

# St. James' E-pistle

## June 21, 2013

### **Pulpit Notes**

Dear Friends at St. James':

It's good to remember our mentors; so here's one of mine: Fr. Bob Hybel. When I was a young rector just beginning at St. John's, South Salem he was my spiritual advisor. On one occasion after I had finished regaling him with all I was trying to accomplish he looked at me with pity and asked, "And how is God doing, Mike?"

This coming Sunday we will be looking at the importance of that question. As we employ our summer service leaflet at 10:00 let's take notice of the change to eucharistic prayer B and its grand statement that Jesus Christ is head of His Church. Really!

Michael

For pastoral concerns while Fr. Chuck is on sabbatical, please contact Deacon David or Deacon Gail. This week, and until Fr. Chuck returns on September 1<sup>st</sup>, we warmly welcome Fr. Michael Shafer.

# St. James' E-pistle

## June 21, 2013

### **The News of the Diocese**

**Our Neighbors on Staten Island Need Assistance:** In order for the goal of restoring forty houses by the end of 2013 can be accomplished, volunteers are needed - for a day, or two or for a week.

Volunteers need to be skilled or semi-skilled in the areas of putting up dry wall, taping, installing insulation and painting. We are working on putting together a workshop to aid in building up individual skill levels.

If you are interested in volunteering, please speak with me. Maybe some of your friends would like to join you in forming a work party.

Thank you for considering becoming a Hurricane Sandy Recovery Volunteer. Please keep all of our brothers and sisters who are recovering from Sandy and other natural disasters in your prayers.

Deacon Gail

**The Episcopal Diocese of New York** has called for the election of a Bishop Suffragan for our Diocese. The resolution to call for this special election was set in motion at our November - 2012 Diocesan Convention. The Committee that oversees the process began accepting applications on May 6th. The timeline for announcing the names of the nominees is October 7th. There will be walkabouts the week of November 18th with a Special Convention to elect our next Bishop Suffragan on Saturday, December 7th at the Cathedral.

Please keep all who are involved in the process in your prayers. "Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of all who shall choose a Bishop Suffragan for our Diocese, and all who offer themselves as candidates, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

\* \* \* \* \*

Deacons from across the Episcopal Church, including four from our Diocese, gathered in Williamsburg, Virginia from Thursday, June 13th through Sunday, June 16th for our Association for Episcopal Deacons' triennial Assembly. We were hosted by the Deacons from the Diocese of Southern Virginia. Meeting in the midst of historic Williamsburg, we explored our theme: *Weaving a New World View* through worship, listening, exploring and discussions.

# St. James' E-pistle

## June 21, 2013

Our keynoter and conference leader was the Rev. Eric Law, an Episcopal priest, who led us through a series of exercises where we see a flow of blessings rather than limits and scarcity in regard to sustainable ministry with this flow building on inclusion.

In addition to Eric Law and his "Holy Currencies" workshop, we also gathered for workshops lead by Katrina Browne and Sarah Eagle Heart. Katrina Browne addressed the history of the slave trade through the lens of her documentary: "Traces of the Trade - Stories of the Deep North." Sarah Eagle Heart spoke and led a discussion on the "Doctrine of Discovery" and how this doctrine, which the Episcopal Church has been a leader in repudiating it, has affected our Native American sisters and brothers including her own family.

For us as Deacons, our Assembly provides valuable opportunities to explore different issues that face us as neighbors along with networking among deacons throughout the Episcopal Church. For the four of us from our Diocese, we give thanks for having attended and for the opportunity to share what we learned with our fellow Deacons here in New York.

Peace,

Deacon Gail

**2013 Training for Eucharistic Visitors & Eucharistic Ministers:** Two training sessions have been scheduled for lay people chosen to serve as Eucharistic Visitors and Eucharistic Ministers. Both one day sessions will be given on a Saturday from 9:45 am to 2:30 pm, with lunch included. The fee for each participant is \$15.00, and scholarships will be available.

Training will be hosted on September 21, 2013 at Zion, Wappingers Falls and at Christ Church of Ramapo, Suffern on October 5, 2013. If you wish to register, or have any questions about the training, please contact Arlene Bullard at [abullard@dioceseny.org](mailto:abullard@dioceseny.org).

## **The News of the Church**

**Graveyard Tours:** The next organizational meeting for the Graveyard Tours will be June 23, 11:30 in the hall. Please stop by and see the progress we are making. It is going to be a great year, with several members of the congregation as actors! Remember this is our major fundraiser and a big project, we can always use your help!

Thanks, Bev O'Halloran, 229-5555

# St. James' E-pistle

## June 21, 2013

**Summer Hiatus for Coffee Hour:** Please note that there will be no coffee hour during July and August

**St. James' Prayer Group - Ready to Help You Start:** For the past several months, a dedicated and faithful group of eight have been meeting bi-weekly to pray. Led by Pat Keeffe, they have prayed for each other, for the congregation and for larger needs. Prayer is our link with God, and to pray together makes the community stronger. The prayer group wants to let you know that it is a beautiful and life-giving experience. They have found that eight is as large as the group ought to be - any bigger lessens the intimacy - but they are willing to share their encouragement with any who might be interested in starting a new prayer group.

Please contact Pat Keeffe if you would like to learn more about what a prayer group does or how you can start your own.

**Please keep the following people in your prayers:**

Janet Arms, Ruth Blanding, Ken Briggs, Kurt Burkhardt, Michael Day, Jack Gordy, Harold Hall, Jolanda Heijenbrok, Brooke Helton, Rev. Don Hoger, Barbara Knakal, Rosemary Leuken, Andrew Mendelson, Rev. Tim Millard, Joan Oetjen, Clifford Plass, Gerald Plass, Deborah Porach, Don Renten, John Robinson, James Sheeky, Naomi Sleight, Debbie Stone, Elmer Van Wagner, Gloria Veach, Candace Vincent, Cassidy Way and Cliff Wells.

### **Schedules**

*A Note about Schedules: The names you see below are those listed on their respective schedules. There are often times when, due to sickness or travel, substitutes are asked to fill in or trade positions. This will probably NOT be reflected in the lists below—so, if there is an inconsistency between what you see here and what you see on Sunday, that is alright.*

Birthdays:	None
Acolytes:	June 23: Nancy Montero June 30: Gage Minter
Altar Guild:	June 23: Team Number III June 30: Team Number I
8 a.m. Readers:	June 23: Angela Henry and Grant Ferris June 30: Debbie Belding and Lynne Koch

# St. James' E-pistle

## June 21, 2013

10 a.m. Readers: June 23: Wilma Tully and Bobbie Wells  
June 30: Patty Caswell and Judy Douglass  
Ushers: June 23: Bobbie and Cliff Wells  
June 30: Judy Douglass and Vince Asher  
Pledge Clerks: June 23: Paul Littlefield and Dean Caswell  
June 30: Paul Littlefield  
Coffee Hour Hosts: June 23: Pat Keefe and Audrey Horne (coffee: Kathy Graff)  
June 30: Choir and Barbara Slegel

**Please see Pat Keefe if you would like to host a coffee hour!**

### **This Week's Lectionary**

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a

Psalm 42 and 43

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39