



ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

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We spent our vacation last month at a resort in Riviera Maya, Mexico. The days preceding our departure were standard: hard work with long nights, deadlines, packing, arranging for the care of Cookie, our dog, the stress of the security lines at Newark Airport, customs and immigration inspections. We

landed in Cancun to eighty degree weather after leaving a rainy fifty-five degree New Jersey. When we arrived at the resort, we unpacked only the bathing suits, changed and grabbed towels and made our way to the beach. The turquoises of the water, creaminess of the beach and perfect palm trees created a picture-postcard scene. The sight was enhanced by the cool feel and clean smell of the ocean, the cool breezes and clear alto tones of the birds.

I felt surrounded by beauty. After all, that is a large part of a vacation – sightseeing, relaxing, just soaking up whatever the venue has to offer. I began to relax into the beauty itself and allow it to feed my heart and mind, as well as my eyes and ears and body. Beauty feeds the soul and mind; it is not just a feast for the eyes. Beauty has the power to re-create the spirit and relax the body. We surround ourselves with beauty or visit beautiful places to counter the ugliness of life or reassure ourselves of the goodness of creation. And where better to fill ourselves with divine energy than in the midst of the handiwork of the source of all creation, our Creator God.

Gabriela Mistral, a winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature, wrote that “beauty... is the shadow of God on the universe.” She recognized that beauty can lift our thoughts to God, create a sense of awe, make us stop in our tracks.

This is the season of beauty where we live. In the past few weeks, the spring flowers have bloomed, the trees are green, the songbirds are joyous and there have been some spectacular days of sunshine and warm breezes. Is it possible to pause during this season, with beauty filling our senses, and not think of God? St. Paul says this: “Ever since the creation of the world [God’s] eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen through the things he has made.” (Romans 1:20)

We are encouraged to behold the beauty of the Lord in Psalm 27: “One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, *to behold the beauty of the Lord*, and to inquire in his temple.” As important as this instruction is, its context is even more astounding. We find these words in the midst of the psalm whose context is evil and destruction. The verses surrounding this teaching talk about the “evildoers who assail me to devour my flesh,”

“false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence,” and the betrayal of the psalmist’s own mother and father. Certainly God’s beauty is to be sought after, and it does require seeking. It does not exist in a special place all by itself (like Disney World) but in the midst of our present world, our daily lives, which have their share of challenge and sickness and pain as well as beauty and joy. I have seen beauty in the love of family for a desperately ill dad; I have seen beauty in the generosity of a person who has limited time or money herself; I have seen beauty in a man verbally attacked who resists the natural urge to retaliate.

God lives in beauty. God has made everything in all creation, touching it all with beauty. Of course there is ugliness and evil in the world; sin has brought destruction and decay into creation. But we believe that God in our midst leaves signs of his presence all around for us to see. We can see beauty in the natural creation, in the power of human love, in the generosity of spirit, in the compassion of our hearts.

Look around with me and see.

Cathy+

From the Wardens

Over the past several months, the Vestry has spent a great deal of time discussing the steeple repair. As with all projects at St. James' (both big and small) the discussions focused on how, who, why and when the project is to be completed - although not necessarily in that order. The repair has been under consideration for some time and the original estimates were obtained over two years ago! But the questions "why" and "when" the project should be completed were answered on Palm Sunday. Just as the 8am service was ending, water began leaking out of the choir loft and into the pews below. It was clear - the project must be completed as soon as possible. Yes, there had been some water infiltration in the past. The ceiling above the loft is water stained and at times the organ has been dripped upon. The leaking was stopped (or at least slowed) by several repairs completed over the past 7 years, but after the Palm Sunday leak, it was obvious that a major refurbishment of the tower was now necessary. We could no longer risk further damage to the sanctuary, building structure and/or church contents.

Dawn Modugno, who had obtained the original cost estimates a couple of years ago, contacted the contractors and had them resubmit their estimates. Dawn, along with Rick Ames, prepared a grant application to Ward J. Herbert Fund, which was subsequently approved in the amount of \$18,428, approximately one third the cost of the project. The only question that remains is how will the entire project be funded? More than half of the project cost will be paid for with the approved grant and funds from the Capital Improvement Fund. The reminder will need to be paid with contributions from the congregation.

The Vestry called a special meeting of the parish to discuss the steeple repair and to solicit ideas on how to best move forward. Feel free to contact any Vestry member (or Warden) with questions. Everyone's ideas and opinions are important as we move forward on this project.

Greg Malejko

Seminarian Rod Perez-Vega will go before the Diocese of Newark Commission on Ministry's Candidacy Conference on Saturday, June 18, beginning at 8 am. This conference is a set of interviews designed to assess the postulants' readiness to move ahead in the ordination process. Please pray for Rod, and for the COM on that day.

Complete schedule and discussion topics in next month's Journal

The Memorial Day Parade was held this past Monday and once again St. James' had a great turnout. The float was decorated with red, white and blue bunting, American flags all around and 5 different St. James' banners, an Armed Forces flag, the Episcopal flag, the American Flag, the St. James' banner and lots of balloons. Many of our Sunday School children rode on the float and tossed out five huge bags of candy.

Thank you to everyone that helped get the float ready, participated in the parade and helped to take it apart afterwards. We were blessed with the use of a huge trailer, 17.5 feet, loaned to us by a friend of Roy Smith and Joey Ayres was generous enough to let us pull it with his truck. Gerri and Pete Huryk allowed us to use their driveway to put it together and park it overnight and Dave Handville and Pete Huryk built the sides to keep our children safe. Thank you, thank you to all of the above.

On Saturday, June 18th we are going bowling again. The cost is \$16.00 per person and includes two games, shoes, pizza and soda. The location is the same, Oakwood Lanes in Washington. There are sign-up sheets in the front of the church and in the parish hall. We are all looking forward to another fun evening. Thanks to Scott Carson for setting this up for us. Come out and join us. You are guaranteed a fun night.

Invite a friend to Church

Barbara White

Vestry Hi-lites from May meeting

- The Golf Outing was practically sold out, and raised \$2,500. The venue was great and people had a wonderful time at the outing and the dinner. Thanks given to the Committee, chaired by Dan Miller.
- Expenses are over budget in a few areas: repairs (some electrical repair work was needed), advertising (which has been very much worth the expense), and while coffee hour donations were slightly higher, costs are higher too with much more ease of service and quality.
- Plans for the Special Parish Meeting June 5 were finalized.

Look for **Theology and a Cold Drink** in next month's Journal. Have you ever wondered how Scripture, worship, and the Book of Common Prayer influence our daily life? Come have a cold drink and join us in a safe, honest and open dialogue about how theology influences our daily life.

Every Thursday night during the months of July and August, between 7 and 8 pm, we will get together in the Great Hall to talk about modern life and theology.

Sessions begin July 7.

Rod Perez

June Dates to Remember

- June 5 One service 9:00 AM • Special Parish Meeting at 10:30 AM
- June 11 Car Wash • Skylands Bank, Mountain Avenue • 10 AM – 3 PM
- June 12 Pentecost Sunday • Honoring our Graduates • 10 AM
- June 14 EFM Seminar Group picnic • see page 6 for location, details • 6:30 PM
- June 15 Deadline for registration for EAM work camp • July 30-August 6
- June 18 Bowling • Oakwood lanes in Washington • 5 PM
- June 19 Parish Picnic • 8 AM Service at church • 10 AM service at the picnic
- June 23 Vestry Meeting • Mitcham House • 7:30 PM
- June 26 Choir Recognition Sunday • 10 AM



EAM Car Wash Saturday, June 11

We have the EAM car wash scheduled for Saturday, June 11th in the Skylands Bank parking lot. Please put this date on your calendar and come out to get your cars washed and maybe even help us wash a few. We will be there from 10 AM to 3 PM. These funds support our annual trip to Appalachia.

Barbara White

Pentecost Sunday June 12

Wear red to church in honor of the coming of the Holy Spirit. We are honoring our graduates on Pentecost Sunday.

Bowling Event Saturday, June 18

Because of the great turnout and by popular demand, we decided to have another bowling night. It will be Saturday, June 18th, 5:00 pm at Oakwood lanes in Washington. The price is \$16.00 per person. The price includes 2 games of bowling, shoes, pizza, drinks and gratuity. Last time, we had 29 people. Hopefully, we will have more. Sign up in the entryway of the church, the Great Hall, or contact Frances Keefe, Parish Administrator at stjames214@comcast.net

Please respond no later than Sunday the 12th of June.

Scott Carson

Parish Picnic June 19 Independence Field of Dreams 10:00 AM service at the park

With songs of praise led by David Heistand and David Olesen
Fully accessible with accessible restrooms,
Paved walking trail, playground,
Sheltered pavilion for cooking out
and plenty of space for fun and games!
Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.
Burgers and hot dogs and drinks provided.
DJ Hoffman is coordinating
Come join us!

Thomas Malejko's new address

While Thomas is in Afghanistan, if you can, please drop him a note once in a while. I would appreciate it. The form that I read says that mail call is the highlight of a soldier's day. He [leaves tomorrow](#) for Kyrgyzstan for two weeks and then on to Afghanistan. Please keep him in your prayers!

Eileen Malejko

2LT Thomas Malejko
HHC, 18th Engineer Brigade
FOB Sharana
APO AE 09311

Graduation

On June 12th at the 10 AM service, we celebrate the marking of milestones of completion with all our young and mature members who have finished a course of study. Please join us in this marking of time, and enjoy coffee hour by the Education for Ministry Seminar Group.

Graduates are listed on page 5.



Directions to Independence Field of Dreams

Approximate Driving time from St. James' –
10 Minutes

- Take 46 West
- Continue through town of Vienna
- Pass Independence Elementary School
- Make a left onto Cemetery Road
- Continue past Cemetery
- Make a left into entrance for Field of Dreams

She has been serving among us for the total of five years of her ordained life, and more. We nurtured her call with a discernment committee, worked with her to find funds for interpreters for her training, and were blessed again and again by her gifts.

Sheila C Shuford was ordained to the diaconate on June 3, 2006, five years ago. There was a time when she despaired of ever becoming a deacon. But when The Rt. Rev. John Palmer Croneberger became Bishop of the Diocese of Newark in 2000, Sheila was among the first to make her call known to him. She was ordained by The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith and placed by him here at St. James'.

At St. James', Sheila has taught us how to welcome deaf and hard of hearing people among us. More than that, she has taught us that communication is the goal. How it all happens is less important. Using all methods available is how to include and invite people. She has gifts of pastoral care, prayer, liturgy, and preaching. Sheila continues her work as Chaplain at Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital.

Thank you, Sheila, for your amazing ministry with us and among us!

Cathy



Bereavement Support Group Facilitator Training Completed

On May 19, 2011, I completed a Bereavement Facilitator course offered through the Catholic Archdiocese of Newark Family Life Ministry for credit through Seton Hall University. Janet McCormack, Associate Director of the Archdiocese of Newark was the teacher.

I had been looking for a bereavement group that included deaf people. I found nothing in the Episcopal Church. I contacted Deacon Tom Smith who is the deacon for the Catholic deaf community. He knew of nothing. One week later, he emailed me with the information that this group was forming and would welcome me. I have a deaf friend, Lila Taylor, who also planned to attend. We paid our tuition and the Archdiocese of Newark paid for two interpreters for each class.

At the first class, it became clear that we could not take notes and watch the interpreters. A very kind man volunteered to take notes and continued to do so for every

class. The topics included an overview of grief and mourning; liturgical, practical and supportive responses to loss; guidelines for facilitators, healing, faith issues and the spiritual dynamics of loss. Much time was given to actually practicing counseling in small groups.

Upon successful completion of the course, participants become Bereavement Support Group Facilitators in the Archdiocese of Newark. These support groups are open to all Christen faiths. I was the only non-Catholic in the group. Since two facilitators are best for each group, I may work with Lila to begin a deaf group. I definitely have the skills and empathy to reach out to those struggling with loss. It is possible I may find a way to help hearing people as well as deaf. I do not know where God is leading me but I feel sure that if He found this group for me, He has a plan.

Deacon Sheila Shuford

The Deaf Ministry of the Diocese has been highlighted in the June issue of *The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Monthly Communicator* (p. 15).

The Deaf Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark announces accessible services for hard of hearing and deaf persons at St. James' Episcopal Church in Hackettstown. The church building is also fully accessible for disabled persons. Services are interpreted by professional interpreters each Sunday at eight and ten am. Assisted listening devices are available for those who are hard of hearing, including people who use hearing aids and cochlear implants. The Rev. Dr. Cathy Deats is skilled in sign language. The Rev. Sheila Shuford is a deaf

Deacon whose expertise is communication. Hackettstown is located in Warren County and has easy access from Morris and Hunterdon counties. St. James' is an open, inclusive, and caring faith community that embraces diversity and celebrates the joy of Christ. Church email: stjames214@comcast.net

You may be interested in subscribing to this publication. It has a good deal of information for people who are hard of hearing or deaf, as well as for people who are interested in reaching out to people who have hearing loss.

http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh/newsletters/communicator/current/mc_june11.pdf

Sunday School News

Many thanks to the teachers, parents, and especially all the children who made this year's Sunday School such a success! We ended Sunday School for the year with the Children's Sabbath on May 22nd. The children worked hard to prepare for this special service by creating potted plants to decorate the church, writing a prayer for the service, and preparing readings. Daniel Howlin, Amelia Vitalos and Benjamin Edens read the Collect, a lesson and a prayer.

After the service, the children planted a flowering plant on the side of the Church to commemorate the year. We wish everyone a fun and safe summer and look forward to next year's class in September!

Alicia LaForge



Daniel reads the Collect.



Confirmation

Confirmation was held at Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral in Newark on May 22. It was a majestic service. Our confirmands and those received into the Episcopal Church are pictured here with The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith, Bishop of the Diocese of Newark.

Jim Jacoby, Kathy Jacoby, David Bernauer, Bishop Beckwith, Trever Carson (rear), Sarah DiMarzo, Cathy Deats, Chris Vitalos (rear), Matthew DiMarzo, Melissa Vitalos, David Olesen (sponsor), Amelia and Lillian Vitalos (daughters of Melissa and Chris) - missing from the picture: Drew Lacouture

Honoring our Graduates

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they enter a new time in their lives. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NAME	GRADE	SCHOOL
Katie Lacouture	12th	Hackettstown HS
Joe Ayres	12th	Warren Vocational Technical School
Matthew Malejko	12th	Hackettstown HS
Charlie Thieringer	12th	West Morris Central HS
Amy Modugno	Professional School	Appalachian Training Center for the Healing Arts, Dandridge, TN
Lindsay Modugno	College	Rutgers University
Michael Malejko	College	West Chester University
David Bernauer	CPA	Certified Public Accountant
Ellen Infante	EFM	Education for Ministry

EFM Graduate Reflection

It has been an honor to co-mentor the EFM class with Cathy Deats this year and to witness the dedication the students have put into their studies. One such student is Ellen Infante who will graduate after four years.

Ellen took her course of study very seriously and displayed that in each class. She provided thought-provoking Theological Reflections and continues to spread knowledge to those around her.

Graduating from this class is bittersweet. We will miss Ellen very much, but she has demonstrated that she is prepared to go out in the world to use what she has learned to pursue her ministry. God will be with you in all that you do, Ellen!

Barbara Olesen





Justin winning the race against Dover



Justin Simmons' HHS Track Season

Justin has been enjoying a successful Track season in his Sophomore year at Hackettstown High School. He competes in the 800 meter, 1600 meter and 3200 meter races. Justin enjoys the longer distances, having earned his Varsity letter in Cross Country this past fall.

Earlier this season, Justin led the Tigers to a win over Dover, finishing third in both the 800 and 1600 races and then winning the 3200 meter race with a time of 12:11. He has since improved his times and now runs the 1600 in 5:09 and the 3200 meters in 11:44.

"I really enjoy running the longer races," said Justin. "My coach asked me to also run the 800 meters to help the team but I think my strength is in the 1600 and 3200."

In addition to Cross Country and Track, Justin is also a member of the Junior Varsity Basketball team at HHS.

He often serves as a Lector and Usher at the 8:00 AM Sunday service at St. James'.

Jim, MaryAnn and Justin

From the office

- ❖ **From our "Wish List"** We thank the parishioner who donated the folding machine. It truly saves us a lot of time here in the office.
- ❖ **Altar Flower Donors Needed** for July 17, 24, 31, & August 28. Please consider sponsoring altar flowers for a loved one. You will find the sign up folder in the narthex (church entry).

Episcopal Appalachian Ministries applications are due June 15 in the church office. Please do not submit your application online -- an application can be picked up at the church (in the entryway or the church office), or contact the Parish Administrator to receive one via email (stjames214@comcast.net)

EFM Introduction Picnic

The EFM Seminar Group invites you to a picnic on Tuesday, June 14, at 6:30 pm at the home of Mentor Cathy Deats (10 Schoolhouse Lane, Flanders, 07836). Please come and be our guests for a cookout supper; meet current students and graduates, and learn about this great opportunity for study as you join others on a spiritual journey of growth and growing awareness of the action of God in your life. RSVP to 973.252.2160, but as always, if you can make it at the last moment, come along -- we believe the Spirit will lead you (and we will feed you!).



Support Your Local Food Pantry

In June, we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly for Trinity's Food Pantry. There are collection containers in the Parish Hall lobby and the hallway by the entrance into the sanctuary.

Summer Backpack Feeding Program will again supplement groceries for vulnerable children and their families. The United Way is supplier of the food. We will make the bags ready and distribute them. We are in need of a team of two coordinators to spend some preparation time planning, and then volunteers to be sure our building is open on the Saturday mornings that families come to pick up food.

Plans are currently for pickups throughout the summer, every other week on Saturdays from 10 am to 12 noon: June 26, July 9, 23, August 6 and 20. Please speak to the Rector if you can help!

St. James' will be honored as a community partner with The United Way of Warren County for its work with the Backpack Program on **Thursday, June 16 at 7 PM**. We will be part of the awarding of honors to groups who have partnered with the United Way. You can find the details at

<http://www.unitedwayofwc.org/NewSite/index.asp#>

Youth Group

The Youth Group had their last Session of the "year" last Sunday May 29th and will gather again in September, after the summer break.

Rod Perez

Plans are underway for a **Miniature Golf Outing** for July. Keep watch for the date!

Choir News

June is the last month for choir music until September and our last rehearsal of the “year” is Thursday, June 23. Choir rehearsals are shorter because: we have less music to prepare, the choir loft is hotter so the fan is already out, and Choir Recognition Sunday is just around the corner! But is there still time to join the anthem choir?? Of course there is!

Don't be put off by having to arrive at church by 9 am on Sunday mornings instead of coming in at 10 am! Once we are done rehearsing, there's time to relax and get something to drink or even have a bite to eat. You also get plenty of time to eat breakfast at the First Sunday Pancake breakfasts.

We have only two anthems to work on before the end of June, so Thursday rehearsals are running a little shorter than normal. This could be a great time to join!

Choir Recognition Sunday

We will be recognizing all our singing choir members in the Youth and Senior Choirs on Sunday, June 26, at the 10 am service. While the Youth Choir will not be singing that day, I hope they will all be in church to accept their certificates! We will also be recognizing the Bell Choir members at this time and I know Louise will mention that in her article in this Journal edition or the next one.

Pam Laura

Favorites! Favorites! Favorites!

We all have favorite hymns. Some go back to our childhoods and some are newer hymns we have just started to enjoy. Whatever the case, now is the time that you can request to hear them. My theme for the Preludes and Postludes this summer will be: Favorite Hymns of the members of St. James.

Please email me lolshan@ccm.edu, call me at 732-807-3211, see me at church or sign up on the sheet in the Great Hall and give me your requests. In order to plan, I will need your suggestions by Sunday, June 19. I will try to accommodate as many as possible. I already have one request from the Yarn Twisters meeting held on Thursday.

Hoping to hear from you soon,

Louise Olshan
Organist

For Weekly Announcements and what's happening at St. James', visit our Webpage:

stjameshackettstown.org

An updated and current church calendar is one of the many useful features on St. James' Webpage.

Bell Choir “Notes”

The St. James' Multi-Generational Bell Choir is preparing music for Choir Recognition Sunday, June 26. The choir will play *Lord I Ring My Praise to Thee* at the 10:00 service. Also on that day, the Bell Choir will go to the House of the Good Shepherd and participate in the afternoon worship service there. The choir will play two pieces at that time – *Lord, I Ring My Praise to Thee* and *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*.

The Bell Choir is happy to welcome Kristen Carson as a new member. We hope she will be a part of the choir for years to come!

A very sincere thank you to all the members of the Bell Choir this academic year. St. James' is truly blessed to have such a dedicated and faithful group of ringers. Not only are they willing to practice and participate in worship services at St. James', but they have been part of the Annual Christmas through the Arts program at the Port Morris United Methodist Church and the Service of Lessons and Carols at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Montclair for several years. And this June will find the choir at the House of the Good Shepherd. The members this year are David Bernauer, Jim Brandt, Roberta Brandt, Kristen Carson, Scott Carson, Meredith Firmin, Katie Lacouture, Pam Laura, Dawn Modugno, Brian Nolan, Chika Okoye, Sam Olshan, Jewels Quelly and Helen Wise. On Christmas Eve Sylvia and Tina Okoye, Steven Bernauer and Lori Mattison helped out with the ringing. It is great fun to work with everyone in the choir.

Sadly, we will be saying farewell to Katie Lacouture as she heads to college in the fall. She has been in the Bell Choir for three years and we will miss her. Hopefully she will be able to join the choir on Christmas Eve or whenever she is home. Good luck in your future studies.

I wish all the members of the choir a very happy, healthy and relaxing summer. I look forward to working with you again in the fall.

Louise Olshan
Bell Choir Director

July & August Journal articles due Monday, June 27

Phyllis Heistand, Editor
Cathy Deats, News for St. James' and all the writers, reporters and photographers
David Heistand, proofreader, printer
Email pdheistand@comcast.net
To sign up for Email-Journal, contact pdheistand@comcast.net

Yarn Twisters

The St. James' Yarn Twisters are making good progress with their knitted and crocheted items. I am hoping to send our first shipment in July. I was fortunate enough to purchase two large containers at the Town Wide Yard Sale for \$1.00 each (a great bargain) to store the finished items and the yarn. I'd also like to thank Peg Faust for donating two smaller containers.

We are back to meeting twice a month (see dates below) and hope to see as many of you as possible there. Paige Sato, Program Director for "Christmas at Sea" is a very energetic lady. Just about each day, I receive blogs from her complete with photos showing what items are being received, volunteers who help at Port Newark, school visits and the latest – "Ditty Bags". These are small bags that are given to the Mariners filled with toiletries, etc. If you are not a knitter/crocheter, but can stitch two sides of fabric on a machine and thread some rope through to make a drawstring, maybe this is your chance to join the Yarn Twisters as a "Stitcher". I have instructions upon request. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact me at frlbailey1@comcast.net.

For more information and to follow Paige's blogs, please log onto: www.seamenschurch.org and follow the directions to the Christmas at Sea information.

We are also still collecting the following items to include in the 2011 package. There is a blue plastic barrel in the Great Hall for donations:

- Unscented, Hypoallergenic Hand Lotion (2-4 oz bottles)
- Sealed Packages of Holiday Sweets
- Books or Activities like Sudoku, word searches, or playing cards
- Facial Tissue
- Microwave Popcorn
- Chewing Gum

Our next dates to meet are as follows:

Thursday, June 2	6:30 PM
Saturday, June 18	9:30 AM
Thursday, June 30	6:30 PM
Saturday, July 9	9:30 AM
Thursday, July 21	6:30 PM
Saturday, August 6	9:30 AM

Linda Miller



Fundraising

Kudos to the golf outing committee, Dan Miller, Paul and Phyllis Barktus, Meg Critchley and Peter Gartleman for a wonderful event. They even managed to hold off the rain until after the event. Thank you, you did another great job.

Fundraising so far this year has been very successful. We have raised close to five thousand dollars. With events like the golf outing, candy sales, can sales, IHOP dinner, St. Patrick's dinner and the rummage sale we are well on our way to a great year.

Thank you to all our parishioners and friends who purchased candy, donated cans, came to a dinner, helped with the rummage sale or dinner and sponsored a hole or played golf. All your support is greatly appreciated.

We have the EAM car wash scheduled for Saturday, June 11th in the Skylands Bank parking lot. Please put this date on your calendar and come out to get your cars washed and maybe even help us wash a few. We will be there from 10 AM to 3 PM. These funds support our annual trip to Appalachia.

Our next major event is the **Annual Tricky Tray** scheduled for **Saturday, September 17th**. The location is still the Budd Lake Firehouse in Budd Lake. We have moved this a month earlier to avoid some of the competition with the public schools. We want to be sure you get this date on your calendar as well. We hope that you will keep this event in mind during these next few months. If you see any really good deals, take the opportunity to make a few purchases. I know of one young man who came across a turkey roasting pan on sale for \$10.00 and picked it up for us as a donation. These kinds of sale items make great baskets. Put a cookbook and a Shop Rite gift card with it and you have a very nice basket.

We always need baskets for these items and sometimes you can find nice baskets at yard sales, so keep your eyes peeled for those. Letters to merchants and parishioners will be going out soon. If you know of a business that might want to make a contribution, please let us know. Gift certificates for services are a big hit at the tricky tray, as well as gift certificates for restaurants.

If you would like to help with the planning of our tricky tray, we will meet about every three weeks over the next couple of months. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21st at 6:30pm.

Barbara White



3rd Annual St. James' Golf Outing

The 3rd Annual St. James' Golf Outing was held on a humid May 23rd under threatening skies at Farmstead Golf Club in Lafayette, NJ. An Outing record of 44 players teed off at 1 PM. The winning team of Dave Bowen and his brothers from Columbia, NJ came in first with a score of 8 under par. The team from Skylands Bank took the Callaway prize with an adjusted score of 7 under par. On course contest winners included Meg Critchley (straightest drive), Dave Bowen (longest drive), Mark Berezni (closest to the pin) and Phyllis Bartkus (drawing for closest to pin – women).

Dinner followed the golf, and included a raffle for great prizes donated by area merchants and other Golf Courses, as well as a 50/50 drawing. Cathy Deats and Linda Miller pushed the raffle and 50/50 tickets. Dawn Modugno, Barbara White and Janet Lowery made certain everyone was checked in before the event started. Brian

Nolan and Meredith Fermin took photos during the day. Thanks to all who helped out at the event. All told, over \$2500 was raised for St. James' ministry and mission.

Copies of the Event Brochures can be found in the Great Hall. The area merchants listed in the brochure helped by sponsoring holes on the golf course and would appreciate you mentioning St. James' when you stop in so that they can know their support has gone to a good cause.

And finally, the golf committee (Paul & Phyllis Bartkus, Meg Critchley, Pete Gartelmann, Barbara White, Cathy Deats and Dan Miller) are grateful that the thunderstorm waited until all had gone home to let loose.

See you next year!!

Dan Miller



Team 1 Pequest Fish Hatchery Team

Team 2: Dick Webber and the BASF Credit Crew

Team 3: Jim Sedlak, Jim Bero, Mark Berezni (all BASF)

Team 4: Tom Errickson, Les Fowler, Dan Miller, Dennis Hu

Team 5: Brent Marchetta, Ed Madzy, Wayne Enderle, Tom O'Rourke

Team 6: Skylands Bank; Claudia Conway (Callaway Winner)



Team 7: The “Lucky Guy” team, featuring Phyllis Bartkus, Meg Critchley and “lucky guy” Paul Bartkus
 Team 8: David Handville, Rod Perez, Sam Olsham
 Team 9: Greg Malejko, Mike Panetta,
 2 not identified

Team 10: Team Bowen (Low Gross winner)
 Team 11: Team Drabik not pictured
 Farmstead Golf Club in Lafayette, NJ

Memorial Day Parade



Joe Ayres’ truck pulls float, (next 3) getting ready to march, some of the children on the float.
 Due to limited space, Pete Huryk’s parade photos aren’t included. See them on St James’ website
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David Jenkins Dan Miller
Peter Quelly Roy Smith III
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Join us at the Picnic!

