



# ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

JUNE 2016

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

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## **We Celebrate Our Episcopal Visit With Thanks**

To say that it is a big event in a parish's life to have an episcopal visit is an understatement. As we will all undoubtedly remember, episcopal means related to bishops. When a bishop visits a parish it is referred to as an Episcopal Visit. It takes a congregation: clergy and laity to make it happen. In the afterglow of our recent visit by Bishop Beckwith, Barbara and I, your wardens, are left with two words - THANK YOU!

There were essentially 4 parts to the visit, all of which went smoothly thanks to the quiet behind the scenes activities of many in the congregation. We will draw here on parts of a note written to our participants.

The Bishop began with a walk of the property. He reminisced on an earlier visit during which he broke ground for our new parish hall and admitted that our labyrinth of hallways and doorways was a bit confusing. He noted, however, that everything seemed in good order and was impressed by how nice the garden outside looked and was taken by the welcome sign.

As he prepared for worship, he met with those serving on the altar and familiarized his chaplain, Sam Woods, with the movements involving his crozier and miter. We felt that the flow of our Eucharist service went smoothly from beginning to end. If there were any hiccups, they were not apparent to those of us sitting in the pews. Our musicians performed beautifully. The bell choir sounded so good. Some children sitting in front of us turned to find the source of the music and their mouths were agape in wonder as they watched the bells being played. Surely, a joyful noise was being made and we may have recruited some future ringers. The kids were wonderful during the Flat Jesus sermon and exhibited the naive spontaneity that makes any parent or grandparent cringe and tear-up at the same time, while those not directly related to them could chuckle.

After the Bishop reviewed our parish register, we had a Feast and Forum! There were 83 counted

in church! Not everyone could stay for the forum, but those who did enjoyed a wonderful buffet of quiches, assorted coffee cakes and fruit. People expressed such lovely and spiritual reflections on how they see God working on our corner of the world.

At his meeting with the vestry, the bishop shared that he was impressed with the spiritual vitality of our congregation and the support that we share for each other.

It takes a congregation working together to celebrate such a glorious day. One of the things we do well as a congregation is work well together. Barbara and I wish to extend our sincere thanks for the work that many did in helping to:

- paint the parish hall and make it look so fresh and clean.
- organize and celebrate communion at the altar.
- participate in the bishop's meeting with the Vestry.
- organize, set-up and clean-up in the kitchen
- bake a quiche or coffee cake or bring fruit or flowers
- share your thoughts about our church during coffee hour
- sing and play bells in a way that enhanced our worship
- pull weeds, plant flowers and make our garden inviting bring your children and share them with the Bishop

Also, thank you, Rev. Guy for your calm presence, Julie for organizing such a lovely liturgical bulletin (the Trinity graphic on the cover was inspiring), and Pauline and Tanya for having everything look so nice.

Yes! We give thanks for all of you, your discipleship, and witness of faithful stewardship of our congregation,

Paul and Barbara

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

**[stjameshackettstown.org](http://stjameshackettstown.org)**

**Check out the new calendar!**

**Sign up for email news!**

## **Tanya Volkert**

Tanya Volkert has arrived in Cameroon, Africa serving with the Peace Corps!

After a very long plane flight, Tanya arrived in Cameroon and stayed in Yaounde (capital city) for 2 days. The group had dinner with the US Ambassador, at his house in the Embassy. Very cool!

She has moved in with her host family and they seem to be very nice people. She will be living with them for the next 3 months during her training. She said it is really beautiful where she is living and has to learn how to ride a motorcycle as that will be her mode of travel. Tanya received her first marriage proposal that she pleasantly turned down!

I am so happy that we have had some contact with her. It certainly helps me feel better!

Pauline Volkert

### **Vestry Highlights**

- ✚ Summer worship to begin July 3rd-1 service at 9 AM.
- ✚ Need to explore leaks on Parish Hall roof.
- ✚ Visit by sisters of Community of St. John Baptist on October 2nd
- ✚ Approved motion to support child from Good Shepherd Home in Cameroon for one year from Mission Strategy Fund.
- ✚ Summer office hours begin June 13th; Monday, Wednesday and Friday

## **Pat Taylor Inducted Into Senior Hall of Fame**

Each year the Hackettstown Regional Medical Center Foundation inducts ten senior citizens from the Hackettstown area into the Senior Hall of Fame in recognition of their volunteer work. Although many nominations are made which detail the kinds of work the seniors perform, only ten are selected. This year St. James' parishioner Pat Taylor was one of those chosen. She was honored at a luncheon held on May 24 at the Centenary College Lackland Center along with nine others.

Pat was recognized for her volunteer work at the Friendship Center at Heath Village pre-school. There is coordination between the school and the Health Care Center where the children visit regularly. Pat can also be seen visiting the residents there and delivering their mail. She is also an avid bridge player and enjoys playing bocce in her free time.

Pat and her husband, Dave, are residents of Heath Village and are devoted members of St. James'. She also knits items for the Seaman's Church Institute, one of our outreach ministries. In addition to the scarves and hats she has made, she brings those made by other Heath Village knitters to St. James' when she comes to worship.

Congratulations, Pat, for your membership into the 2016 Senior Hall of Fame!

Phyllis Bartkus

### **Annual Church Picnic**

St. James' will be holding it's Annual Church Picnic on June 12th at the Field of Dreams Pavilion in Independence Township. There will be one service at 10:00 AM that day. Transportation will be provided for those needing a ride....contact Barbara Olesen @ (908)797-0515.

## Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Merchak

The Rev. Guy Fouts performed the wedding ceremony that joined together Karina Hernandez and Joseph Merchak on May 21, 2016. Below are pictures from the blessed event!



## Calling All Graduates

If you or someone you know is graduating from elementary school, middle school, high school, college, military or any other program, please contact the church office. St. James' likes to honor those who are transitioning in their educational and service life.



## Fundraising Report

The St. James' FRC's next meeting is Wednesday, August 10th at 6 PM. We are taking June and July off but meeting in August to discuss the possibility of having another Rummage Sale in September. Please let the FRC know if you have donations!

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, June 12th. 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](mailto: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!

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

### One-Service Summer Hours Begin

July 3rd—9 AM

**In case of extreme heat, signs will be posted on doors indicating service will be in the Parish Hall!**

### SHOP-RITE & WEIS GIFT CARDS

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

## **8<sup>th</sup> Annual St. James' Golf Outing**

*Get ready for some fun on the links, good times, and great food. The 8th Annual St. James' golf outing will be held on Monday, June 27 at Farmstead Golf and Country Club in Lafayette, NJ.*

*It has been very gratifying to watch this event grow each year. Last year, we had over 90 golfers and another 25 people come out to the dinner. All of the proceeds from the Golf Outing are used to benefit the mission and ministries here at St. James.*

*The Golf Outing Committee, Meg & Bill Critchley, Phyllis & Paul Bartkus, Barbara Olesen and I have been meeting since the first of the year for planning, contact with merchants, restaurants and organizations who have generously donated over the past years.*

*Golfers pay \$125 per person to enjoy a box lunch, a round of golf, banquet dinner, and a chance for prizes both on the golf course as well as during the raffle and 50/50. For those who don't play golf, the scrumptious buffet dinner is \$30 and served shortly after the golf has been completed.*

*As in years past, we seek hole sponsors. For merchants, it is a way to get advertising in front of not only parishioners, but also in front of the many others who come to enjoy the day on the links. Cost of a hole sponsorship remains at \$50 for a parish family, or \$100 for a commercial merchant. The deadline for sponsoring a hole is June 17<sup>th</sup> in order that a sign may be made up in time for the outing!*

*Event flyers will be posted in the Great Hall, in the Narthex of the Church and available on-line through the St. James' website.*

*If you don't play, but know someone who does, please let them know about our event, and feel free to contact one of the Committee members so that we can get*

*the registration information to them. It's always fun for individuals, but even more so when players put a team together.*

*Also, as you visit merchants and restaurants in and around Hackettstown, please let them know you are from St. James' and thank them for their generosity to the Golf Outing.*

*Dan Miller; Golf Outing Committee Chair*



## **Yarn Twisters**



Even though summer is here – yeah – that doesn't mean the knitting/crocheting has to cease! Look at these cute little knitted bikinis! I am happy to report that the bin in the closet in the Great Hall is almost full of knitted and crocheted items. Thanks to all who are contributing, we certainly will have quite a few boxes to send to the SCI for their Christmas distribution.

Patterns and information can be found on the SCI website at [www.seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea](http://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 [friibailey1@comcast.net](mailto:friibailey1@comcast.net) or call me at 908-684-3566.

Thank you,  
**Linda Miller**



# Pictures from the Bishops Visit

May 22, 2016



Flat Jesus visits therapy with Jillian Martin!

## Saturdays in May

In preparation for the Bishops visit on May 22nd, many hands made light work on 3 Saturdays to make our campus beautiful!



## Parish Life Meeting

June 8th @ 7:00 PM

Parish Hall

Please join us for planning our parish life events!

### Ministry Scheduler Pro Now

#### Available as a Mobile App!

- If you are an usher, counter, Altar Guild member, or
- serve on the altar, you can now download Ministry
- Scheduler Pro to your mobile device. Now you can
- check your schedule anywhere you go!



## Journal Deadline

July/August EDITION:

June 26th



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# CALENDAR

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## St. James' Staff & Vestry

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Rector Emeritus:	The Rev. Clarence Sickles
Parish Administrator:	Julie Mills
Organist	Dmitry Nikolaev
Sexton:	Pauline Volkert

### Vestry

Senior Warden:	Paul Bartkus
Junior Warden:	Barbara Olesen

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

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