



THE PARISH PAPERS
St. James' Episcopal Church Parkton, Maryland



Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. James' Church,

The patron saint of our parish is St. James, the brother of Jesus and the first bishop of Jerusalem. He was martyred in 62 AD—probably by being beaten and stoned—for his public confession that Jesus was the Messiah. According to Paul (1 Corinthians 15:7), James became a disciple after the resurrection. As leader of the church in Jerusalem, James met with Paul and supported his controversial mission to the Gentiles. Eusebius, a fourth-century church historian, tells us that James was surnamed "the Just" and was known for his devotion to the law, his sound judgment, and his prayer life. (His symbols include the Torah, the city of Jerusalem, and the club or saw of his martyrdom.) Jerome, a renowned fourth-century Christian apologist, wrote that "[James] alone had the privilege of entering the Holy of Holies, since indeed he did not use woolen vestments but linen and went alone into the temple and prayed in behalf of the people, insomuch that his knees were reputed to have acquired the hardness of camels' knees."

On Sunday, October 26, we at St. James' will hold our first patronal feast to celebrate our identity as a congregation and to honor the life and witness of James the Just. Brother Tobias Haller, BSG (Brotherhood of Saint Gregory), the vicar of St. James' Church, Fordham, will be our guest preacher for both the 8:00 and 10:00 o'clock services. Br. Tobias was first called to Saint Paul's Church, Yonkers, a church that under his leadership grew from six members to 40. In 1999, he was appointed vicar of Saint James', Fordham, a vibrant, multicultural urban congregation in the Bronx. Br. Tobias has contributed greatly to the life of the wider church. He has served as chair of the Liturgical Commission of the Diocese of New York, as a diocesan trustee, as a member of the Spirituality Commission and the Standing Committee of the diocese, and as a deputy to General Convention. He is the author of many articles and was a contributor to *Selected Sermons* from 1986-1993. Br. Tobias attended General Seminary in New York City and graduated at the head of his class. He wrote the 1991 Polly Bond award-winning cassette: "God First: A Tithing Catechism." He enjoys musical composition, iconography, and gardening. He painted the icon of St. James that we shall dedicate at our 10:00 service. He will briefly speak about iconography at the coffee hour. We are honored to have him with us.

I hope you will all attend the celebration of our feast day and of our life together. The choir will sing glorious music, the acolytes will play a special part in our worship, and everyone is invited to the grand reception.

Blessings,
Elizabeth +

Coats-4-Kids Campaign

Message from the Senior Warden

Martha Canoune

Fall is here—time to put away our summer clothes and break out the sweaters and jackets. Many of us at St. James' will look at the day's weather and decide which of our coats is appropriate to wear. This is not the case for many financially disadvantaged Baltimore County children, some of whom may go to school without a coat this winter.

St. James' is participating in the Coats-4-Kids campaign again this year during the month of October. The Coats-4-Kids program is sponsored by the Baltimore County Department of Social Services to provide new winter coats for financially disadvantaged children. Each year, Baltimore County Department of Social Services has provided new coats to 1,000 needy children - St. James' has helped in this effort by your generous support.

A donation of \$20 ensures a child has a coat that fits during the upcoming winter months. Many of the needy children who receive a new coat are in Baltimore County homeless shelters; all children receiving coats are receiving social work services through the department.

During October, a “coat tree” will be on the table in the Parish Hall with “coats” on the table to be completed by donors and placed on the tree. A tree full of fall colors would be wonderful to see as a reminder of our congregation's willingness to do God's work in the world. Your donation by check should be made to St. James' with “Coats-4-Kids” on the memo line and cash donations should be in an envelope marked “Coats-4-Kids”. A check from St. James' will be sent to Social Services (actually I deliver it!) at the end of October.

This particular outreach project means a great deal to me. I see families and children in my agency daily with a variety of needs, some of which can be met and many that cannot. This is one action we can take as individuals and a congregation to make a tangible difference in a child's life. Please join me in donating a coat.

Hello from the Preschool

Preschool Director

Ingrid Carr

We've had a wonderful first month of school. We had many successful monarch butterfly releasing and a successful field trip to Shaw's apple Orchard where the children went on a hayride, picked apples and went on a tour of the facility. The preschool has also begun the Sally Foster fundraiser. If members of the parish would like to participate there are catalogues in the parish hall. The deadline for orders is October 10.

Also in October, the preschool will begin the extended day program. This allows the children to stay for lunch and have an afternoon of structured play. We will also be going on two field trips. The first is to Baltimore to see the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's version of *The Three Bears*. The second is to Swamp Fox Farm to pick pumpkins. This field trip will take place on Halloween Day. It should be spooktakular!

Getting our House in Order

Finance Committee

Dottie Arthur

We want to thank everyone for keeping his or her pledges up to date during the summer. As you all know, with all the increases in fuel and electricity, expenses continue to come in just like at your house. Then there are always the unexpected bills to make it harder to balance the budget. Something you can't always predict.

At our last meeting, we viewed our budget and found that the difference between income and expenses is growing more than we expected. How do we make up the difference? We can begin by tightening our belt and watching our spending. Have a super Holiday Festival by getting friends and relatives out to support the event. Increasing our pledges by a few dollars every week. Encouraging new families to come and join us. These are just a few ways to help balance the budget for the rest of the year. If you have any suggestions, let us know.

We would also like to thank all the children in our Sunday School/Youth Group who continue to support their Outreach programs. This fall, they will be selecting where their money will be going.

Our meetings are the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. and we look forward to your joining us.

Things to look forward to:

- October: Dedication of Named Gifts in the Education Wing
Named Gift opportunities are still available. Proceeds help to decrease the mortgage on the wing
- November: Holiday Festival, Nov. 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Stewardship Month



Jeff Smith-2	Lauren Snyder-22
Corine Sommers-2	Elizabeth Orens-24
Mel Hellert-11	Ginger Somerville-24
Leonard Pieper-16	Steve Fox-25
Ricky Moffett-21	Sandy Wallis-26

Fall Outreach Opportunities

Social Outreach

Ann Herring

Many thanks for your past support. Fall brings with it many opportunities to help those in need. With your continuing generosity, we can make each of these projects a great success.

- ❖ Please note that the date for the Crop Walk has been changed to October 12. You can support this by joining in the walk or sponsoring a walker. Call April Snyder for details, 410-357-0855.
- ❖ As in years past we will be taking part in Operation Christmas Child, better known to most of us as "Shoebox Project." This is a wonderful opportunity to get our children involved in the joy of giving to those who are less fortunate. Details for this can be found in the back of the Parish Hall. This project will run until second week in November.
- ❖ We are also asking for support for the Coats 4 Kids Campaign. This continues through October, and again information can be found in the Parish Hall.
- ❖ Ongoing is our request for canned goods for the Hereford Food Bank. Donations can be placed in back of the church or in the box provided in the Parish Hall.

Paul's Place gratefully accepts clean and serviceable clothing and blankets, so remember them as you begin looking through your winter wardrobe and find things that don't quite fit or suit you any more. Someone will be happy to have them. They can be placed in the back of the Parish Hall.



Karen and Alan Greeley -15
Lindsey and Steve Fox -16
April and Chris Snyder - 28
Donna and Larry Gribble - 30

6th Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival

Tuesday Guild

Dottie Arthur

Please join us for the St. James' 6th Annual Holiday Festival on Saturday, November 1 in the Parish Hall. Admission is \$1.00 plus a non-perishable food item for the Hereford Food Bank. Many of the items are one of a kind and will make wonderful gifts and decorations for the holidays. The St. James' Table will be offering: dried flower wreaths, knit and fleece scarves, hats, Prayer Shawls, corn bags and purses, handmade ornaments and more. This year, the SJ Table will be offering dip and soup mixes by Jill's Jams. Call Beth Kilgore or Ann Herring if you have any handmade items to donate to the SJ Table.

We are excited about all the old and new vendors who plan to come, display and sell their creations. A few are: soaps, baskets, jewelry, stained glass, stationary, golf putters and more.

We need the support of everyone to make this another successful event ... Help in the Tea Room, the St. James' Table or Bake Table, assist with set-up and/or clean up, bake items for the Bake Table or add wine, crackers, etc. to the Basket of Cheer, buy a Business Card ad.

- ❖ Fred Ferry will be collecting Business Card Ads for our pamphlet. Deadline: Oct. 10. This helps to pay for advertising.
- ❖ Emilie Pieper and her chefs are looking forward to creating and serving you a special breakfast and/or lunch in our festive Tea Room. Bring a friend and enjoy the delicious menu.
- ❖ Dick North will have another assortment of Wines to taste and sell for that perfect gift.
- ❖ Barbara Moffett and Ruth Dorsey will again coordinate the Bake Table with homemade pies, cakes, breads, and cookies.
- ❖ Purchase raffle tickets to win a beautiful Quilt or a Basket of Cheer! Chances are \$1.00 each. See Lucy Bents for tickets.