



ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

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REV. ARTHUR "GUY" FOUTS, PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

This Month in Stewardship

On the way home to Hackettstown and St. James' from a trip down south, we stumbled upon a small rural Episcopal church named- -St. James (no apostrophe). It was established in 1687 and is registered as an historical landmark. Its' mission statement states that it "seeks to be a peaceful healing place where Christ is made known." My mind ran forward to the Easter Night Vigil. I imagined this southern St. James emerging from the dark as the first fire is lit, the return of the Alleluias and the ringing of the welcoming bells. What a testament to the stewardship of this community to be in existence from before the Declaration of Independence.

We, at our St. James' also have a tradition of stewardship and of passing our property from one generation to the next. We will also conclude Lent with our Holy Thursday Vigil and will celebrate the risen Christ with the Easter Vigil. We will have a first fire, ring bells, and welcome back our beloved Alleluias.

I'm sure that the southern St. James has had challenges in its' past. In our history we have a tradition of meeting the challenges of stewardship that surround the maintenance of our property. We rebounded from a tornado that destroyed the first timbers of our church. We also rebounded from losing a mortgage and selling the building, only to regain it under Father Mitcham.

We again have a challenge with our present mortgage. For a while we have known that the fund supporting it has been decreasing. At this year's annual meeting we will discuss a proposal that will allow us to move forward by adapting our present mortgage to one at a more manageable level. Please listen prayerfully with open ears, hearts and minds as we discuss the proposal. By moving forward, we should be able to pass the gifts of our property onto future generations, just as that southern St. James has.

Paul Bartkus

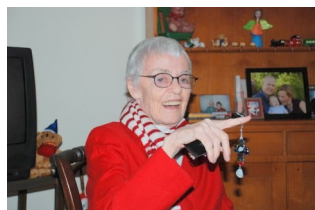
Easter Services

March 20	Palm Sunday	8 & 10 AM
March 24	Maunday Thursday	7 PM
March 25	Good Friday	7 PM
March 26	Easter Vigil	7 PM
March 27	Easter Sunday	8 & 10 AM



ANNUAL MEETING

- + SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH**
- + ONE SERVICE AT 9 AM**
- + LIGHT BREAKFAST
& MEETING TO FOLLOW**
- + EASTER FOOD DONATION BAGS
WILL BE DISTRIBUTED**



Remembering Isabelle Simon

St. James' mourns the passing of Isabelle Simon on Saturday, February 20th.

She was born in Newark 94 years ago, and worked as Head of Volunteer Services with Morris View Nursing Home before her retirement 22 years ago. She lived in Chathan Township and Chatham Boro before moving to Heath Village 20 years ago.

She is survived by two daughters, Margaret Mader and Elizabeth Madeiros and their families. She was preceded in death by her former husband, S. Edward Simon.

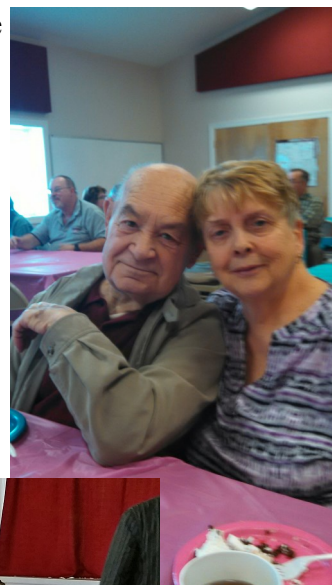
Isabelle's life was celebrated with a Memorial Service on Thursday, Feb. 25 at Heath Village. Isabelle purchased a niche in the St. James' Columbarium and we are honored that she will be with us for eternity.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Rotary Foundation, www.rotary.org.

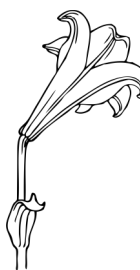


Luncheon for the Huryk's

On February 28th, the Special Events Committee hosted a luncheon in honor of Pete and Gerri Huryk, who have moved to Maryland. Pete and Gerri were long-time members of St. James', and will be greatly missed. We hope to see them from time-to-time when they come to visit family in the area!



Altar Flowers



Although the flower vases in the Chancel are empty in observance of Lent, the Altar Guild has already arranged with Godlewsky's to purchase the tulips, daft, lilies, mums, and hydrangeas that will decorate the altar for Easter. Any parishioner may donate to help defray the cost of these plants. Envelops are found on the table in the back of the Sanctuary for this purpose. You may indicate those deceased loved ones you wish to remember or just share in the joyous celebration of the Resurrection.

Meg Critchley

Journal Deadline

APRIL EDITION:

April 3rd

Fundraising Report

Vestry Highlights

- † Need a non-member of the Vestry to lead audit report to the Diocese.
- † 2015 Parochial Report expected to be sent to Diocese on time which is March 1st.
- † Researching grant for roof replacement.
- † Easter week worship preparation underway.
- † Exterminator to be hired for premises.
- † Weddings at St. James' in May and July.
- † Sunday School distributed Valentines Cards to residents of House of the Good Shepherd.
- † Voted to donate Shop-Rite gift cards to family of Hackettstown Police officer whose house was destroyed in a fire.

Help Needed!

Hackettstown Patrolman Jim Laoudis and his family lost their home to a basement fire recently. Thankfully, no one was injured.

The Hackettstown Police Department is asking for donations to help out the displaced family. Donations can be dropped off at police headquarters at 215 W. Stiger St. Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM. Donations can also be dropped off Saturday at the Hackettstown Municipal Building from 8 AM until noon.

The family has a 4-year old son and a 2-year old daughter who are in need of clothing: Boys size 5T and girls size 3T. Gift cards are encouraged for the adults so that they can buy clothing, groceries and other items while they are staying with family.

The St. James' FRC meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting is with the Special Events Committee on Wednesday, March 9th to plan the St. Patrick's Day Fellowship Dinner.

Our Scrip Pro Gift Card Program continues throughout the year with orders being due the 2nd Sunday of each month. The next order date is March 13th, just in time for Easter gift-giving!

We have a contact who sells items for St. James' on eBay! Please contact Barbara Olesen at olesen@comcast.net or (908)797-0515 if you have something to donate that you feel is sellable online.

We are participating in the Townwide Rummage Sale again this year, on Saturday, April 23rd only from 9 AM—3 PM. We are looking for donations of new or gently used items. Please let Anne Dutton, Cheryl Perkins or Barbara Olesen know if you are making a delivery. We will also need help the night before the event and on the day of the event, so let us know if you are available.

The Fundraising Committee will now be overseeing the "Ink Recycling" Program which Linda Miller has managed for almost 10 years. If there is anyone who is interested in handling this for us (maybe a youth member of the congregation), please let Barbara Olesen know.

Thanks for your support in our fundraising efforts!
St. James' Fundraising Committee

SHOP-RITE & WEIS GIFT CARDS

Order forms for gift cards will be distributed the 3rd Sunday of each month. The order forms must be returned by the 4th Sunday of the month and the gift cards will be distributed after the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services on the 1st Sunday of each month. See Paul Bartkus if you have any questions.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY
FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

5:30—7:30

CORNER BEEF AND CABBAGE

POTATOES

CARROTS

IRISH SODA BREAD

GREEN DESSERT CONTEST!

\$10.00 PER ADULT/CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE

BYOB

FAMILY AND FRIENDS WELCOME!



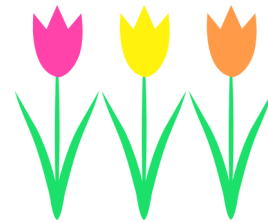
Time Change
March 13

Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour
before you go to bed on March 12

Maintenance Morning

Saturday April 2

9 AM—Noon



Please help us get the grounds ready for spring and the
upcoming Bishops visit. Contact Paul Bartkus or Dave
Lacouture if you can help!



Coffee and goodies served!

The St. James' Sunday School made Valentines
and delivered them to The House of the Good
Shepard for Valentines Day. Thanks for
thinking of our senior citizens!



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**For Weekly Announcements and
what's happening at St. James' visit
our webpage:**

stjameshackettstown.org

Check out the new calendar!

Sign up for email news!

ONCE UPON A TREE

Music at Messiah Lenten Concert

The Music at Messiah series will present “Once Upon A Tree” on Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Through the eyes of St. Luke the physician, composer Pepper Choplin recreates the power, majesty, love, sorrow and hope of Jesus Christ’s last week on earth, from the triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the Last Supper and the final hours on the cross. The choir, under the direction of Music Director Cindy Campbell, is comprised of members of the Church of the Messiah, as well as members of the surrounding community. Admission is free. Donations are welcomed to support the program.

The Church of the Messiah is located at 50 State Route 24 (a/k/a Co. Rt. 513) in Chester, New Jersey. There is free on-site parking and the facility is handicapped accessible.



“Let nothing disturb thee. Let nothing dismay thee. All things pass. God never changes.”

- Saint Teresa of Ávila

My spiritual director often reminds me to stop and rest. Sometimes I need the reminder in a very literal way because I really need more sleep. Other times I need these words to help me focus on why I do what I do. In this sense, I understand "stop and rest" to mean I need to be present and rest in the moment and to be open to encountering God in everything. A few years ago, I taped a short prayer by Saint Teresa of Ávila to my computer screen because it reminded me of an important and simple fact: God is constant, faithful.

Recently, I decided that I was going to use that prayer to cultivate a practice of being more present in my own daily life and work. A few times throughout the day, I'll stop what I'm doing, pray this simple, short prayer, and reflect on how I've noticed God's presence. Sometimes I have experienced God in a conversation about mission; other times I see God in formulas that actually work the way I want them to in spreadsheets. Intentionally taking time to look for God has helped reinforce what I hold to be true: God is always present.

How do you stop and rest in God?

Elizabeth Boe

Elizabeth Boe is the Global Networking Officer for the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society.



Yarn Twisters

The collection bin in the Great Hall closet is getting fuller and fuller as the weeks go by – I saw Louise Olshan at the farewell luncheon for Pete and Geri Huryk and she commented on how many items we have so far as she added her crocheted scarves! Many thanks again to the ladies at Heath Village for all their donations. We are off to a good start!

Patterns and information can be found on the SCI website at www.seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea. This also gives an idea of what colors can and cannot be used, no tassels or fringes. If you would like to knit/crochet for SCI and need more information, please contact me at frlbailey1@comcast.net or call me at 908-684-3566. Winter is not yet over, so there is still time to snuggle up and knit/crochet!

SCI is no longer accepting coats, so if you have coats to donate, please ask in the office as to where you can donate them.

Thank you,
Linda Miller



Ink Cartridge Recycling/Fundraising Program

We are looking for a volunteer to handle the Ink Cartridge Recycling Program. This would be an excellent idea for a youth in our Parish or someone who is retired. Please see Barbara Olesen if you are interested in taking on this fundraising ministry!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SAVE THE DATE!!

8th Annual St. James' Golf Outing Monday, June 27

Mark your calendars now for the 8th Annual St. James' Golf Outing. The Outing will be held at Farmstead Golf & Country Club on Monday, June 27. As in previous years, the event will feature a snack lunch, golf, prizes, and a scrumptious buffet dinner. Look for more details and registration information in the coming weeks. The organizing committee (Dan Miller, Phyllis & Paul Bartkus, Meg & Bill Critchley and Barbara Olesen) welcome those who can volunteer on the day of the event by helping out with registrations, as well as 50/50 and raffle ticket sales. This year, we are adding a putting contest as a new feature of our event.

We count on the generous donations from many of the merchants and restaurants in the Hackettstown area. When you visit them, let them know you are from St. James' and appreciate their support in years past for the golf outing.

For more information, contact any of the committee members and watch for the flyers coming soon!



CALENDAR

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	Chika Okoye	Janice Cipriani

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