered together for two Sunday afternoon sessions to record a new CD of all unaccompanied sacred music. The CD, titled "A Cappella from St. James'", features anthems, motets, hymns and psalms from each liturgical season, along with two tracks featuring the organ. It will be completed and available for purchase by September and all proceeds will go

towards funding stipends for the new choral scholar program.

-MUSIC AT ST. JAMES' SERIES

As part of the church's Centennial celebration, the 2012-2013 Music at St. James' events series will include several special Sunday afternoon concerts and services. Among them include a large Diocesan Hymn Sing at Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, a Choral Evensong sung by the combined choirs of St. James' Church and Trinity Church, Asbury Park, and a series of organ recitals featuring some of America's finest young organists. Be sure to mark your calendars as the calendar of music events for the season is released in September.

As always, be sure to visit the music page on the church website for updated audio clips from services and past and present music lists. Further information can also be found on the church and music ministry pages on Facebook!

God bless,
Jim

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The members were pleased to take the lead for this year's St. James' Day Celebration. Many thanks to the people from Our Lady of Guadalupe for their assistance and for celebrating with us.

The group recently spent an evening at Raceway Park and are looking forward to planning new activities for the fall.

This & That

St. James' Red Door Campaign

Through the generosity of parishioners and the people of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we have received \$5,039 toward the \$8,800 cost of restoration of the church doors.

It's not too late to make a donation toward the restoration of the Red Doors. Envelopes are available in the rear of the church for those who wish to make a one-time or occasional donation. You may also use your regular offering envelope by noting "Red Doors" on the "other" line in the top right hand corner.



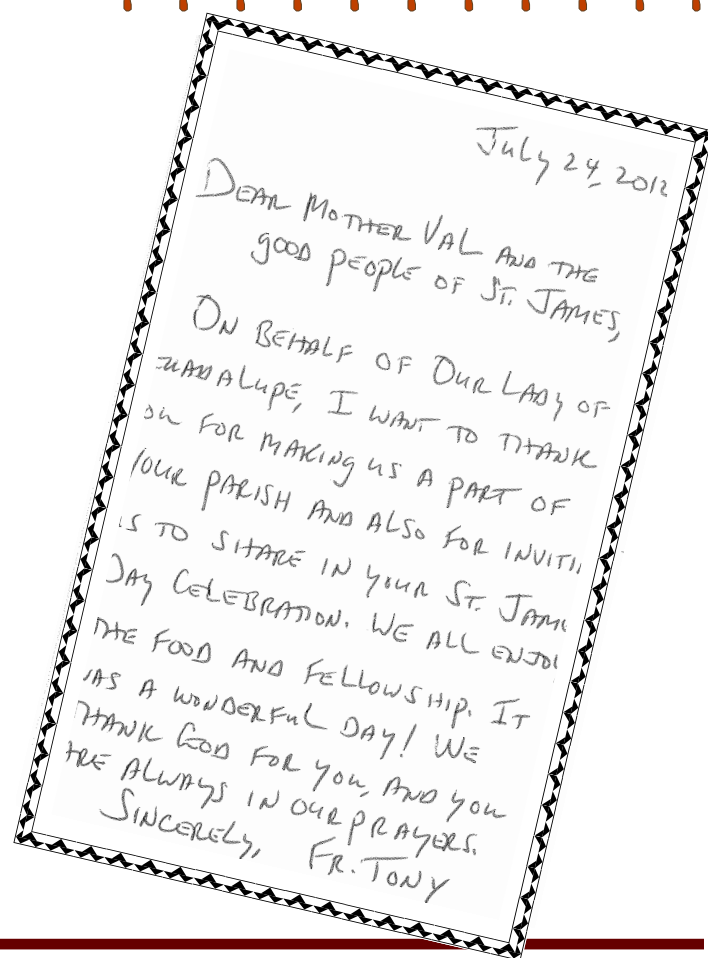
100th Anniversary Sunday Bake Sales

Most Sunday's after Mass during Coffee Hour, there will be some delectable delights from the baking world of our parishioners for your purchase. The monies collected will be used for the anniversary celebrations. If you would like to donate your confectionary delights, please call Ken Kersey at [267-966-7597](tel:267-966-7597).

Summer Mass Schedule

ONE MASS

Sundays at 9:00 A.M.



CLASSIFIEDS ~ HELP WANTED ~ PART TIME

Flower Coordinator

One or two individuals who can order, pick-up, and set flowers up in the church on a weekly basis. The flowers are picked up on Fridays and set up during office hours.

Scheduling of memorials is maintained by the parish administrator and is not part of this ministry.

Please contact the parish office with questions or to volunteer.

Greeters

With smiles, willing assistance, and kind words of welcome, Greeters assist in various capacities, to ensure that all Sunday and other church services run smoothly. Greeters serve courteously at the "front lines" of our sanctuary—providing high-level hospitality to all.

Please contact Nancy Ali with questions or to volunteer.

732-571-8092 or npali@comcast.net

Service at the Altar

"Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God." Psalm 43:4



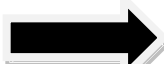









- ◆ Chalice Bearers
- ◆ Acolytes
- ◆ Thurifers
- ◆ Lectors

NO experience necessary.
FREE training provided!

See Mother Val after Mass



The Avenues of Communication at St. James' Church

Weekly Sunday Bulletin 	Please don't leave it in the church...take it home with you as a reminder and a reference!
<i>The Grapevine</i> Newsletter 	Save it as a reminder; pray for those on our prayer list
<i>St. James' Church Website</i> http://stjames-longbranch.org 	Check on details of scheduled events; check the church calendar for times of liturgies and ministry schedules.
The Parish Shepherd's List 	Please feel free to contact your assigned Vestry member if you would like to discuss any matters pertaining to St. James'.
St James' Church Facebook page 	"Like" us on Facebook! Find announcements of scheduled events and background information about the Saints we
"Calling Post" Messages 	Receive telephone messages from the church office announcing last minute reminders, changes or cancellations, or parish news.
<i>Diocese of New Jersey Website</i> http://www.newjersey.anglican.org 	For the latest news and information about Convention and workshops; also, find "links" to the web pages of other parishes in the diocese.
The Parish BULLETIN Board ...located in the Parish Hall 	Read news articles about St. James', our members & ministries; read our Church calendar of events; find schedule for liturgical ministries.
 If none of the above answer your question... 	Please call the office.
 PLEASE REMEMBER that because of privacy laws we will not know if you are in need of pastoral care unless we hear directly from you or a family member. 	Please call the church office during week-day office hours—or if it is an emergency after hours, call Mother Val at home.

2012 Wardens & Vestry Contact Information

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Memorial flowers

Memorial flowers may be offered in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for birthdays, anniversaries, births, marriages, etc. To request a memorial, please complete the form below or contact the parish office.

Kindly use the flower offering envelopes in the rear of the church, if possible.

Date Requested

Honoring (name)

_____	_____
_____	_____

Requested by _____

A donation of \$10.00 is asked for the Sanctuary Lamp.

A donation of \$50.00 is asked for flowers at the high altar.



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