



ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

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

This Month in Stewardship

If you can read this

You may remember a bumper sticker from a few years ago that said, "If you can read this, thank a teacher." Well the next time that you see the sign outside church, thank Emma and Jackson. On our recent maintenance morning, they were assigned the task of organizing all the plastic sign letters in alphabetical order. With that accomplished, they joined in washing the walls of the parish hall hallways under the supervision of Nancy Miller and Phyllis Bartkus. Our buildings get a lot of use and this clean up is in preparation for painting later this month. Meg Critchley, despite a drizzling rain, attacked the weeds in our flower beds, and then pruned the roses in front of the church. Claudia Scala attacked the sink in the sacristy, which had become stained with lime deposits and then helped with the walls. Pam Laura fixed the children's Sunday School banner, which hangs on the porch at Mitcham. Pete Gardelman finished off prepping the wall repair in the Mitcham kitchen and then joined Pam Laura and me take an inventory of the paint needed for the Parish Hall. Barbara Olesen got a good start on organizing items in the basement for a possible rummage sale. The time passed quickly and as we were leaving, Jackson said that it was so much fun that he wanted to come back next week! Think about

joining us next time for some coffee, carbs, and chores!

Paul Bartkus

Stewardship Chair



From Episcopal Relief and Developments Lenten Meditations:

Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on Earth but yours.

- Attributed to Saint Teresa of Ávila

Easter Altar

The Altar Guild worked as a whole to make sure that the church was truly magnificent for Easter services this year. Special thanks to the Critchley's for all their planning and work. Also, thank you to Dave Handville for getting all the flower pots up over the altars and doors. Chika Okoye and Rae and Mike Aron were instrumental in setting the stage for our worship services. Claudia Scala and Nancy Miller helped arrange the floral display Meg Critchley had provided. Special thanks to our Sexton Pauline for making sure everything was spotless after the crew had finished!

Nancy Miller



Jump with Joy!

The song the children sang at Easter this year comes from people of the Chewa tribe from the area in and around Malawi in Africa. Our soloists were Helen LaForge and Julianna Nolan. Emma Martin (who was sick that day unfortunately) would have been the 3rd soloist. Our signers were Jillian Martin and Milly Quelly.

Pam Laura

Vestry Highlights

- ✦ Our plan on paying down the mortgage is in progress.
- ✦ Parish Administrator Julie Mills is commended for organizing paperwork for the Audit Committee.
- ✦ Discussed plans for upcoming Bishops Visit on May 22nd.
- ✦ Advance Tree submitted lowest proposal for branch removal along back of parish hall.
- ✦ St. Patrick's Day Fellowship Dinner was a success.

Journal Deadline

MAY EDITION:

April 24th

Thanks!

To Our St. James' Family,

Thank you for all your years of love and caring for us. All of you are truly our church family. Thank you for the going away luncheon and all who helped with that events. We do miss all of you and will be there on Easter!! We hung our banner right inside the door of our apartment!

Love,

Pete & Gerri Huryk



A very sincere thank you to Chika Okoye and the entire parish of St. James' for the musical mug I received at the Parish Meeting for helping with the transition to the new organist, Dmitry Nikolaev. It is a pleasure to work with him as he learns about being a church music accompanist.

Louise Olshan



Thank you, to my St. James family, for the gift card and acknowledgement of how we have all worked together to streamline the office and communication functions that are so important for stability and growth of this wonderful church.

Les and I also appreciate your prayers as we awaited the outcome of his most recent tests.

Sincerely, Julie Mills –Parish Administrator



Fundraising Report

The St. James' FRC meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 13th at 6 PM.

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 Sunday, May 8th. Please think about us for gift card needs for graduations, weddings, birthdays or spring home and garden maintenance.

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. A recent donation of lanterns brought us \$37!

We are participating in the Town wide Rummage Sale again this year, on Saturday, April 23rd only from 9 AM—3 PM. JUST TWO WEEKS AWAY! 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.

Our Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy sale earned us \$188.28.....your purchases are appreciated!

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.

Bell Choir “Notes”

I am always amazed at the paths that have arisen in my life. The newest path is that I have returned to St. James’, serving as Bell Choir Director. While this is normally a paid position, I previously served in the position at St. James’ as a volunteer and will now do so again, making this my ministry and contribution to St. James’.

A big thank you to Chika Okoye, chair of the Music Committee, for inviting me back and for the wonderful ringers who have returned to ring – David Bernauer, Scott Carson, Pat Hawkins, Richard Hawkins, Pam Laura, Chika Okoye, Sylvia Okoye, Sam Olshan and Marge Schafetz. We also welcomed new ringers to the group. Dmitry Nikolaev joined us for Easter Sunday and the Sunday with the bishop while Nancy Miller will be with us for the Sunday the bishop visits. Thank you for joining with us. Scott was unable to be with us on Easter and we send him our best wishes for a full and speedy recovery from the flu.

Some of the group rang on Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend and a quartet also rang at the St. Patrick’s Day dinner. Recently the Bell Choir rang the Introit for Easter Sunday and also played an anthem during the Offertory on Easter.

The bells may be ringing in April 17, Good Shepherd Sunday, when I am substitute organist at a different church. The bells are also scheduled to ring on Sunday, May 22, when the Bishop will be visiting.

The members of the Bell Choir and I, as director, hope that you are enjoying the return of the Bell Choir. Let me know if you are interested in joining the group for the May 22 date. Call me at 732-807-3211.

Louise Olshan

Special Events

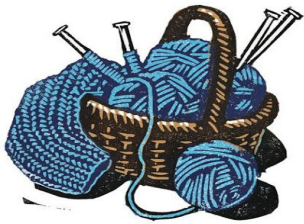
Thanks to all that cooked, decorated, baked and cleaned up, especially Paul, Phyllis, Peg, and Claudia. And congrats to Claudia for winning #1 Green Dessert: Chocolate Mint Bars which were a huge hit! And thanks to all who brought their kids and grandkids.....and of course to the Bell Choir for taking time out of their busy schedules to play. Approximately 40 adults and 8 children attended and a new spin on the dinner proved to be a fun night out!

Please join the Special Events Committee and members of the Vestry on April 20th at 7 PM to continue fine tuning the planning for Bishop Beckwith’s visit scheduled for May 20th. All are welcome to assist with this festive event. We will meet in the Mitcham House.

Kathy Lacouture



Marge Schafetz, Pam Laura, and Louise & Sam Olshan ring for the St. Patrick’s Day Fellow Dinner.



Yarn Twisters

I had the pleasure of meeting the needle workers at Heath Village the other week during their weekly Friday morning get together. I left with a very large bag of knitted items, which are now in the collection bin! I hope to visit with them again in the future – thank you to Pat Taylor for arranging this. I am delighted that we will have several boxes to go to SCI later this year - 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



St. James' Episcopal Church Hackettstown

Annual Meeting Elections

Rolling off Vestry:

Dave Lacouture, Sr. Warden

Chika Okoye, Vestry Member

Elected to Vestry:

Paul Bartkus, Sr. Warden

Janice Cipriani, Vestry Member

Pam Laura, Vestry Member

Sam Wood, Vestry Member

Delegate to Convention:

Pam Laura, Delegate

Alternate to Convention:

Kathy Erwood Lacouture

Chris Vitalos

**Thank you to all above for
your service to our parish!**

**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!**

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!



Upcoming Events

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| April 23 | Rummage Sale |
| April 24 | May Journal articles due |
| May 1 | Family Breakfast |
| May 8 | Mother's Day |
| May 22 | Bishops Visit |
| | Last Day of Sunday School |
| May 29 | June/July Journal articles due |
| June 5 | Family Breakfast |
| June 8 | Parish Life Meeting |
| June 12 | Annual Picnic |
| June 19 | Father's Day |
| June 27 | Golf Outing |



Thanks to Ellen Infante for the sign that stands over the Prayer Ministry desk!

CALENDAR

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St. James' Staff & Vestry

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| Priest in Charge | Rev. Arthur "Guy" Fouts |
| Rector Emeritus: | The Rev. Clarence Sickles |
| Parish Administrator: | Julie Mills |
| Organist | Dmitry Nikolaev |
| Sexton: | Pauline Volkert |

Vestry

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| Senior Warden: | Paul Bartkus |
| Junior Warden: | Barbara Olesen |

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| Peter Quelly | Bill Critchley | Janice Cipriani |
| Nancy Miller | Chris Krauss | Claudia Scala |
| Pam Laura | Sam Wood | |

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| Vestry Clerk: | Claudia Scala |
| Treasurer: | Janice Cipriani |
| Bookkeeper: | Claudia Scala |

Barbara Olesen, Editor

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