THE REV. DR. CATHY L. DEATS, RECTOR

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"The Lady Liberty of the Las Vegas Strip lacks the gravitas of her East Coast look-alike. She is half the size, a century younger, and represents a coarser form of democracy: the freedom to choose which slot machine gobbles up your savings."

This story, reported in the <u>Star-Ledger</u>, was about the new Liberty stamp, issued in December. It seems the



Las Vegas replica of Lady Liberty took the honor from the original, who welcomes strangers to America, when her image was used on the stamp. Apparently the US Postal Service thought the photo they selected was of

the Lady Liberty dedicated in 1886. Instead, the photo was of her imitation, which since 1997 has beckoned to gamblers outside the New York-New York Hotel-Casino. She stands beside an imitation Empire State Building and a roller-coaster.

The story continues: "It took a sharp-eyed philatelist to notice that what was assumed to be Harbor Liberty, star of 23 previous stamps, was actually Hotel Liberty, interloper of drunken snapshots." (Newark Star-Ledger, 4-14-2011)

What intrigued me about the story is the "why." Why choose the image from Vegas over the image of the real thing? If you look at the picture, you can see that Hotel Liberty's eyes appear less time worn, and she has a youthful glow. If you look at Harbor Liberty, the weathered wearing of the statue almost gives her the appearance of weeping.

Chalk it up to the American public's worship of youth and all things new. Our televisions are full of before and after makeover reality shows from "The Biggest Loser" to "What Not to Wear," from "Sell this House!" to "How do I look?" Whether it is dated décor or a hundred pounds of excess weight, an unflattering hairstyle or old-fashioned clothes, the old is put aside for the new. And for the most part, it is about appearance. The makeover results in a younger-looking, newer-looking or better-looking house or yard or person.

Think about how much we depend on appearance. A person who looks different is judged differently. The power of visual judgment, largely unconscious, is so great that the defense attorney advises his client to show up in court with a haircut and shave, tattoos covered, wearing a suit and tie. This transformation regularly causes jurors to judge the defendant more favorably.

We hate death and we hate anything that reminds us of death. This includes an aversion to things that remind

us of our mortality. We are susceptible to all the things that threaten life: sickness, disability, pain, loss. These are realities of life, but all are forms of death.

Jesus knew about pain and death.

In the Holy Week service of Tenebrae, we sit and read psalms together in a darkened church. They are songs and poems of lament, naming everything that smells of death: affliction, bitterness, contempt, trial. We read these psalms because we know that in the last week of his life, they must have been on Jesus' heart. Here is what Psalm 88 says:

O Lord, my God, my Savior, by day and night I cry to you...For I am full of trouble; my life is at the brink of the grave...I am in prison and cannot get free.

Easter is a celebration of the new: resurrection, new life, hope and the joy it brings. And it is also a celebration of the death of death. Not only does physical death cease to hold power over us, but all other forms of death lose that power as well. The problem is that what we see and what we experience in life often contradicts this message. The death of death does not erase the pain of this life.

The author of the Letter to the Colossians has help for us. He says, "you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." This strange saying makes perfect sense on the day of resurrection. For our lives, which are subject to pain and sorrow, have indeed been redeemed by Jesus Christ – redeemed completely – so that no matter what the loss or pain or sickness, the risen Christ is with us.

The risen Christ is not just some unseen spirit – he is with us when someone prays for us, holds our hand, sits with us, or reaches out to us. The risen Christ is present in a dinner offered to a grieving family, a visit to someone who is sick, an encouraging word. The risen Christ is present in the silence of shared pain. *All* death is dead.

The world celebrates the Biggest Loser who lost 100 pounds in six months. The next year in a follow-up interview, he has gained all the weight back and more. The house that was renovated to a sparkling new structure ages once again. Our strength still wanes, the illnesses still come.

The difference of Jesus' resurrection "makeover" is that not only is it permanent, but it is unaffected by looks or appearance. Jesus' body still bears the marks of his torture and death, but he is surely a new man.

Psalm 88 begins in torment and ends with the writer questioning God. We can imagine the answers Jesus

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RECTOR'S LETTER *continued from page 1* would give, knowing that he conquered every kind of death imaginable.

Do you work wonders for the dead? YES Will those who have died stand up and give you thanks? YES

Will your loving-kindness be declared in the grave? Your faithfulness in the land of destruction? Will your wonders be known in the dark? YES!

Alleluia; Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed; alleluia! Yours in the risen Christ,

#### Cathy Deats+

#### From the Senior Warden

At a Vestry meeting last fall, there was a discussion about purchasing a freezer for the Parish Hall kitchen. A used one had been located for a reasonable price and the Vestry was discussing whether it should be purchased. Then, a Vestry member mentioned that she had one in her garage that was no longer needed and she offered to donate it to the church. The offer was accepted and the freezer was moved in that week!

At a subsequent meeting, the Wardens and Rector were discussing the freezer when the light bulb went on: the church has many needs (and wants) and maybe, just maybe, parishioners have such items that they no longer need. Or maybe they know where we could acquire them at a good price. Or maybe they would like to donate the items to the church. Some folks like to see exactly where their donation is going (remember the donation of the new chairs last year?). And that's how the idea of the "Wish List" was born.

Over the past several months, the leaders of every group at St. James' were asked what items they "wish" they had to help accomplish their ministry at St. James'. We compiled the list, which you'll find enclosed in this edition of the Journal on page 3. For most items, there is an estimated price. We did not know the price for others because exact products were not determined. Some items are small, inexpensive things that someone might have around the house. Others don't cost anything! Yet others are more expensive. Perhaps these wishes might be fulfilled by someone looking to make a substantial donation (it is a wish list, after all). Please look over the list and if you have any questions, please speak to either of the Wardens or a member of the committee that requested the item.

Here's wishing that all out wishes are fulfilled! *Greg Malejko* 

# From the Junior Warden

Some vestry members have shared with you their story of finding St. James' and how this community has touched their hearts and enriched their lives. These stories were shared with you in hopes of encouraging you to share your story with us and with your family, friends and neighbors. Our vestry decided to focus on building our community in the coming year. This includes not only inviting others to share the gift of St. James' but also about providing for those who are already committed to our community. Can you share your story with us, we would love to hear your story or even read about it in the journal.

I think we are pretty good at worship and fellowship. In the last month or so, we have gathered for Shrove Tuesday, a bowling night and a trip to Seaman's Institute, all of which were very well attended. We marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade and shared a corned beef and cabbage dinner. We had two maintenance mornings where folks gathered to make our space more inviting and to do some small repair jobs. We have a strong prayer ministry that is extremely active in providing prayers for our families and friends. We have been blessed with a Priest who goes the extra mile in caring for us all in our time of need when we share our needs with her. A Cares' group provides meals for anyone in need. Our deaf ministry is growing. Our Sunday school is as strong as ever and we do pretty well at fundraising.

Our worship is enriched by the many folks who prepare and serve from week to week. This last week the Altar Guild set and reset our worship space seven times in just one week. Flowers and Palm were ordered well in advance and beautifully arranged to enhance our worship space. The adult choir, the children's choir and the bell choir all did extra duty rehearsing many times make our worship experience more rewarding and what a wonderful job they all did. The music was beautiful.

Of course there are areas that could use a little more attention but we should all be proud of the work done here at St. James'. Do not be surprised if, in the next few weeks, you are approached to help with one of many important projects. Pray about how you can serve our God in our community and let us know if there is something you would like to see us doing.

Invite a friend to Church.

Barbara White

- ❖ Vestry Hi-lites from April meeting are on page 3.
- What the Rector did while duty free after Easter is on page 6.

## Wish List

Bell Choir	6-foot table	\$180 ea. (3 req'd)
	3-foot table	\$125 (1 req'd)
	Binders	\$10.50 ea. (3 req'd)
Choir	Stoles to match liturgical colors	\$21 ea (6-10 req'd)
	More choir members	Free!
	New hymn board (with 8 rows)	
Musicians	Improved lighting in loft (for organist, choir and bell choir)	\$600
	Organ (and bench) cover	
	Window treatment in loft to block cold air	
Altar Guild	Rose set (including frontal, vestments and paraments)	
Kitchen	Pot rack	
	Oven racks	\$100 ea (2 req'd)
	Stainless steel tables	\$100 ea (2 req'd)
	Stainless steel shelves	\$100-150 ea (2 req'd)
	Commercial Dishwasher	\$3400 - \$4000
	Chafing dishes	\$40 ea (4 req'd)
	Table cloths (wine color)	12 req'd
	Small Freezer	\$200
	Construct Pantry	\$1000 (plus labor)
	Coffee Island	\$1,500
Administration	Automatic folder	\$440
	Scanner	
Rector	Digital Recorder	\$480
	Round Tables for Parish Hall	12 req'd
Lector/ Acotyes	Acolyte Robes and Cinctures	\$150 ea (4 req'd)
Wardens	Prayer Books (BCP)	\$15 ea (30 req'd)
	Refurbished Steeple (less approved grant)	\$37,000
	Leader (and committee) for Planned giving	Free!
	Leader (and committee) for Columabrium	Free!
	Leader (and committee) for development of Parish Hall lower level	Free!
Prayer Ministry	More members	Free!
Journal	Book reviews and personal reflections	Free!
	More e-journal sign-ups (to save postage)	Free!
Yarn Twisters	Large Rubbermaid bins	\$15 (2 req'd)

#### **Vestry Hi-Lites from April meeting**

- Senior Warden Emeritus Dawn Modugno discussed the much needed tower repair. The Ward J Herbert Fund granted St. James' \$18,428 to fix the tower, which needs repair to remedy multiple leaks. The amount asked for was half the cost of the repair -- \$27,100. The Vestry decided to call a Special Parish Meeting on June 5 to discuss several methods of financing the repair, and involve the congregation in the process.
- The "wish list" from groups, committees and staff of St. James' will be published in this month's <u>Journal</u>. The list was compiled by Wardens Greg Malejko and Barbara White.
- Our current underutilized assets were discussed: the lower level of the Parish Hall, the Columbarium and our plans for a Planned Giving Program. Dan Miller will take leadership of the Planned Giving effort.

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#### May Dates to Remember May 1 Family Breakfast • 9 AM to 10 AM May 1 Sunday School meets to prepare for Children's Sabbath • 10 AM May 8 Mother's Day May 9 - 16Rector's vacation Rummage sale • 10 AM to 4 PM May 14 May 22 Confirmation • Trinity and St. Phillip's Cathedral • 3 PM May 22 Children's Sabbath • 10 AM Service May 23 Golf Outing • Farmstead Golf Club, Lafayette • registration • 12 PM, 1:00 PM tee May 30 Memorial Day Parade • Float organizer needed! See Barbara White Save these June dates Episcopal Appalachian Ministries (EAM) Car Wash • Skylands Bank parking lot • June 11 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM June 12 Honoring our Graduates • 10 AM service hosted by Education for Ministry Class Bowling Trip • open to all ages! June 18 Parish Picnic • 10 AM service followed by cookout and games • June 19

**Food Pantry**: In May, we are collecting anything you want to bring - canned meat and dinners, juice, soup, canned vegetables and fruit for example - for Trinity's food pantry. There are collection containers in the Parish Hall lobby and hallway by the entrance into the sanctuary.

Independence Field of Dreams

# Rummage Sale

Clear out those closets and basements – the rummage sale will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 5 PM. Read about it in the Fundraising article on page 8. See Barbara White for more details or contact her at barbarawhite 7@msn.com (there is an underscore after her name).

# St. James' Golf Outing

The third Annual St. James' Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Farmstead Golf & Country Club. One PM is the shotgun start with registration at 12 noon. \$100 per person includes lunch, buffet dinner, gift bag, contests and prizes! Register at stjamesgolf214@gmail.com

Read all about the Golf Outing on page 8.

Confirmation for District One, including St. James' Hackettstown, will be held at Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral on Sunday, May 22 at 3:00 pm. There will be rides available if you can come in support of our confirmands and those being received into The Episcopal Church. Those to be confirmed are Trever Carson, Matthew DiMarzo, Sarah Di Marzo, Drew Lacouture and Melissa Vitalos. To be received from confirmation in other denominations are: David Bernauer, James Jacoby, Kathy Jacoby and Christopher Vitalos.

# Contributions for Japan earthquake relief:

You can make a difference through *Episcopal Relief and Development*, our church's relief organization. ERD will work with the Anglican Communion in Japan in its initial response efforts. Please use the yellow envelopes for your contribution. If you donate cash, please write your full name on the envelope in order to receive credit. Checks should be made payable to St. James', with a notation of "ERD." You will find the envelopes marked "Japan" in the pews and on the table in the rear. **To date, we have collected \$1,235.** 

The Children's Sabbath will be celebrated on May 22 at the 10 AM service. The children and teachers of the Sunday School are creating the liturgy for that day, and we will get a chance to be brought into the world of Godly Play! Bring your imaginations and remember what Jesus taught: "Unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:3

# Calling all Graduates

Please submit the names of any graduates to the church office for inclusion in the June 12th celebration at the 10:00 AM Sunday service. We want to honor Middle School, High School, College, Professional School and all other kinds of graduations. Let us know by **May 30.** 

The Resurrection of our Lord

## **Sunday School News**

This year's Sunday School class includes a great group of children and dedicated teachers. All children from Pre-K (age 4) up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend. We meet in the Parish Hall during the 10AM service every Sunday except for Family Sunday (the first Sunday of the month). Godly Play lessons are taught to the children, which include a story, craft, and a feast.

Throughout the month of May the children will be working hard to prepare for the Children's Sabbath, which will be Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 10 am service. We are having a special additional Sunday School class on May 1<sup>st</sup> (Family Sunday) to give the children more time to prepare. This year's Children's Sabbath theme will be based on the Sower Lesson and the Rogation season. The children will participate throughout the service, including ushering, reading, and singing, in addition to making decorations for the church. Thank you to Pam Laura for helping the children prepare a song for this special service.

#### **Sunday School Schedule**

May 1<sup>st</sup> The Sower Lesson and Introduction to

Children's Sabbath

May 8<sup>th</sup> Children's Sabbath Preparations
May 15<sup>th</sup> Children's Sabbath Preparations

May 22<sup>nd</sup> Children's Sabbath May 29<sup>th</sup> No Sunday School

Alicia LaForge

# Left: NVY 1233 Below: CF Division

# To all Middle School and High School Students

Please check the bulletin board for a contest open to all with monetary prizes going to both Middle and High School students. Now is your chance to earn money for your artistic/writing abilities.

# Sarah DiMarzo loves St. James'...and acting!



Sarah DiMarzo sang and danced in "Footloose," the Hackettstown High School Spring Production. Sarah is shown here with Dawn Modugno, mom Elizabeth DiMarzo and Kathy Lacouture. Our favorite costume included silver glitter sneakers!

Sarah will be confirmed with this year's Confirmation Class on May 22nd.

Cathy Deats

**Sent:** Saturday, April 23, 2011 9:27 AM

Subject: Care package

Dear Cathy and everyone at Sunday School,

Thank you for the care package. It came on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Because of where my ship is, it takes a long time for mail to get here. I am sharing the candy with the people I work with and my friends. It's been 2 months since I left home. My ship was in the Persian Gulf for awhile and we even stopped for 4 days in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. We will be back in our home port of San Diego in a few months. I attached a few pictures of my department and my division. Thanks again.

FC3 David Honigsberg

#### **Senior Choir News**

Phew! The last push through Easter is done now! We had wonderful music for Holy Week and the choir is having a well-deserved rest on May1 (so no sung anthem).

You may have noticed the choir singing "up front" for the past several weeks. Has it intrigued you? Maybe you'd like to join us? Remember, for the Anthem Choir there are no robes, no processing, no sitting up in the choir loft! You wear your regular church clothes and remain sitting downstairs in your pew until it is time to sing the anthem. Then, just join the rest of the choir up front. After the anthem, you can return to your regular seat! Easy! You do have to attend choir rehearsals, though, so you can learn what to sing! 7:30 pm on Thursday nights right "up front" in the church. We really could use YOU!

#### **Youth Choir**

Our Youth Choir also sang at Easter and signed, too! They did a great job considering how they had no rehearsal that morning as I was taking care of a family emergency and completely lost track of the time!! My apologies to them but I thought they did just fine!

The Sunday School will also be singing and signing at the Children's Sabbath service later in May, so look for that.

#### **Other Music Notes**

My thanks to Louise for all her playing and especially for her work with our wonderful Bell Choir!! They really added to the overall music experience throughout Holy Week. Thank you to all of them also for being so willing to give of their time for rehearsals and playing extra services!

On behalf of the choir, I also want to thank DJ Hoffman and his magical kitchen helpers for feeding all the clergy, choirs, and other lay people between the two Easter Day services!! It was yummy and just what we needed!!

Pam Laura Music Director

It is customary for priests to be off duty for some days following Easter. Here is a sampling of what the Rector did while duty free:

- ✓ finally got her hands in the dirt
- ✓ a long morning in the pottery studio
- ✓ catching up on "Project Runway" re-runs
- ✓ birthday dinner for Ted
- ✓ laundry
- ✓ reading a trash novel

during all of the above, wristwatch and collar in the bottom drawer.

#### **Bell Choir "Notes"**



During the Advent and Christmas seasons, the Bell Choir was very busy. This year found the Bell Choir also very busy during Lent and Easter. Thank you to the very faithful and dedicated members of the Bell Choir for participating not only in the service on April 3, but for adding April 10, Maundy Thursday, and the 8:00 service on Easter to their commitments. St James' is truly blessed to have this group of willing volunteers.

The Bell Choir will participate on June 26 at the 10:00 service when the choirs are recognized for their service and commitment to St. James'. A great piece has been selected, and I hope that the choir will enjoy preparing it and that the congregation will enjoy hearing it

Louise Olshan Director

#### **Annual Choir Festival**

Sam and I live in Ocean Grove which is a fairly unique Jersey shore community. During the summer there are a variety of musical offerings and I would like to share some of them with you.

One outstanding event is the **Annual Choir Festival** which will be held in the Great Auditorium on Sunday, July 10 at 7:30 p.m. This event features over 1000 singers! There is a freewill offering.

http://www.oceangrove.org/pages/choirfestival\_donation

There is a great **Summer Stars Classics Series**, also held in the Great Auditorium. The concerts are offered on five successive Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. starting on July 7. The cost is \$13 per concert or \$60 for all 5. For complete information on the series go to <a href="http://www.oceangrove.org/pages/SUMMER STARS11">http://www.oceangrove.org/pages/SUMMER STARS11</a>

There are organ concerts on the world famous Auditorium pipe organ on various Saturdays at noon and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. For complete information go to <a href="http://www.oceangrove.org/pages/ORGAN\_RECITALS11">http://www.oceangrove.org/pages/ORGAN\_RECITALS11</a>

A family entertainment series is also offered. For complete information go to

http://www.oceangrove.org/pages/FAMILY\_ENTERTAIN MENT 2011

For more information on the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, go to <a href="http://www.oceangrove.org">http://www.oceangrove.org</a>

For information about the town go to <a href="http://www.ocengrovenj.org/">http://www.ocengrovenj.org/</a>

If you plan to come to any events, please feel free to call us (732-807-3211) or talk with us at Coffee Hour. We might be able to provide a meal, a place to change and shower for the beach or just a rocking chair on the porch for you to sit and relax. We look forward to sharing with you what we think is a special town.

Louise and Sam Olshan

#### Yarn Twisters

Saturday, April 9th was the much anticipated visit to the Seamen's Church Institute, Port Newark. Some of us had a harder time finding SCI than others. We could see it, but couldn't quite find the right road! A group of around twenty-nine from St. James' were met and welcomed by The Reverend Megan Saunders and The Reverend Deacon Jacque Girard (Chaplain). We were given background information on the SCI and invited to ask questions and tour the building. I think for the knitters and crocheters the highlight was a visit to the "Christmas at Sea" knitting room. What a kaleidoscope of colors! There were many completed projects set out for us to see. Some of them were beautiful and unusual. I think I could have spent a lot longer in that room. It certainly was food for thought.

We enjoyed a delicious lunch and then we were ferried by vans around the Port – very interesting. On our return, there was a crew waiting for Megan and Jacque. It was a good day!

I picked up a copy of the latest Newsletter and it is very interesting – "Commit to Knit" for Lent – you can find it online at <a href="www.seamenschurch.org">www.seamenschurch.org</a> – under <a href="Christmas at Sea">Christmas at Sea</a>. There is a Knitters Survey that each of the Yarn Twisters can complete as to why we knit/crochet, etc. etc. Also Paige Sato, program director, has posted lots and lots of photos of knitted items under construction and "blogs" to read – it is very interesting and I think you will be spurred on to knit and crochet even more after you read it! I know that Lent is over, but take a moment to read the newsletter if you can.

Also, Paige Sato has offered to come to St. James to give a "workshop" to the Yarn Twisters at some future date.

Our next dates to meet are as follows (we will meet in the Mitcham House and move to the Hall, if needed).

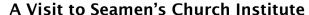
Thursday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 21st at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 18th at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 30th at 6:30 p.m.

Linda Miller



A group of twenty-nine of us visited the Seamen's Church Institute at Port Newark today. We had the most interesting time. We spent several hours at the Institute learning about the Institute and what services they offer, who the sea farers are and where they come from. At the Institute, the seafarers have the services of phones, wiring money home to families, computers and telephones, etc. Most important are the services of our Chaplains. The group that we visited today is an Episcopalian-based group who we have met at St. James'.

Sometimes, the men or women seafarers cannot get off of their ships at all. When that information comes in to the institute, the Chaplains and volunteers go out to the ships with phones, and a smile, and try to aid in all of the needs of those on board who want or need it.

The chapel is unique. It has four stained glass windows (of the four fishermen named in the Bible). The windows are from Germany and are over 200 years old. The Cross is also unique. The font embodies a large shell. There are many large model ships that are on display on all 3 floors.

We spent over an hour and toured Port Newark in vans with a guide. We learned about the products that go in and out of the very large port complex.

We learned that it only takes about twelve people to handle one of those large ships. That seemed unreal to us. Two items that we export are: #1- garbage and #3-cars. Most of the orange juice that we bring into the country is from Brazil. It is a little darker and sweeter.

The next time a group announces that they are going out to the Institute, it is well worth the trip.

Ellen Infante





Above: St. James' visits SCI Left: Yarn Twisters at SCI



#### Fundraising notes

Thanks to everyone for your support of our Easter Candy sale. I have not yet received the final sales figures but as soon as I know, I will let you all know.

Our rummage sale, on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 4 PM, is fast approaching. The date is the same as for the town-wide rummage sale so there should be lots of folks out. Please bring your slightly used donations to the Parish Hall anytime via the Moore St. entrance. Place items in the basement of the Parish Hall as you are able. The basement has been divided into sections to help in sorting items. There are signs in place for several categories. Please remember that we cannot accept electronics or books. It would also be very helpful if games and puzzles were taped closed. If you have an item that you need help with, please let me know and I will make arrangements to help. If you would like to help, we will be setting up on Friday evening around 6 PM and finishing up Saturday morning beginning at 7:30 AM. There will be lots to do. A signup sheet will be in the parish hall.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Outing will be on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Farmstead Golf and Country Club located at 88 Lawrence Road in Lafayette, NJ. The cost for golfers is \$100.00 which includes 18 holes of golf, lunch and awards dinner. If you are not a golfer and would like to join us for the awards dinner, the cost is \$30.00 per person. Everyone is invited to join us for dinner. If you would like to attend and need transportation, please do not hesitate to let someone on the committee know.

You can also support the golf outing by sponsoring a hole with your family name or the name of someone special you wish to honor on a sign at one of 18 holes on the course. The cost for sponsoring hole is \$50.00. We do need a few volunteers to help with the outing. We need folks to run registration, the 50/50 and raffle sales, and we are seeking a photographer for the event. Let us know if you are interested.

Our next fundraising event is the annual car wash, scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 3 PM. This fundraiser is dedicated to help fund our trip to Appalachia (EAM). Our trip this year is scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup> thru August 7<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar and come out and help us wash a few cars or at least get your own washed.

We have decided to move the tricky tray up a month. The date this year is Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. And once again, we will be at the Budd Lake Firehouse. It's never too early to start thinking about what kind of basket you would like to donate. Please keep an eye out for gently used baskets at yard sales. We can use them to create our own baskets.

If you are interested in joining our fundraising committee, please let us know. If you have an idea for a fundraiser, please share.

Thanks to everyone for all your support. Our fundraising efforts make a huge difference in our budget and your continued support is essential.

Invite a friend to Church and to participate in these events.

Barbara White

# **Golf Outing**

We're now less than a month away from the 3rd annual St. James' Golf Outing. This year, we will be playing at Farmstead Golf & Country Club near Newton on Monday, May 23. The fun begins at noon with registration and lunch. The golf starts at 1 PM, using a scramble format giving everyone a chance to win. The event promises to be bigger and better than ever. There is still time to join in and play, either as a single or as a group. We are able to pair everyone up into teams. The cost is \$100 per person to play, which includes lunch, golf, cart, prizes and dinner.

If you cannot play but want to be a sponsor for the outing, your donation of \$50 will be recognized on the golf course as well as in the brochure published for the event.

For Weekly Announcements and what's happening at St. James', visit our Webpage: stjameshackettstown.org

To register, please fill out one of the forms that can be found in the Narthex, in the Great Hall, or by contacting someone from the golf committee (Paul & Phyllis Bartkus, Meg Critchley, Pete Gartelmann, Barbara White or Dan Miller) or through the Golf Outing mailbox <a href="mailto:stjamesgolf214@gmail.com">stjamesgolf214@gmail.com</a>

All proceeds from the Golf Outing go to support the ministry and mission of St. James'.

Hope to see you there!!

Dan Miller

# June Journal articles due Tuesday, May 31st

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# Holy Week and Easter





# **Baking Bread for the Great Vigil**

TJ Niculcea prepares gluten free bread

The Bread Baking Team of Zachary Clark, Hayden Smith, TJ Niculcea, Danny Duda, Colby Clark with The Reverend Cathy Deats bake bread for The Great Vigil of Easter Bread baking photographer Kathy Jacoby





# The day before Easter . . . and the Magic Mulching Crew at Work





A note of thanks from the Rector:

Holy Week and Easter are incredibly busy times as we strive to enter into the journey of Jesus to the cross and through death to his glorious resurrection. The Youth Group has taken on the work of prayer for those invisible in our world; many of our ministries are likewise "behind the scenes. Everyone who participates in a regular ministry around our community is appreciated for all the work which goes into creating the space for us to renew ourselves on our own journey with Jesus. This year was particularly beautiful, and I thank you all.



Alleluia; Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia



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