

ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

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Vocation Prayer

Lord, let me know clearly the work which you are calling me to do in life. And grant me every grace I need to answer your call with courage and love and lasting dedication to your will. Amen.

Transition: (n.) the period of time during which some thing changes from one state or stage to another

I have had a copy of this prayer with me since before I was ordained. It has led me through many

of my own life transitions, not just my call to ordination. My life has had transitions of moving from the home where Ted and I raised our son Alex, beginning a private practice of psychotherapy, burying parents, and how to order my time to best use the gifts God has blessed me with.

Transition also has this definition from music: *a* passing from one key to another, or, a sudden unprepared modulation. There are transitions in life for which we are totally unprepared, for good or ill: motherhood, the death of a loved one, a cruel diagnosis, the beginning of a new relationship or the ending of an old one.

This past month at St. James' has been full of transitions for many. We have buried Richard Ames and Roberta Brandt, both very faithful disciples who leave quite a space behind in this community. On Pentecost, we welcomed an entire family through baptism – mom, dad and infant daughter. Next Sunday, we will celebrate the transitions of graduation for eleven individuals, whether that means going off to college or moving from Sunday School to Youth Group. Last week, Jenn Pixley was married to Anthony Ortiz; this week, Meredith Firmin and Brian Nolan will be married.

So what exactly do we celebrate or mark about our transitions? When I celebrate the sacrament of the Eucharist at a funeral, it is clear to me that while this

is the mark of transition, it is not the transition itself. The transition of death often involves a search for a diagnosis, family conversations, thoughts about the meaning of life, how to spend one's last days, and finally the gathering to say goodbye. All this can take days or years. But on the day of the funeral when we mark the transition, time stands still as we enter into *kairos*, which is God's time without beginning or end. It is an awe-some moment.

That same awe-some moment happens at a wedding. As I see the bride at the back of the church, on the arm of beloved father or friend, I am conscious of all the preparation necessary to get to this moment in time. The meeting and dating, getting to know each other; the dress, the cake, the flowers, the meal, the counseling, learning to live with each others' families. I see myself as bride 36 years ago. I shoot up one last prayer: "help these two become one the way you mean it, Lord." Then we are in the awesome moment: *kairos*.

Our graduates stand at such a moment as well: "where is God leading me?" "will I be OK in the world?" Parents witness their children's transitions in a transition of their own – the end of education bills, the launching of an adult into the world, the moving a child from elementary to middle school or high school.

I wish we could bring *kairos* into all our transitions; the trouble is, we often do not know when we are in one. And that is why this prayer is so important to me in my journey: *Lord, let me know clearly the work which you are calling me to do in life. And grant me every grace I need to answer your call with courage and love and lasting dedication to your will. Amen.*

Yours in kairos,

Cathy +

"The Staff of the Journal would like to dedicate this issue to Richard Ames, a devoted member of our team who passed away on May 10, 2013. Richard along with his wife Marge were vital members of the Production Team of the Journal"

Fundraising Report

What a great job the golf outing committee did with this year's golf outing. This was our 5th outing and we were sold out with 61 golfers. We had more sponsors this year than in years past and had to double some of the tees with 2 signs. We also sponsored a bond that guaranteed the player with a hole-in- one a top prize of ten thousand dollars, all very exciting for us and for the golfers who attended this years event. We raised \$5455 for the ministry and mission of St. James'. Please be sure and check out the list of sponsors on our website and most importantly let these businesses know that you appreciate their support. Make a point to tell folks that you are from St. James' and that our golf outing was a big success thanks to their donations. Many thanks to the volunteers on the day of our event.

Our Lia Sophia sale brought in \$242. This was just in time for Mother's Day and many of you took advantage of that opportunity. Thank you!!

Scrip Pro is running steady and according to Barbara Olesen almost effortless. We are making \$40 +/- a month with this. More and more folks are participating and we are selling a wide variety of cards, gas cards, home improvement, pet care and restaurant cards selling the most. Our next order is due June 9th. Please be sure to place your orders sooner rather than later. Once your orders are gathered, our order is placed that same afternoon to insure we have the cards by the following Sunday, so the 9th is the deadline for this month.

A car wash to support the EAM ministry will be held on June 8th at the PNC Bank parking lot from 10am to 3pm. PNC is in the Home Depot shopping Center on Route 57 in Hackettstown. Please volunteer to help us raise money for his year's trip and bring your car out for a wash. All proceeds from this event help with the cost of our trip. It is time to start thinking TRICKY TRAY!! September 21st will be here before we know it. The trick tray of course is our largest fundraiser of the year and for this event we need participation and support from everyone. You can start thinking about the theme of your basket and looking for those summer sales now.

The fundraising committee meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Mitcham House at 6pm. Please join us; our work is very important to St. James' and we need your ideas and energy.

Thanks to everyone that volunteers, to everyone that supports fundraising; we couldn't do it without you!

Invite a friend to Church

Barbara

Vestry Hi-Lites From the May Meeting

- + Plans for the Summer Backpack Program were reviewed
- ★ John Edens has stepped up to coordinate the mortgage payment plans
- + Golf Outing a great success, raising \$5400+
- + Additional information was requested to make the decision about solar panel proposal
- + Additional information was requested to make the decision about church gutter system
- Voted to use monies from Nancy Jones bequest to support ministry for children and youth by extending the Curate's contract for six months
- Voted to increase the Rector's salary to reflect the Diocesan minimum



Golf Outing

The 5th Annual St. James' Golf Outing was held on May 20th and was sold out with 61 golfers! The committee raised \$5455 for the ministry and mission of St. James'. Thanks to all those who golfed, or helped out!

Left, Curate Rod Perez-Vega ready to swing!

Believe (((+))) OUTLOUD **Provincial Workshops**

St. James' was host to the workshop "Believe Out Loud" sponsored by Integrity. http://www.integrityusa.org /and designed to help us become more welcoming to the

LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Transgendered, Bi-Sexual) community. Seven people attended from St. James', along with folks from other parts of NJ and Pennsylvania.

If you are interested in being part of this welcome, please contact the church office. The Vestry has work to do, and needs your energy to move our commitment to unlimited welcoming. stjames214@comcast.net

We promise at baptism to "renounce the devil



and all his works." Rector Cathy Deats got a chance to beat up on the devil in a boxing demonstration on May 18th at the Dover Boxing Club, where she trains

with Coach Ed Leahy. Of course, the devil was defeated! Cathy has been learning Olympic style amateur boxing since January.

YANKEE TRIP SET FOR JULY - NOT **TOO LATE TO JOIN US!**



Saturday July 13th at 1:05 pm. Yankees vs the Minnesota Twins. The cost is \$45.00 per person which includes transportation, tickets and Yankee cap. The price may vary depending on the number of people attending. Signup deadline is passed, but it is not too late to join in – just see Scott Carson or contact him at arson92@verizon.net or 908-797-2107. Payment is due at time of sign-up.

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CHILDREN'S SABBATH – WIND IS AIR ON THE MOVE!

The church on Pentecost was full of red from altar to clothing to balloons; a mom, dad, and child stepped forward to be baptized together; there was the wind of the Holy Spirit; we were on the move for the spirit as we zoomed around the sanctuary with pinwheels.

The children stepped up to show us they can be liturgical readers, ushers, acolytes and leaders of worship.

How blessed are the Sunday School leaders, Jenn Howlin and Alicia LaForge! How blessed are their teachers and parent helpers! How blessed are the children!

For Weekly Announcements and what's happening at St. James' visit our webpage: stjameshackettstown.org Check out the new calendar! Sign up for email news!



News from Lt. Thomas Malejko in Afghanistan:

Family,

I apologize for not writing more often, but things are quite busy over here at the moment. Over the past month, our Soldiers have conducted more than 38 combat patrols covering more than 3,100 kilometers and averaging a little over 8 hours per patrol. As the company executive officer (or XO) I am responsible for planning and coordinating their missions, overseeing their execution (from the tactical operations center), and overseeing their maintenance and logistical support. So my days are usually quite long, as I am here before the patrols leave in the morning and leave well after they get back so I often spend more than 14 hours sitting at my desk. There are always entertaining moments, mostly because we are responsible for providing route clearance support to the British who have a language all their own. Some highlights are listed below:

- I got called "Left-tenant" the other day...twas awesome!
- My name is often spelled "Thom" in emails.
- They legitimately used the word "fortnight" in a sentence.
- They spell maneuver, "manoeuvre"
- They ask if I am "happy with this task"...I think we have differing definitions of happy.
- If I talk to a British Soldier on the phone and ask him for his officer, you can usually hear him in the background saying "Sir (or ma'am which sound like "mum") there is a yank on the phone for you!"

Otherwise life here is quiet. The weather is getting hot, often in the low-mid 90s, but with about 10% humidity. We have survived two severe dust storms to date, but most days involve pretty stiff winds with lots of blowing dust (everything is covered in a fine layer of dust).

Hope all is well with everyone back at home. Love, Tom

Very Respectfully, Thomas P. Malejko 1LT, EN Executive Officer 541st Engineer Company (Sapper) NIPR: 318-357-3477 (<u>thomas.malejko@afg.usmc.mil</u>) CX-I: 611-267-1196 (<u>thomas.malejko@afgn.centcom.isaf.cmil.mil</u>) SIPR: 308-357-8800

SCRIP PRO

Keep this handy! All Scrip Pro gift cards are due and ordered on the <u>2nd Sunday of each month</u>:



June 9th July 14th August 11th September 8th October 13th November 10th December 8th

Gift cards deliver the following week!

Journal Deadlines

Please mark your calendars for upcoming issues:

June 30

JULY /AUGUST EDITION

August 26

SEPTEMBER EDITION



St. James' Episcopal Church Hackettstown

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We need "management" help for the Summer **Backpack Program!**

Our feeding program provided large bags of food to over 250 children last summer. With no major improvement in the economy, we are expecting a similar number this summer. United Way and St. James' purchased or had donated over \$26,000 worth of food – not including all the fresh produce and bagels. St. James' alone collected or provided donations for \$12,000 worth of food. This year we are anticipating St. James' will need to collect \$16,000 - \$20,000.

United Way of Northern New Jersey has been a faithful partner in this mission, providing major funding for the Summer Backpack Program. This year they will continue to provide financial support, but not volunteers. So we need more of you on our teams – to help us shop, pack and give.

We are looking for volunteers to help with Fund/Food raising, Purchasing, Logistics, Social Media and Fresh Food Planning. To volunteer please contact Linda DeLoreto at:

linda.deloreto@gmail.com

Our next meeting will be **Tuesday**, June 4th at 7:00 pm in the Great Hall.



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PUBLISHER TRAINING THANK YOU!

Special thanks to Rod Perez-Vega for the

Publisher training he presented to us. This is the software we use to bring you the St. James' Journal!

Cathy, Linda & Barbara



MAINTENANCE

MORNING

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

9am-12pm

Help keep St. James' looking great! Various jobs to be done from small to large.

No experience necessary!

TRANSITIONS

Honoring our Graduates

We will honor our graduates on Sunday, June 9th at each service. A festive coffee hour will be offered by our Education for Ministry Class. We hope you will join in the celebration of these disciples as they continue on their journeys!



NAME	GRADE	SCHOOL	Degree/Future Plans
Sylvia Okoye	college	Wheaton College	Work
Tina Okoye	college	Lehigh University	Lehigh Grad School - Sociology
Ricky Okoye	college	Lehigh University	Work and Graduate School
Audrey Honigsberg	college	Sussex County College	AA degree in Elementary Education
Kristen Carson	12th	Hackettstown High School	County College of Morris
Sarah DiMarzo	12th	Hackettstown High School	University of Delaware
Justin Simmons	12th	Hackettstown High School	Waynesburg University
Linda Ayres		The University of the South	EFM Certificate - continue serving the Lord
Peg Faust		The University of the South	EFM Certificate - continue serving the Lord
Nicholas DeLoreto	5th	Sunday School to	Youth Group
Hayden Smith	5th	Sunday School to	Youth Group

St. James' Baptism

We welcome the newly baptized Kiely Family: Geoffrey Paul, Me Lin (Chrissy), and Nora Yun.





REMEMBERING......

RICHARD AMES



ROBERTA BRANDT



TRANSITIONS



Anthony Ortiz and Jenn Pixley, left, on their wedding day. Right, proud parents Barbara and Penn Pixley.



Brían Nolan and Meredith Firmín will be married June 2nd. A picture of this upcoming event will be in the next issue of the <u>Journal</u>.

"Wedding Thanks"

By Brian Nolan

I want to thank everyone for all their wedding prayers and support. A special thank you to my mom, Cynthia Nolan, and to my sister, Jeanette Nolan, who put on an excellent luncheon on Sunday, May 26, 2013. They put a lot of hard work and planning to make the day as spectacular as it was. I am blessed to have them in my life. Also, they helped with lots of the Wedding Reception Favors and Ideas.

I want to thank Louise Olshan and the Multi-Generational Bell Choir for playing, "Perfect Love", and to Pam Laura, who will be singing the song, during the Wedding Ceremony. It's a pretty piece to listen to and fits the mood (and readings) quite well. The wedding gifts you gave us during the luncheon were perfect for us. Thank you all for them. Funny thing is that we were considering purchasing a strainer right after the church service. The Slow Cooker will come in handy as will the Paper Towel Dispenser. Looks like Meredith and I will be making casseroles for upcoming church pot luck dinners. :) Thank you to all the Pray-ers throughout the menths. thank you for your continual prayers

months, thank you for your continual prayers. They were felt during the good, and sometimes, not so good times.

Thank you to my Dad, Brian Nolan Sr. and Tere Nolan, for the Rehearsal Dinner and Reception DJ. Plus any other guidance that was needed during the months.

A Special Thank you to Meredith's parents, Paul and Tammy Firmin, for all the Wedding Planning, especially with organizing the Reception. Thank you to entire Wedding Party. Thank the Bridesmaids, Whitney Firmin, Ingrid Firmin and Jessie Hoover. Thanks to the Groomsmen: Michael O'Krepka III, Robert Nolan and Brian Hewitt. Thanks to the Flower Girl: Ariea O'Krepka and to the Ring Bearer: Robert Nolan Jr. Thanks to the Ushers: Sam and Titus Firmin.

I thank everyone who helped Meredith and I move into my new apartment: My Dad, Brian Nolan Sr., my friends Michael and Tiameka O'Krepka III, their Daughter, Ariea O'Krepka, my Sister Jeanette Nolan and her Son, William Fleck.

I thank my Mom, Cynthia Nolan, my Niece and Nephew, Julianna and Michael Fox, for helping me load the truck.

A big thank you to my Cousin Michael Moffa who will be photographing our wedding.

Another big thank you to Dave Lacouture for being the videographer during the wedding ceremony. I really appreciate that. Honest!!!!!

Thank you to everyone for attending our wedding and to those who couldn't, thanks for being there in prayer and spirit.

I ask your continual prayers and support throughout the upcoming months for all involved that I mentioned above and to any others I may have forgotten.

And additional prayers for Meredith and I as we embark on a new journey together.

Finally, a special thank you to, Reverend Dr. Cathy Deats, for Officiating the Wedding and for all your guidance throughout the months. Without your help and wisdom, we would probably still be at stage one of the Wedding Planning.

Please pray for a beautiful, sunny day! Thanks for everything!

Have a Blessed Day and Month and see you again, Sunday, June 16th. Take care and God Bless! Sincerely,

Brian Nolan and Meredith Firmin

(Chances are, by the time you read this, we will be Mr. and Mrs. Brian Nolan Jr. :))



Music Notes –

June 2013 Honoring Our Musicians

On Sunday, May 26, we honored all our musicians: Senior Choir, Youth Choir,

and Bell Choir. Those of you who aren't involved in one of these groups may not realize how dedicated they all are.

The Senior Choir comes early on Sundays to rehearse the musical offerings that enhance our worship experience almost every week. Most of them sing at almost all our Christmas Eve services, at both Easter services, and at our Lessons and Carols service as well as several extra services during Holy Week! They are each faithful music ministers and I am always so proud of them and look forward to working with them every week.

Recently we welcomed back some members who had been away for work or personal reasons: David Bernauer who, as a CPA, was gone almost from the beginning of the year through Tax Day; Jim Brandt, who was away caring for Roberta during her battle with cancer; and Helen Wise, who has recuperated enough from her multiple illnesses to join us again. We also welcomed Bruce Smith into the choir just a few weeks ago. We look forward to the return of Kayode and Stella Oyegbite from their United Nations assignment to Africa. So, our little family is growing, which is a good thing! You don't need to read music to be in the choir and it is never too late to join! Even though, by the time you read this we will only have one more singing Sunday left, you can come to the Mitcham House at 8:30AM on June 9th to see what we're like and rejoin us in the Fall!

Our Multigenerational Bell Choir stays after church almost every Sunday to rehearse their music under the wonderful direction of Louise Olshan. As I've said before, it is not common to have a Bell Choir in an Episcopal Church so we are very lucky to have ours! This group helps bring our name out to the community by performing at different events in town and places such as The House of the Good Shepherd. You do not need to read music to be in this group either. You just have to be able to count! Young people are invited to join, too. Please see Louise if you are interested.

Our Youth Choir spends a part of many Sunday School days learning to sing and sign their pieces for Christmas, Easter and the end of the year. While we don't always have all of the children at any given performance, they all get to learn the songs and signs.

Every church needs someone who can play organ and/or piano to help lead the congregation and choirs in singing hymns and service music. This person also helps set the tone for the service with prelude offerings and closes the service with a postlude offering. Our person is Louise Olshan, who brings not only her talents on organ and piano but her ability to direct our Bell Choir. We are so fortunate to have her with us and we can't "honor our musicians" without honoring Louise!

Thank you to Louise and all our singers and ringers who work so hard to enrich our worship with music!

Pam Laura Music Director





Education for Ministry

EFM class is now forming for September – we need you to know *NOW* because we need time to form our group and get materials, all new this year. The class meets on Tuesday nights, September through May, from 7 PM to 9:30 PM. What exactly do we do in EFM? We dig deeper into the Christian faith, studying the Bible, Church history and theological ideas and reflect on connecting faith with life experiences. Please see Cathy Deats or Eileen Malejko to enroll, or speak to any student: Claudia Scala, Linda DeLoreto, Linda Ayres, Peg Faust, or Carol Novrit.

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Life at St. James'





103 jars of peanut butter, one jelly, one Nutella and one snack pack from Memorial Day Parade onlookers!

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In Christ's Name



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