



# THE PARISH PAPERS

St. James' Episcopal Church, Parkton, Maryland



June, 2010

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. James',

**Bishop Eugene Taylor Sutton will visit St. James' Church  
Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup>  
for the 8 and 10:15 a.m. services.**

It is important for all of us to be in attendance!

This is the first visit Bishop Sutton will make to our parish. The bishop has a delightful personality--warm, entertaining, and humorous--and we want to welcome him in a grand way as he celebrates and preaches for us on June 20th. As the Queen of England writes when she invites guests to special events: "All excuses set aside." ~Sunday, June 20th--on all calendars!



Bishop Sutton is the fourteenth bishop of the Diocese of Maryland, and he is the first African-American bishop to lead this historic diocese. He has taught homiletics and liturgics at a number of seminaries and he served as vicar of St. Michael's Church in Trenton, NJ, priest-in-charge of St. Margaret's and St. Mary's parishes in Washington, DC, and as associate rector for mission and spirituality at St. Columba's in Washington, DC. Shortly after his consecration in 2008, Bishop Sutton had the privilege of attending Lambeth Conference in London. Since Lambeth only meets every ten years, this was a significant opportunity for him to become engaged in the ongoing discussions and controversies that shape the Anglican Communion. Read Bishop Sutton's biography: <http://www.ang-md.org/bishops.php>

While in Washington, Bishop Sutton founded Contemplative Outreach of Metropolitan Washington (COMW), an ecumenical network of churches and individuals committed to centering prayer. (He continues to lead this form of prayer at the Cathedral of the Incarnation every Tuesday at 12:45.) He also served as Canon Pastor of Washington National Cathedral and was Director of its Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage, which is where I met him some ten years ago.

Tuesday Guild and Vestry will prepare a special reception for the bishop after the 10:15 service where all of us will have an opportunity to greet him and to share any questions or concerns we may have about the diocese and the wider Church.

At our May convention, Bishop John Rabb announced that he will be retiring at the end of December. Bishop Rabb is much beloved and will be greatly missed. We need to think about ways our community might express our appreciation of his ministry. If you have some ideas please let me know.

Two new appointments have recently taken place at the diocesan level: the Rev. Scott Slater will serve as Canon to the Bishops beginning July 12th, and the Bishop of Nebraska, the Rt. Rev. Joe Goodwin Barnett of Nebraska, will be arriving on April 1, 2011 to serve as our Assistant Bishop. I expect that they will become good friends of St. James'. And as we become more involved in diocesan life, we will have the privilege of knowing and working with these fine leaders more fully and faithfully.

Let us welcome our Bishop Sutton on June 20th! Let us worship together as the Body of Christ.

Blessings Always,  
Elizabeth+



## Upcoming Events

June 20 - Bishop Sutton's visitation

June 27 – Parish Picnic at Diocese Day at Camden Yards:  
Orioles vs Nationals \$6 tickets

July 5 – The Hereford 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade [www.HerefordParade.org](http://www.HerefordParade.org)

July 10 - Pit Beef sale, 10 a.m. til it's gone

August 28 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Yard Sale

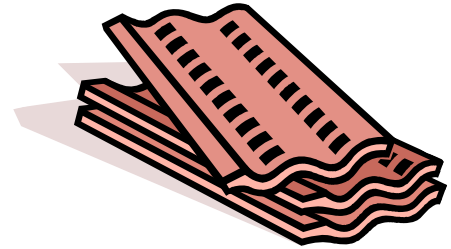
Sept.18 – Annual Crab Feast

Oct. TBD – October Fest Mortgage Meal

Nov. 6 - HolidayFest

## Roof Shingle Bundles Available

We need to keep buying the shingle bundles to pay off the loan made available to us in order to replace the church roof. We have a long way to go to complete that payment. Make checks payable to St. James' Church with "shingle bundles" in the memo line. Bundles are \$125 each and can be given to honor a loved one.



We are still missing a book from the Saints Project that the Middle School completed. The book is The Watkin's Dictionary of Saints. If anyone has seen it or borrowed it, please return it Kathy Walker.

## Diocese Day at Camden Yards and St. James' Parish Picnic Day

June 27, 1:35 pm

Orioles vs. Washington Nationals

All tickets \$6 each. Join Episcopalians, friends, family and neighbors at the ballpark for fun and fellowship while we celebrate our St. James' family.



For information visit <http://www.ang-md.org/> or call Sharon Tillman 410-357-5011

Year-End Thanks



Wow!!! It is hard to believe that the 2009-2010 school year has come to an end already. It was a wonderful year. We had low enrollment but the children and the families that we did have as part of the St. James' Preschool family were great!

Thank you also to the parish for your unconditional help throughout the school year. The kind words and the support you have given all of us in the preschool helps to create a bond between us. This is something I would like to continue and help nourish in the years to come. Have a wonderful summer and we will see you in the fall.

Parish Life

Rebecca Kraft



Book Club - meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

June 7: We will be discussing *Out to Canaan* by Jan Karon

July 5: No book club due to the Hereford Parade

August 2: We will be discussing *A New Song* and *A Common Life* by Jan Karon



Knitting Club - meets the third Thursday of the month at 11 a.m. in the parish Hall.

June 17

July 15

August 19

All are welcome to attend the Parish Life clubs. Please ask your friends and neighbors to join you. Please don't forget about **coffee hour**. The sign up sheet is on the Parish Life board. We are going to try something new. We would like people to sign up to bring one item on Sunday for coffee hour, instead of being responsible for the whole thing.

June Birthdays

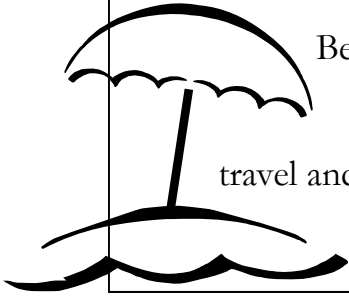
- 4 Alan Greeley
- 5 Keri Fox
- 20 Nicki Smith
- 23 Jason Kraft
- 25 Jenna Greeley
- 26 Ken Whitaker
- 30 Fred Ferry



June Anniversaries

- 6 John & Elizabeth Orens
- 8 Ken & Gloria Whitaker
- 12 David & Ayda Swartz
- 18 Jack & Dottie Arthur
- 19 Chris & Susan Walters
- 29 John & Lucy Bents

## Summer Sunday Services



Beginning June 27, St. James' Church will hold one Sunday Service at 9 a.m. This will continue through September 5. Please remember to continue your pledge payments throughout the summer. When you travel and visit an Episcopal Church on vacation, share your experience with the rector. Perhaps we can incorporate new ideas and improve our own experience.

### Newsletter Deadline

Sharon Tillman

To receive a link to the newsletter on the St. James' Web site, send Sharon Tillman your e-mail address. If you are no longer attending St. James' but want to get the monthly newsletter, please send us a donation to cover the costs of mailing or request to receive the online notification. Many churches do this to help with mailing expenses. Please send your request to [stillman@episcopalmaryland.org](mailto:stillman@episcopalmaryland.org).

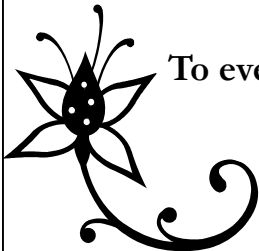
The deadline for the St. James' Church newsletter is the **Thursday following the Vestry Meeting**. *Parish Papers* is published monthly, with the exception of the July/August issue. **July/Aug issue deadline: 6/24/10**

### SpringFest Thank You!

A very warm and special thank you to the St. James' Church family for a spectacular SpringFest. Over the past 15 years, this event has grown from "nice, little fair" to a community event we should all be very proud of. Your hard work, dedication, new ideas and past experiences all make SpringFest one of the best community fairs in the area.

To everyone from the committee chairs to the "game day" volunteers : You are the best!

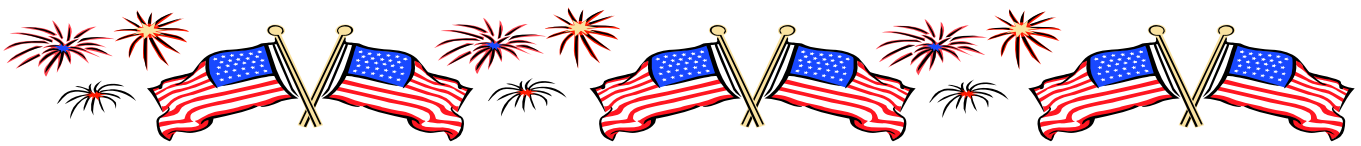
Chris and Sharon Tillman



### News From the Diocese of Maryland

Find information about the diocese online at [episcopalmaryland.org](http://episcopalmaryland.org). Sign up at the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland Web site for the **Parish Mailing**, with news and updates on diocesan events and programs.

Visit the St. James' Web site, [stjamesparkton.org](http://stjamesparkton.org), for meeting information, forms and flyers, news and notes about the parish and all we do.



## Hereford Independence Day Parade

"Honoring our Heroes in Uniform"

St. James' Parade Float: Depicting the Infamous WWII  
"Raising the Flag at Iwo Jima" Scene (Need Volunteers to  
Dress as Marines (5) Navy (1) Soldiers)

When: Monday, July 5, 2010 (Line Up by 5:00 p.m. at Graul's  
Parking Lot - If you are helping with decorating, please be  
there by 4:30)



Please volunteer to help with decorating, planning, and  
riding in the St. James' Parade Float! If riding on the float,  
please wear red, white, and blue (except the soldiers).

*Does anyone have a large American Flag on a Pole?*

*Also looking for WWII marine/navy uniforms.*

PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE BULLETIN BOARD TO PARTICIPATE (POINT OF  
CONTACT BARBARA MOFFETT 410-329-6715)

Visit [www.stjamesparkton.org](http://www.stjamesparkton.org) or [www.HerefordParade.org](http://www.HerefordParade.org) for more information.



**Summer Service Hours**  
**June 27 - August 29**  
Join us for one service at 9 a.m.

*June 27—Diocese Day at Camden Yards*  
Orioles vs. Nationals, \$6 tickets, 1:35 pm.  
All are welcome. Contact the office for tix!

*July 5—Hereford Parade*  
Look for our float in Hereford's annual Independence Day parade.

*August 28—Yard Sale*  
Rent a space for \$20 and clean out the attic, garage, basement of your unwanted stuff. Or, bring us your stuff and we'll sell it for you. Pit Beef!

*September 18—Crab Feast*  
Crabs, food, music, fun and games. Limited space so reserve your table early. Rain or shine. \$40 pp.

*Sunday Service Hours:*  
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist with music  
10 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery

Preschool operates five days a week.  
Call for availability.

## St. James' Church Upcoming Events



Church Office: 410-357-4473  
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Ingrid Carr, director

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