



REV. ELIZABETH MYERS, SUPPLY PRIEST

THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

to meet in the Great Room

7:00 PM, THURSDAY, MAY 8

All members are asked to make every possible effort to be present for an important agenda which includes:

- ♦ firming up the current June calendar
- ♦ planning for our summer worship
- ♦ updating plans for our summer projects and events
- ♦ planning for the creation of a Pastoral Care Committee
- ♦ setting the calendar through next September

We need everyone's input so please save the date!

Betsy Myers

Vestry Hi-Lites

- † The Vestry is now meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month during the transition.
- † Mortgage Committee is looking at ways to grow our investments.
- † The Rev. Elizabeth Myers to use newer form of worship over the summer.
- † Insurance claim for sill damage around foundation has been paid and repair will begin soon.
- † The Vestry is exploring the option of a part-time paid Youth Minister.
- † Diocesan Youth & Adult Minister to meet with St. James' regarding Youth Group.
- † Brian Nolan to service as District Delegate for Quarterly District Meetings.
- † Waiting for approval from Field of Dreams in Independence Twsp. for June 15th picnic.
- † Consultant to meet with Vestry at Retreat for Discernment on 5/24.
- † Treasurer reported that electric and heating bills were up during January and February. As well, pledges were down during those months. Most likely cause was weather.



St. James' Golf Outing

The 6th Annual St. James' Golf Outing is scheduled for Monday, May 19 at Farmstead Golf Club in

Lafayette, NJ. This event has grown each year since its humble beginnings at Minebrook in Hackettstown, and is always a fun day for all, and is now the 2nd biggest fundraiser for St. James' behind the Tricky Tray.

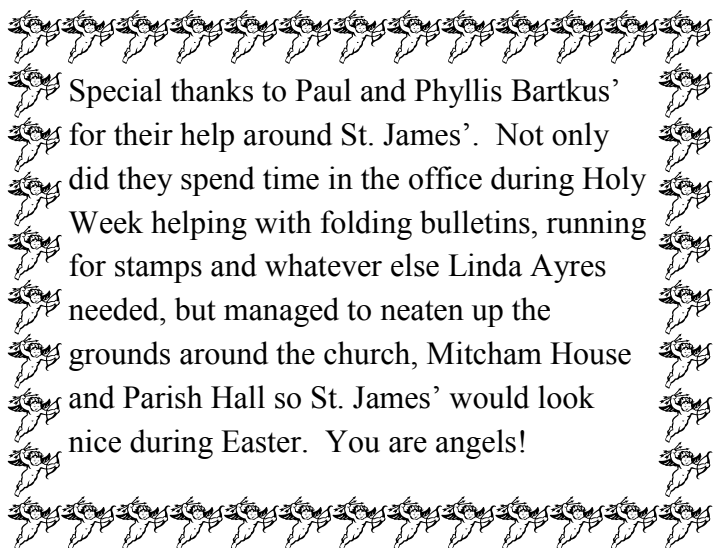
For golfers, the entry fee is \$125, which includes lunch, golf, dinner, prizes and games on the course. For non-golfers, a wonderful buffet dinner is available for \$30.

The Golf Outing Committee (Dan Miller, Phyllis & Paul Bartkus, Meg & Bill Critchley, Pete Gartelmann, and Barbara White) is looking for a few volunteers to help on the day of the event with registration, raffle tickets, and 50/50 sales. Please contact one of us if you are interested in helping out or have any questions.

As in past years, one of the big boosts to the Golf Outing has been through sponsorship on one of the holes. For parish members, the price of a sponsorship is \$50. For corporate or merchant sponsors, the price is \$100. A sign recognizing the sponsorship and a notation in the Outing program are included with the sponsorship.

To register for the event, or to donate a sponsorship, forms have been placed in the back of church, in the Great Hall, and included here in the Journal. You can also contact one of the Committee members if it is easier.

Dan Miller
Golf Outing Committee Chair



Special thanks to Paul and Phyllis Bartkus' for their help around St. James'. Not only did they spend time in the office during Holy Week helping with folding bulletins, running for stamps and whatever else Linda Ayres needed, but managed to neaten up the grounds around the church, Mitcham House and Parish Hall so St. James' would look nice during Easter. You are angels!

Fundraising Report

The St. James' FRC meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 PM in the Mitcham House. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 14th at 6 PM followed by Tricky Tray planning at 6:45.

Scrip Pro - Next orders are due on May 11th. Start thinking about using gift cards for Fathers Day, graduations and weddings. They are perfect for any occasion! Who doesn't need gas?

Our Rummage Sale scheduled for April 26 needed to be postponed for various reasons. Please see any member of the FRC if you have items to donate. We have not received much, so we might have to move it until next year.

The Golf Outing is being held on Monday, May 19th. See article in the Journal for more details!

Watch for details on the annual Car Wash which supports EAM Ministries.

Finally, Tricky Tray planning is beginning. Please start thinking about our event, which is being held on September 27th, by making a donation of time, treasure or talent for our biggest fundraiser of the year. Also, get those sale coupons to any member of the FRC. We love Kohl's 30% off as we can get some great values to make nice baskets! You might also want to donate a Scrip Pro gift card instead of putting together a basket...we need gift cards for this event as well!

Thanks for your support in our fundraising efforts!

St. James' FRC
Barbara White, Ellen Infante,
Ann Dutton, Barbara Olesen



ShopRite and Weis Market Gift Cards Available

You can help with fund raising to support our church's mission and ministries by shopping with gift cards from either ShopRite or Weis Markets. We sell the cards at their face value and the supermarkets donate five percent to us. Paul Bartkus takes orders for any combination of \$25, \$50, or \$100 cards each month on the last weekend of the month and hands them out on the first weekend, when we have our family breakfast. You can also mix orders between the two supermarkets!



Bell Choir “Notes”

The choir participated in the 10 AM worship service on Palm Sunday and for the 7:30 PM service on Good Friday. The music for both was a beautiful and haunting arrangement of *Were You There?* What a thrill it was to have this mentioned in Betsy’s sermon on Good Friday. She encouraged the congregation to sing with the bells and it was wonderful to hear the singing/humming as we rang.

A very sincere thank you to each bell ringer for their work during Lent, Palm Sunday and Holy week. Everything sounded super!

The Bell Choir will be participating in the 10 AM worship service on May 4. We will be ringing a rousing arrangement of *Earth and All Stars*, a hymn not often sung at St. James’. It is hymn 412. You might want to follow the words as we ring or even hum or sing along, although our arrangement does not strictly follow the hymn tune.

On Choir Recognition Sunday the Bell Choir will be ringing *Festive Celebration* by Kevin McChesney. We have rung many pieces by this composer. This particular piece is not based on a hymn tune, but does have a very pleasant melody. It offers the ringers opportunities to use several different techniques with the bells. Listen as the bells are dampened into the table pads (called Martellato), shaken, plucked or struck with mallets while placed on the tables along with standard ringing.

Louise Olshan
Bell Choir Director

Journal Deadline

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Music Notes



Thank yous!

Thank you to all our wonderful musicians who made our Holy Week (including Palm Sunday) so musically rich! From the Bell Choir’s haunting “Were You There?” on Palm Sunday to the Sr. Choir’s anthems at the Vigil and on Easter Day to the small but spirited Youth Choir singing of “Christ is Risen From the Grave!” and, always, Louise’s right-on-point preludes and postludes, the music was wonderful and I thank each of you so much!!

Holy Week Anthems

On Palm Sunday, the Sr. Choir presented the Alec Wyton piece “When Jesus Came to Golgotha” with words by Rev. Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy. Interestingly, Wyton’s tune is named *Indifference* and that name provides the gist of Studdert-Kennedy’s text which is that in our time we wouldn’t even care enough to defend or decry Jesus’ teaching. We would “only let him die”. It is this indifference that causes the modern Jesus of this piece to cry for Calvary rather than the indifference of the modern world. I always find this piece so sad and moving and that it offers us a reminder that our faith is not lived by indifference. Here are the lyrics:

*When Jesus came to Golgotha, they hanged Him on a tree,
They drove great nails through hands and feet, and made a
Calvary;
They crowned Him with a crown of thorns, red were His
wounds and deep,
For those were crude and cruel days, and human flesh was
cheap.*

*When Jesus came to live with us, we simply passed Him by.
We never hurt a hair of Him, we only let Him die;
For we had grown more tender, and we would not give Him
pain,
we only just passed down the street, and left Him in the rain.*

*Still Jesus cries, 'Forgive them, for they know not what they do,
'
And still it rains the winter rain that drenches through and
through;
The crowds go home and leave the streets without a soul to
see,
And Jesus crouches 'gainst a wall, and cries for Calvary.*

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Our Easter Vigil and Easter Day anthems were about the Love which God showed us through the sacrifice of His Son for our sins. At the Vigil we sang “Lift your eyes, rejoicing, Mary”. The lyrics were translated from the original Latin by Elizabeth Charles and set to music by Thomas Foster. This piece speaks of Mary’s rejoicing in seeing her Lord risen and what that means for us. The piece closes with these words which are for us as well as Mary: “Life is yours forever, Mary, for your light is come once more and the strength of death is broken; now your songs of joy outpour. Ended now the night of sorrow, love has brought the blessed morrow. Let your alleluias rise!”.

On Easter Day, the Sr. Choir’s anthem was “Love’s Redeeming Work Is Done”, with words by Charles Wesley and music by Robert Johnson. Again, in this anthem death is overcome by Jesus’ resurrection made possible through God’s love for us, “Christ has opened paradise”. This piece concludes with these uplifting words: “Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted Head; made like Him, like Him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia, alleluia!”.

Pam Laura

Music Director



Benedictine Monks

Tucked away four miles north of the bucolic town of Weston, Vermont is the Weston Priory. It is the home of a small group of Benedictine monks who work and pray in relative anonymity. Founded in 1953, the Western Priory is much like other Benedictine conclaves (including St. Paul’s Abbey in Newton) except for one distinguishing feature...their music.

Currently the monks have 20 CDs available for sale and on-line download. The monks follow the suggestion of the Psalms that “singing makes you happy”. Members of the community from the United States, Canada and Mexico come together in a collaborative effort to spread the Gospel of Jesus as well as advocating for peace and justice through their music. Their music is gentle, harmonious and ideal for contemplation and reflection.

The monks welcome both individual and communal guests to their community for self-guided retreats asking only a free will offering. Many come to simply enjoy the beauty of the area and to have an opportunity to share Communion with these dedicated and holy men and of course, to hear their music.

Several CDs of the Monks of the Western Priory are available at our Library in the Great Hall. Hopefully they will enhance your journey for peace and closeness with our Lord Jesus.

Peace.

Jim Simmons

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stjameshackettstown.org
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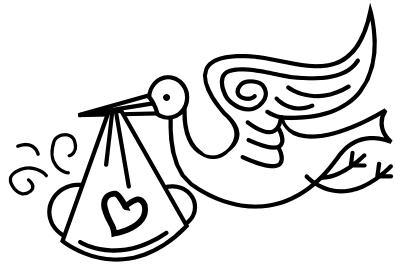
HOLY WEEK AT ST. JAMES'



2 SUNDAYS IN LENT

The Rev. Elizabeth Myers lead the congregation in a forum asking “What brought you to St. James’?” and “What do you like about St. James’?”.





Congratulations to Brian and Meredith Nolan who are expecting their first child on September 30, 2014. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of St. James' newest member!



Congratulations Isaac Quelly!



Isaac Quelly achieved the rank of Eagle Scout during an Eagle Scout Court of Honor at a ceremony on April 26th at St. James'.



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