

Open Doors

The Newsletter of St. James Episcopal Church

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& WARDEN

How does this congregation service God's mission to people in this community? This was the question

posed to every parish on Long Island by our bishop. On Sunday, about forty members of our parish, from children through our older members, gathered to explore the question. In spite of short notice (the diocese only provided the resource materials the week before Easter, and we have to have a written response by May 22), we had a great time reading scripture together, thinking about who we are and who our community is, and what we offer (or might offer more). The planning committee, Christ Mauro, Peter Cahill, Jennifer Lawrence, and the Rector, will be putting together the written response as requested by the bishop, using the comments we gathered; however, you might be interested in some of the comments made during the Bible study part, on Matthew 28:16-20:

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and

said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

"What in this passage caught your imagination?"

- * The disciples did what Jesus called them to do.
- *Some doubted - "What are we being called to do?" What's the purpose?
- *Jesus promises to be with us always – we are not alone.
- *Going to all nations. Travel.
- *Baptizing all of them.
- *Teaching.
- *All authority passed on to us.
- *Jesus in three "person" - Body, Spirit, Mind/Intellect
- *Make disciples
- *Act it out – Do it!
- *The enormity of His being there and his message that created doubts.

"What do you notice about God (or the disciples) in this passage?"

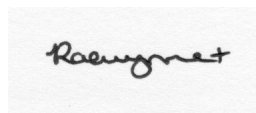
- *Jesus gave a specific commission.

- *They were human by doubting.
- *Their faith was strong.
- *God encourages.
- *Confident leadership – Jesus gives them inspiration, direction, confidence, reassurance that they are not alone and they can do it.
- *The sheep became the shepherds.

“If we are made in this God’s image (baptized as disciples), then what are we called to be and to do?”

- *God wants us all to be disciples.
- *By evangelizing.
- *Teaching.
- *Example (words and actions).
- *In God’s image we should encourage others.
- *Spread the word to all nations.
- *Make disciples of everyone – see beyond your normal horizons.
- *Spread the word.
- *See God in everyone and show that they are loved always.
- *The mission of the church is to do what Jesus would do.
- *We are charged to go out and spread his message to all nations to care for one another.
- *Go beyond just being at church on Sunday; we are all called to be ministers and continue the work that Jesus started.

Stay tuned for next month’s *Open Doors*, where we expect to be able to share our whole response.



& Chris

LIKE TO READ? (OR WATCH TV?)

This month, a series of books - and TV shows - that explore one of the hidden gems of our Anglican Tradition - the service of women's religious orders. Call the Midwife is a memoir by Jennifer Worth, and the first in a trilogy of books describing her work as a district nurse and midwife in the East End of London during the 1950s based at Nonnatus House, a pseudonym for the Sisters of St John the Divine in Whitechapel, where Worth actually worked (one of the sisters who worked with Worth is still alive, and watches the TV version!).

Founded in 1848, the Community of St John the Divine was based in one of the poorest areas of London, delivering ante- and post-natal care to women living in squalor. “It was incredibly grim,” recalls Margaret Angela, who joined the order in 1961. “You’d have families crammed into tiny tenement houses, some without bathrooms. The children had no shoes; there was no furniture. The men worked on the docks as casual laborers, so if there was no work, there was no food on the table.” Between 80 and 100 babies were born each month in the eight-mile square district of Poplar. “If there’s one thing I’ll say about East End mums, it’s that they love their kids,” adds Christine. “In the 100 years we were there, just one baby was abandoned on our doorstep. We cared for him before the police came. They named him John Divine.”

You can read more about the amazing faith and work of the sisters here:
<http://www.csjd.org.uk/history.html>

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OUR SUNDAY SERVICES?

First, the actual bulletin. We have heard comments from a number of mostly newer parishioners that it's really hard to find your way around the prayer book, and that juggling two books plus a leaflet with multiple sheets of paper is hard – especially when also juggling children or reading glasses! So, we decided to try a bulletin format that includes the service text. This is experimental, and we're still refining what we include and how we format it.

Second, as we have done for the last 7 years, during the season of Easter we are using one of the Episcopal Church's approved liturgies, from "Enriching our Worship." Unlike other branches of the Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church has not printed a revised Book of Common Prayer since 1979; instead, "Enriching our Worship" is available in digital form, in part because of cost, and because many parishes print full text bulletins weekly.

Ever since the establishment of the Church of England during the Reformation, two principles have shaped out liturgical rites:

1. They should be in the people's everyday language.
2. They should draw on our best knowledge of Scripture and ancient liturgical traditions. The 1549, 1552, 1559, 1662, 1789, 1892 and 1928 prayer books all drew on these principles. More recently, a third principle has been added: where possible, we should share liturgical texts with other Christian traditions; this shapes the 1979 prayer book and "Enriching our Worship". By using "Enriching our Worship" during 5 weeks of the Easter season, we draw on recently discovered wisdom of the early church. We worship using a fuller range of the biblical images of God. We join with many churches in our diocese and around the world in using shared forms of the Creed and Lord's Prayer.

- Raewynne

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL JUNE 8, 2013

St. James' annual Strawberry Festival and Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. In the weeks before the Festival there is much preparation that needs to be done. Here are some of the ways in which you can help:

Yard sale - donate items in good condition that you no longer use, such as glassware, dishes, linens, ceramics, sports equipment, gardening tools, etc. All must be clean and in good condition so that we can sell it. No clothing, stuffed animals, or books, please. Donations can be left in the lobby of the Christian Education building.

Baked goods - do you like to bake? Donations of muffins, cupcakes, cookies, quick breads and simple cakes and pies are always big sellers at our Festival. The more we make, the more we sell. They can be brought early on the day of the Festival.

Plants - do you like to garden? If you have extra perennials, please pot them up, label them with name and planting conditions, and bring them the morning of the Festival.

Donate your time - If you have time before the Festival, you can help make jam, price yard sale items, or hull strawberries for sale. Watch the Sunday bulletin for the schedule of these events. If you are available for a few hours (or more) on the day of the Festival, you could help set up the tables, spend some time working at a table, or break down the tables at the end of the day.

By working together, we can have fun and help support St. James Church at the same time. More information will be coming in the Sunday bulletins. Please volunteer!

BAKE TABLE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Calling all St. James bakers (and baker wannabes)! The Strawberry Festival is just around the corner...we're looking for donations of your yummy goodies to make the Bake Table a success again. Help support St. James by making an item or two (cookies, bars, breads, muffins, cakes, brownies, cupcakes) for the Bake Table. The more we have the more we sell. Sugar-free or gluten-free goods will be appreciated as well. Please label your donations (especially if you put in nuts) and bring them by early on the day of the Festival. Contact Karen Douglass (kdouglass@optonline.net, 928-6633) or Stephanie Coleman (751-4151, ssc6263@gmail.com) or tell us in church if you will be baking!

- Karen Douglass

JAM TABLE

The St. James Jammers will be starting to make jam on Thursday, May 2, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Mills Hall kitchen and expects to continue on subsequent Thursdays (watch the Sunday bulletin). If you already know how to make jam, or would like to learn (adults only, please) we invite you to join us. If you have any questions, please speak to Laurie Mannix or any of the other jammers. If you have empty jars, please return them to the kitchen so they can be reused.

- Laurie Mannix

AUDIT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to audit the church's financial statements. The audit is a yearly requirement of the Diocese. Volunteers will work with the Treasurer and Bruce Lawrence. No accounting background is necessary, just common sense. Please contact me if you are available and interested.

- Doug Dahlgard

VOICES FROM GODLY PLAY

Eowyn's Prayer

Thank you, God, for our life on earth.
Thank you, God, for always being with us.
Please, Lord, help the ones who are sick.
Take care of them, help them to get better.
Help the people who are not with us to join God.

Kerrick's Prayer

Thank you, God, for the wonderful world You created for us. Thank you, God, for such a wonderful and peaceful Sunday school. Please help the sick and the poor and everyone who needs Your help.

Annabelle's Prayer

Thank you for everything You gave us, food and land and all the things You gave us. Thank you for bringing everyone to Sunday school. Please make sick people well.

- Carol Bluni

MARINER FRIENDLY CHURCHES

At their meeting on April 22, the Vestry voted to become a "Mariner Friendly Church." This means that the church enters into a partnership with the Seamen's Church Institute, sharing a covenant to serve mariners. As part of this partnership SCI promises to send a chaplain or other representative at least once a year to preach or talk about SCI's ministry, provide materials for classes, volunteer opportunities and areas of interest, and invite members to join their ministry hands-on at their hospitality centers or work sites. The church promises to include mariners and SCI in the Prayers of Intercession, and provide volunteer, in-kind and financial support (knitting, volunteering at a hospitality center or making an outreach grant. Once we have more specific information it will be shared. Feel free to speak to Raewynne if you have any questions.

OUTREACH

Our Good Friday offering of \$283.00 was sent to the Domestic Missionary Society in Jerusalem.

Suffolk Blood Services received 25 units of blood from St. James' Good Friday blood drive. Thank you to Edna Rousseau for coordinating the drive and to all for this gift of life.

Outgoing Vestry members received \$25.00 GlobalGiving gift cards at our annual meeting in February to thank them for their service to St. James Church. Lil Moleti donated hers to a nursing program in Africa. Colette Tarantino donated hers to Ipads for Autism. Alec Douglass donated his to Junior Scientists Restoring Brazil's Rainforest. Debbie LaMano donated hers to Safe Passage: Help 150 Girls Survive Trafficking. These gifts will make a difference around the world. Once again, we all owe these folks a debt of gratitude for their service to St. James Church!

Thank you to all who donated to the Sandy Hook Elementary School PTSA. St. James was able to send \$135.00 from the sell-out of the "green ribbon" sale to help the traumatized surviving children with continued psychological help.

May 4 is the last Service Saturday being held at Camp DeWolfe in Wading River this spring. You can sign up to volunteer to help paint, repair, clean up, etc. before camp opens for the summer. See the website at www.campdewolfe.org.

A Habitat work day for St. James parishioners is planned for Friday, May 17. Save the date. Hopefully it will be a beautiful day to build a new house in Suffolk County! No skills are required – it is on-the-job training. Bring a friend and your lunch. Contact Ken LeCluse (588-1176) or Peter Cahill (265-0719) for more information.

Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk will celebrate its 25th Anniversary with the Roger

Metcalf memorial Golf Classic on Monday, May 20 at St. George's Golf and Country Club, Stony Brook, NY. For more information call 422-4828.

Donations to the Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry can be made at any time. They may be left in the cart in the hallway of the Christian Education building. Especially needed at this time are fruit juice, pork and beans, tuna fish, and ravioli. When the cart is full, please take a turn transporting the food to the Pantry. The next time St. James parishioners will serve at the Pantry will be during the month of July. Watch for a sign-up sheet in Mills Hall.

Protestant Campus Ministry at Stony Brook University continues to collect toiletries for Hurricane Sandy victims and women transitioning from domestic violence. Those small bottles saved from hotels and gift bags from your dentist are perfect. Donations may be placed in the basket in the narthex.

Our annual Strawberry Festival and Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 8. A portion of the proceeds from this sale will be used for next year's outreach budget. Opportunities to help include donating items for the sale, jam making, baking, and pricing yard sale items. Watch *Open Doors* and the Sunday bulletins for more information.

An outreach meeting was held on April 7 to determine how the \$2,500 in the church's budget for outreach should be allocated. Pending the Vestry's approval, the following was decided:

\$250.00 Bread for the World
\$250.00 Habitat for Humanity of Suffolk
\$1,500.00 Protestant Campus Ministry at SBU
\$500.00 To be decided after the mission meeting on April 28 or may be shared between Habitat and PCM in the fall.

\$2,500.00 Total

- Sue Krall

BUILD-A-BACKPACK FOR HABITAT

Once again, St. James has signed on to participate in Habitat for Humanity's "Build-a-Backpack" program that supplies school supplies and backpacks to Habitat kids for the upcoming school year. Habitat Homeowners work hard to complete their sweat equity requirements and prepare themselves for the responsibilities of home ownership. Build-a-Backpack introduces Habitat kids to a continual emphasis on education, hard work, and community involvement. You can help out by purchasing any of the suggested supplies on the list below. Complete backpacks are also welcome! A box for donations will be placed on the pew in the hallway of the Christian Education building, near the Food Pantry cart. Please have your donations in by Wednesday, July 10.

Elementary students:

Pocket folders
Marble notebooks
Pencils
Pencil case
Safety scissors
Glue sticks or Elmer's glue
Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
Pocket tissues
Ruler
Eraser

Middle school students:

Pocket folders
Pencils & pens
Pencil case
Looseleaf paper & binder
Notebooks
Glue sticks or tape
Markers or colored pencils
Ruler
Index cards
Highlighter
Scissors
Pocket tissues

High school students:

Pocket folders
Pens & pencils

Looseleaf paper & binder
Notebooks
Tape or glue sticks
Highlighter
Ruler
Colored pencils or markers
Index cards
Pocket tissues.

Backpacks for all age groups are needed. Each backpack will be filled with the requested materials before they are taken to the Habitat office

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

On April 6 we were blessed to host our sixth annual combined Prayer Shawl gathering at Caroline Church in Setauket. About 25 women attended, gathering for prayer, worship, knitting and crocheting and fellowship with each other. Members of the following parishes were present: St. Cuthbert's, Selden, St. Mark's, Islip, St. Ann's Sayville, The Setauket Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church of Smithtown, St. James RC Church in Setauket, St. James Church, St. James, St. Patrick's RC Church, Smithtown, and Caroline Church.

I was most honored to be the guest speaker this year. I focused on the blessings of our Long Island prayer shawl community to the victims of the Newtown shooting. A few days after the shooting, I coordinated a collection of shawls to deliver to Newtown. We had commitments from many churches, and we were able to collect about 30 shawls to add to a gift for every teacher and school staff member in Newtown. More than 800 shawls in total from all over the country were given out in the Sandy Hook community. We are so very grateful to all who contributed to this outreach – a small but visible token of God's love for those in pain.

We sang a song by Laura Story entitled "Blessings" as a prelude to our time of quiet meditation. We were reminded that often our "blessings come through raindrops" and that "the trials in this life are God's mercies in

disguise.” Dara Linthwaite played her guitar and was a special addition to the morning. She sang a beautiful Judy Collins song, “Oh Had I a Golden Thread.” After our quiet time, Deacon Gail Kertland blessed the shawls we had brought to the meeting. The women also brought canned goods and staples, and these were donated to the Smithtown Food Pantry.

It was a lovely morning of fellowship, reflection and prayer. We hope you will consider joining us at any or our monthly Saturday morning meetings or at next year’s annual gathering. Our meeting this month will take place on Saturday, May 18th at 8:30 a.m. at the home of Beth O’Connor, 3 Shaker Hollow Road, Setauket. All are welcome!

- *Wylie Hunt*

FESTIVAL OF FILMS & FAITH

The Festival of Films and Faith will show the last of 3 films on Tuesday, May 21 at 7 p.m. at Theatre Three, 412 Main Street, Port Jefferson. Protestant Campus Ministry is one of the sponsors. The film will be followed by a panel and audience discussion and then a reception. It is always an interesting evening. Free tickets are available in the narthex. In the film *Monsieur Lazhar* a Montreal middle school class is shaken by the suicide of their well-liked teacher. Bashir Lazhar, an Algerian immigrant with minimal qualifications, is quickly hired to replace her. The film explores his relationship with the students and administration as they cope with the tragedy. As he helps the children to heal, he faces again his own painful past.

- *Sue Krall*

FAITH FORMATION CONVOCATION

The Diocese of Long Island is holding a Faith Formation Convocation at the Mercer School on Saturday, May 18. An amazing keynote speaker on the Epic Adventure of Passing on the Faith will be followed by workshops on every aspect of faith formation:

- * “Who Knew? The Formation Ministry of the Vestry”
- * “Two and Climbing the Pews” - Ministry to Babies and Toddlers from Birth to Age 3
- * “We are Sparkhouse - Christian Formation Resources from Birth to Adult”
- * “Faith Formation 4.0: Introducing an Ecology of Faith Formation in a Digital Age”
- * “Would I Attend Church If I Were Not a Priest? A Workshop on Young Adult Ministry”

Plus, sessions on formation for older adults, on community service as formation, on ministry with youth, on Sunday School on a “shoe string” budget and in a small church.

Visit the Mercer School website at www.mercerschool.org to learn more. Registration is available there on the web, open until May 9. There are special rates for groups.

GARDEN OF EVE FARM

Once again, we will host a community supported agriculture pickup here at church. Garden of Eve farm, founded in 2001 by environmental advocates Chris and Eve Kaplan-Walbrecht, is dedicated to providing delicious organic vegetables, fruits and beautiful flowers and to “making changes in the world by living them.” Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Imagine...a weekly selection of the freshest, just-picked organic vegetables, straight from the farm!

What are the benefits?

- * Cook healthier, more delicious dishes: the

share includes more than 40 varieties of vegetables which will challenge you to eat more fresh foods.

- * Help the environment: they do not use any toxic pesticides, herbicides, or chemical fertilizers.
- * Support your local farmers and the local economy: enjoy farm visits and tours, CSA member potlucks, and a relationship with the farm.

You can sign up for weekly or bi-weekly shares of vegetables, fruit, flowers, eggs, and/or cheese, and/or monthly shares of meat. The season runs from June through mid-November. Pickup is Wednesday afternoon/evening: all members are also asked to volunteer at the pickup a few hours during the season. Sign up is open at:

<http://www.gardenofevefarm.com/csa.htm>.

- Raewynne

DUO MODERNE CONCERT

On Sunday, May 19 at 4:00 p.m. in Mills Hall, Duo Moderne (Lauren Alfano, soprano and Noby Ishida, piano) will present a concert of classical music entitled “the Many Forms of Love: Sacred, Profane...and Sometimes Insane.” The program features music by Monteverdi, Bach, Fauré, Strauss, Rodrigo, and others. Admission is free, the concert is open to the public, no tickets required. For questions about the concert or the performers, please contact Duo Moderne at duomoderne@gmail.com.

BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN TOP A Diocese of L.I. Cursillo Retreat

This retreat, for all Cursillistas, will take place on May 24 - May 27 at the Montfort Center for Spirituality in Bay Shore.

Borrowing from Peter Moore’s [A Church to](#)

Believe In, the focus will be “Cursillo: A Movement to Believe In” and the witness on the weekend will center on five themes:

1. Cursillo as Evangelical - it’s word of promise and challenge
2. Cursillo as Catholic - its word of continuity and balance
3. Cursillo as Reformed - its word of freedom and truth
4. Cursillo as Charismatic - its word of life and power
5. Cursillo as Liberal - its word of love and openness.

Applications are online at:

<http://www.licursillo.org>.

- Wylie Hunt

NEWS OF THE PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to our May college grad! Leah Tarantino will graduate from St. Joseph’s College with a degree in English. She is currently looking for a teaching job. We wish her much luck in her search, and love and blessings as she starts this new level of her life’s journey.

Long time parishioners may remember Lillian LaLone, who was very active in the Altar Guild, craft groups, and many other areas during her time at St. James Church. She passed away on April 7 at the age of 98 and was buried in our churchyard. Our prayers and sympathy go to her family.

Correction to directory (already): Madelyn Cousins’ mailing address is P.O. Box 766, St. James NY 11780; her email is tigerboo1@optonline.net.

MAY CALENDAR

- 1 Knitters' group 10:30 a.m.
Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
- 2 Jam making 3:30 p.m.
Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
N.A. meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 3 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Mills Hall rental 2:00 p.m.
- 5 Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m. with
Children's Formation classes
- 6 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Bible study 10:00 a.m.
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Knitter's group 10:30 a.m.
Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
- 9 Jam making 4:30 p.m.
Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 12 **Mother's Day**
Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m. with
Children's Formation classes
- 13 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Bible study 10:00 a.m.
- 15 Knitters' group 10:30 a.m.
Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
- 16 Jam making 4:30 p.m.
Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
N.A. meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Habitat for Humanity work day
Mills Hall rental 6 p.m.
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Prayer Shawl meeting 8:30 a.m. in
Setauket
- 19 **Pentecost**
Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m. with
Baptism and Children's Formation
classes
Duo Moderne concert - Mills Hall
2 p.m.
- 20 Vestry meeting 7:30 p.m.
Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Bible study 10:00 a.m.
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Knitters' group 10:30 a.m.

- Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
- 23 Jam making 4:30 p.m.
Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
 - 24 Food addiction group 7:30 p.m.
 - 26 Holy Eucharist I 8:00 a.m.
Holy Eucharist II 9:30 a.m. with
Children's Formation classes
 - 27 **Memorial Day** - office closed
 - 28 *Open Doors* deadline
Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m.
Bible study 10:00 a.m.
Recovery group 7:30 p.m.
 - 29 Knitters' group 10:30 a.m.
Yoga class 3:30 p.m.
 - 30 Jam making 4:30 p.m.
Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.
 - 31 Mills Hall rental 6:00 p.m.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Matt Coleman
Maria Bataller
Karen Noack
Alyssa Green
Finn Dineen
Jeremiah Glogg
James C. Allen
Cathi Hart
Kristen Dean
Alec Douglass
Thomas Mauro
Bob Moleti
Allie Brady
Jacob Ryan
Joan Strassle
Walt Kregler

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Jack & Flo Donohue
Bill & Maria Bataller

