



The Shell

An e-letter for

Saint James the Greater Church, Cincinnati, Ohio

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The Shell, is a periodic email newsletter for the parishioners and friends of Saint James Church. This does not replace the Sunday bulletin or Parish Life. It's an opportunity for brief updates and news. A symbol for our patron saint is a shell and that gives the name to our e-letter.

The last [Shell](#) was back in May. That says how quiet the summer can be. Now we have a few things.

Most importantly, Pope Francis has declared Saturday, September 7 as a day of fasting and prayer "for peace in Syria, the Middle East and throughout the world." In light of this, our 8:30 a.m. Mass will be a votive Mass for peace. Try to come to Mass that morning and pray with us for peace everywhere.

Secondly, the pre-recorded phone calls about the picture directory went out earlier than they were supposed to be. Members of the Christian Service Commission are in charge of this project and they will be in the hall next weekend to help schedule your session. We have had to scramble to get the schedule on the parish website but that should be up today or tomorrow. The best laid plans....

Lastly, during the summer we have been working on a printed tour of our church. People have been asking whether there is symbolism in different things, things that could be interpreted simply as design elements. Others have been bringing guests in to look at the renovation and have their own questions. So, we put together a printed tour of the church that might be helpful. The tour notes are attached to this [Shell](#) so you can print it out if you like.

The last page of the tour document is an extensive description of the new painting of Saint James that was hung in the church on August 30. "The Call of St. James" draws upon Sacred Scripture for many of its elements. I think you will find it interesting.

Father Nolker