



ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

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Rev. Robert "Bob" Solon—Supply Priest



The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

You're probably thinking Christmas, which was only around eight short weeks ago. And it is indeed, and more than that, it's one of the two most important seasons of the year in the Church, too.

But I'm actually thinking about something coming up, not something just recently past. And we're in the midst of preparing for it right now. It's the other most important season of the year for us in the Church. And that's Holy Week and the Great Paschal Triduum.

You probably know that first phrase, but maybe not the second. "Paschal" means "of Easter" and comes from the word "Passover," the Jewish festival that Jesus and his disciples celebrated about this same time about 2000 years ago. And "Triduum" simply means "three days." So the *Paschal Triduum* has to do with the three most holy days of our year: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and what follows that evening – the Great Easter Vigil.

I want to invite you to our celebration of this most sacred time, beginning on Sunday, March 25, The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, with its Procession of Palms and Holy Communion. Then, the Triduum itself begins on Thursday, March 29 at 7 PM, as we celebrate the Institution of the Lord's Supper, strip the Altar, and then wait in vigil overnight for the next day. Good Friday services will be at noon and 7 PM. This year, for the first time in a while, we will also celebrate Holy Saturday at 10 AM in the church as we wait together in front of the sealed tomb for the coming of the third day. And then the culmination of all that we done for the forty weekdays and six Sundays prior: the Great Vigil of Easter,

starting in darkness and ending in the wonderful celebration of new life and new birth in Jesus.

Our season of Lent is our season of preparing for this singular time in our Church's year. We're working out the music and the bulletins and the flowers and the schedules. And hopefully you are personally preparing yourselves too for the Feast of Feasts, with your own Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and action. At some point though, it will be time to stop preparing, and start doing. The bulletins will be done. Everything will be in order. All will be ready. And then on that Passion Sunday, our own time will begin to slow down until it matches Jesus' time, moment by moment, as we enter directly into the last days of His earthly life, and for a time and a space, his hours will be our hours, his moments, our moments, his life and death, ours.

It really is the most wonderful time of the year. I absolutely guarantee that you will not regret a moment of it if you experience it in its fullness. Because, after all, Easter Day without the Paschal Triduum is really just a spring flower show.

A single service, in the same moments of Jesus, from sundown on Thursday through and after sundown two days later. We will be ready. Come and experience it with us.

Blessings for a fruitful Lent and Holy Week,

Fr. Bob





Easter Services

March 25 Palm Sunday 8 and 10 AM

March 29 Maundy Thursday 7 PM

March 30 Stations of the Cross 6 PM

March 30 Good Friday 7 PM

March 31 Easter Vigil 7 PM

April 1 Easter Sunday 8 and 10 AM

Congratulation Bob!

On February 4th, St. James' celebrated the 11th anniversary of Rev. Robert Solon's ordination with a cake!



Journal Deadline

April Edition

March 25th

Sunday School /Youth Group Valentines Activity and Visit to House of the Good Shepherd

The children of Sunday School/Youth Group had a Fun Night on Saturday, February 3rd. They celebrated Valentines Day by making cards for residents of House of the Shepherd and enjoying goodies. On Sunday, February 11th they delivered their Valentines to House of the Good Shepherd. Thank you Sunday School/Youth Group for visiting our Seniors!



Save the Date!

Monday, June 25th

2018 St. James' Golf Outing

Farmstead Golf & Country Club



Watch for more details!

Search Team Progress

The Search Team has completed the parish profile that will be posted to the internet on the Diocese of Newark website. This is where prospective candidates will view it. This has been a giant step forward in our process, but our work is not quite done. We have a Ministry Profile and Position Description to complete and send to the diocese for their approval. Our consultant, Pat McKenzie is working with us to get these finished. We are encouraged as we have most of the components written already. Our congregation will have an opportunity to review the profile at our Annual Meeting on March 11. We are interested in hearing feedback from you, our parish family, about the profile and your aspirations for our ministry with our next priest. We can amend our profile as a result of the input of the parish.

Even with some additions to our documents, we feel that we can still be on target to get this all to the diocese by April 1st. Once they accept it and the profile has been posted for about 60 days, we should start to get some responses from interested clergy. Meanwhile, the Search Team needs to develop a set of questions for our initial interviews, schedule the interviews and schedule visits to churches to hear the candidates preach. When this is all completed we will make a recommendation to the vestry and wardens for a priest to call. The diocese will have the final say, but we hope to call a priest by July or August.

I would like to thank the members of our Search Team for their important work. The team consists of Mike Aron, Pam Laura, Ron Cipriani, Chika Okoye, Melissa Vitalos, Meg Critchley, our chaplain and Pete Quelly, chair. Please feel free to ask questions of them about our progress in this process.

Thanks,
Pete Quelly

Upcoming Events

- 3/4 No Family Breakfast (Lent) - coffee hour
- 3/11 Annual Parish Meeting-one service at 9 AM
- Easter Flower Envelopes Available
- Easter Food Bags Distributed
- Daylight Savings Time begins!
- 3/15 Finance Meeting 7 PM
- 3/17 St. Patrick's Dinner 5-7PM-see page 4
- 3/18 Sign-ups for Passion Roles
- Installation of New Vestry
- 3/22 Vestry Meeting 7 PM
- 3/25 Palm Sunday
- Easter Food Bags due back
- Journal Articles Due (for April 8th publishing)
- 3/29 Maunday Thursday Service 7 PM
- Overnight Vigil in Chapel
- 3/30 Good Friday
- Stations of the Cross 6 PM
- Good Friday Service 7 PM
- 3/31 Easter Vigil 7 PM
- 4/1 Easter Sunday Services 8 and 10 AM
- 4/1 Maintenance Morning 9 AM—Noon

Fundraising Report

Rummage Sale—Let's plan on a Rummage Sale in April! We are beginning to get donations of gently used items. Please contact Barbara Olesen if you need help moving packed items to the basement.

Thanks for helping to raise funds for the mission and ministry of St. James'!

**ST JAMES' CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE
FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

SATURDAY MARCH 17^h 5:00 TO 7:00PM

IN SNYDER HALL

\$10. PER ADULT; KIDS UNDER 12 FREE

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE

CARROTS AND IRISH SODA BREAD

DESSERT & SOFT DRINKS PROVIDED / BYOB

FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME

GREEN DESSERT CONTEST!

IRISH MUSIC, CRAFTS FOR THE KIDS, FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL

**Need a ride? Questions? Call Kathy or Dave Lacouture at 908-850-9214 or
email to lockwood88@comcast.net**

PLEASE RESPOND BY RETURNING THE BELOW BY 3/15

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Your name _____

of Adults @\$10. Per person _____

of Children _____

____ Yes, I will enter the green dessert contest

____ Yes, I will make Irish Soda Bread

Congratulations

Rae Aron!

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Hackettstown News
February 2018)



Resident's Photos Impress At Heath Village



Heath Village has a new artist-in-residence, Rachel Aron, formerly of Flemington and Long Valley; she, along with her husband, Michael, moved to Heath Village in 2013.

An award-winning photographer, Aron is inspired by her travels from around the world with her husband. Her striking photographs stand as testament of their many adventures to places such as Estonia, Norway, Hungary, Canada, and the United States. Aron has always enjoyed taking photographs, but it wasn't until 1984, when she and husband moved from England to America (Long Valley) that her love for capturing images that in her words "sim-

ply struck her fancy," became a passion.

For many years, Aron was a member of the Woman's Club, first in Long Valley and then Flemington. Each year, every club selects a member's work to enter into the District Arts & Crafts Show, from which the winners of each are automatically entered into the state competition. Time and time again, Aron's beautiful photos were selected to be entered into the state competition where they received honors, including first place, on several occasions.

For questions about the exhibit or to schedule a time to visit the gallery, contact Melissa Nichols at 908-684-5006.

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!



Update from the Bishop Search/Nominating Committee

Your Search/Nominating Committee, along with the Search Chaplain, spent three days last week attending a Discernment Retreat with eight potential candidates for XI Bishop. The time was spent in prayerful discernment, where one of the participants said we were “cloaked in love and prayer.” The retreat included meals, praying the Office, twenty-minute presentations from each of the candidates, dialogues, questions, and also information about our current Diocesan Staff. Candidates had the opportunity to learn about the Diocese of Newark, and we gained an insight into them.

As we wrap up reference checks and continue to receive Oxford Background Checks, we enter our final stage of discernment. We ask your **intentional prayers on Tuesday, February 27 in the evening** as we gather to prayerfully raise up 3-5 candidates. The names will then be presented to the Standing Committee later in the week with a public slate announcement planned for Monday, March 5.

After this, the Transition Committee will take over the work, as the Standing Committee opens the petition candidate window. We thank you for your prayers thus far, and ask that you continue them. Watch for updates on the [Bishop Search](#) page of the Diocesan website. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at BishopSearch@DioceseofNewark.org.

The Rev. Jerry Racioppi, *Holy Spirit, Verona* (Co-Chair)

Ms. Michele Simon, *St. Paul's, Englewood* (Co-Chair)

Search/Nominating Members:

Ms. Nerissa Boccino, *St. Peter's, Morristown*

Ms. Yvonne DeLaCruz, *Grace, Union City*

Ms. Janelle Grant, *St. Paul's, Paterson*

Ms. Patrice Henderson, *St. Andrew & Holy Communion, South Orange*

Mr. Joe LaVela, *St. Paul's, Chatham*

Ms. Geri Livengood, *Christ Church, Newton*

Ms. Rhonda Lutz, *Our Saviour, Denville*

The Rev. Tom Mathews, *Christ Church, Ridgewood*

The Rev. Chris McCloud, *Holy Innocents, West Orange*

Mr. Bernie Milano, *Trinity, Allendale*

The Rev. Thomas Murphy, *St. Paul's, Jersey City*

The Rev. Paul Olsson, *St. Paul's, Morris Plains*

The Rev. Bernie Poppe, *St. George's, Maplewood*

The Rev. Shawn Carty, *St. Mark's, Mendham*

(<https://dioceseofnewark.org/content/update-bishop-searchnominating-committee-cloaked-love-and-prayer>

Chaplain)

CALENDAR

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St. James' Staff & Vestry

Supply Priest	Rev. Robert Solon
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	Claudia Scala	Janice Cipriani
Nancy Miller	Chris Krauss	Kathy Erwood-Lacouture
Pam Laura	Sam Wood	Karina Hernandez

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