

THE CHAPEL OF **ST. JAMES**  
**THE FISHERMAN**  
WELLFLEET, MASS.



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Fall 2009



Dear Friends,

I am now back five weeks in the Other Place, and among many differences (including humidity—or its absence), I observe that it's no fun to go to church, unlike at St. James! I've been trying to grasp why that is the case. After all, there are nice enough people out here, we're worshipping a similar deity, and we are reading the same cycle of scripture. Answer: It's all in the details.

Mollie doesn't ring the bell before we begin. When I look up, I see only the backs of people's heads. Children are good and quiet, or else. An organ thunders its bossy way. And, perhaps most critical: I have not once been offered an Oreo or a glass of punch after a service.

At this Other Church we have the same money problems and issues as anywhere else, but here's the key: after we pay our pence to the diocese, most of the rest goes right back to the parish. To what might be called, metaphorically, the "paving the driveway issues." Those housekeeping, house-supporting costs get the attention, and the energy, and the focus. At St. James, we are careless about the essential characteristic of our ministry. We give it away. Big Time. We have been hit by the downturn, as anywhere, and the amount we give is not as high as it has been previously. But in proportion it remains the same. We give away at least half of all we raise.

Last summer I failed to talk about that. Not in announcements, not during whatever passed for an offertory sentence. And no one noticed until right at the end when we came to speak of our outreach grants. Then we wondered why we didn't talk about our outreach regularly and often. Better late than never, we decided to get serious. We decided to limit our outreach to three main areas, rather than drop a little here and a little there across the social landscape. The areas are: **food, shelter, and indigence**. To programs in our town and area which support feeding programs and opportunities, which give beds and comfort to those without homes, and to programs and immediate care for those who are forced by circumstance or carelessness to the very edges of our life together.

We got serious, and we hope that can be the case for everyone. If you give it to us, we will give it wisely *in the name of our God whose care we represent*. We are Americans so we talk about getting a "bigger bang for our buck." You can give it directly—but chances are you won't. Allowing us to bless the giving with God's grace and you might just allow us at St. James to be the outward and visible sign of the inward grace which illuminates and informs our prayers. A bigger bang, indeed.

People out here don't like me to talk about this. It "gets in the way." Thank heavens it does get in the way at the Chapel! Please help us to help, please keep each other in your prayers, and look ahead to our next time together.

In Christ,

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*Thanksgiving Day Service will be held  
Thanksgiving Morning, November 26, at 9:30 a.m.*

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July 1, 2008– June 30, 2009  
Unaudited Financial Statement

<u>1000 ASSETS</u>	<u>6/30/08</u>	<u>6/30/09</u>
102 Cape Cod Five NOW Account	15,727.25	14,165.46
107 Fidelity Investments	<u>111,402.32</u>	<u>107,356.10</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	127,129.57	121,521.56
<u>2000 LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</u>		
202 Liabilities	0	0
204 Equity	<u>127,129.57</u>	<u>121,521.56</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	127,129.57	121,521.56
<u>3000 INCOME</u>		
502 Plate Offering	32,913.16	26,172.71
504 Winter Appeal	7,040.00	6,580.00
506 Spring Appeal	1,525.00	1,585.00
510 Other Income	<u>870.01</u>	<u>8,896.23</u>
TOTAL CURRENT INCOME	42,348.17	43,233.94
602 Capital Fund Contributions	1,643.46	988.12
604 Capital Appreciation (Loss)	-3,070.26	-9,878.66
Dividends & Interest Fidelity		<u>4,844.32</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>40,921.37</u>	<u>39,187.72</u>
<u>4000 EXPENSES</u>		
702 Clergy	5,747.00	6,300.00
704 Music	2,200.00	2,785.00
705 Bulletin Printing	1,188.42	857.43
706 Letters, Cards, Postage	1,914.07	1,014.58
708 Altar Guild	0	68.25
709 Diocesan Assessment	1,002.00	836.00
710 Insurance	1,436.00	1,508.00
712 Electricity	536.28	412.66
719 Telephone	342.12	351.52
720 Contributions:		
Wellfleet in Need	1,000.00	1,000.00
Lower Cape Outreach	4,000.00	4,000.00
Episcopal Relief Dev.	2,000.00	0
Friends of VNA	1,000.00	1,000.00
Wellfleet Conservation Trust	1,000.00	500.00
Wellfleet Preservation Hall	500.00	0
Lower Cape Development Corp.	1,000.00	1,000.00
Hospice of Cape Cod	1,000.00	500.00
Habitat for Cape Cod	2,000.00	1,000.00
Capabilities	1,000.00	1,000.00
Interfaith Council for the Homeless	2,000.00	2,000.00
Wellfleet Scholarship	500.00	500.00
Mustard Seed	1,000.00	1,000.00
Outer Cape Health Services	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES	34,365.89	29,133.44
800 Capital Expenses:		
800-1 Miscellaneous Maintenance	3,709.30	7,348.36
800-2 Capital Expenses	<u>13,540.00</u>	<u>8,313.93</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES	17,249.30	15,662.29
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>51,615.19</u>	<u>44,795.73</u>