



ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

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This Month in Stewardship Meeting Together

St. James' is a community.

Think about what we do at St James'. It usually involves meeting together. We meet for corporate prayer in the sanctuary and share liturgy steeped in history. For me, personally, my brain is awakened and comforted by our prayer book. The prayers have words that I heard in my childhood. Some of our hymns reach deep into my emotional core. We share the peace and emotionally embrace one another either with a hand shake, hug or wave.

Fellowship activities afford us times for fun together. I have mental images of us as we "meet and eat" at different times and occasions. Any call to action to our cooks is always met with great contributions for our pot-luck dinners. First Sundays of the month find our hallways redolent with the aroma of BACON (the almost perfect food, next to chocolate - IMHO). Our picnic is memorable for burgers and hot dogs cooking along with guitar music. We have a boar's head dinner that breaks the chill of January and the St. Patrick's day dinner that ushers in the warmth spring. We share the chance of winning the "prize car" for our Stewardship Dinner and share laughter during the Match Game/Family Feud and Bunco games.

Our ministries and maintenance mornings provide the vehicle for us to come together and do God's work here and in the community at large. We knit for the

seafarers to keep them warm at sea. We collect food and assemble bags of groceries at holidays for those in need and contribute gifts for the Christmas Tree of Giving. We provide backpack supplemental nutrition for school-age children during the summer. And we meet at any number of times to personify the notion that many hands make light work as we green the sanctuary for Christmas, tend our church gardens, paint or complete building repairs.

Each of the above is an example of stewardship and caring for our community and each other.

This month we will have another opportunity to meet. It is the ANNUAL MEETING. There will be one service at 9:00AM and then we will gather in Snyder Hall and meet and eat. We will thank our elected leaders who cycle off either as a vestry member or as a delegate to the diocese convention, and we will elect our parish leaders. I am thankful for Kathy Erwood-Lacouture, Karina Hernandez, and Claudia Scala who have stepped forward to stand for election to serve on the vestry, for Chika Okoye, to serve as a delegate to the convention and for Chris Vitalos to serve as an alternate. I am especially thankful for the opportunity to serve as a warden with Barbara Olesen who has stepped forward to serve as Junior Warden for an additional year. An Annual Report will be available for your perusal. In it you will find the groups that meet to accomplish God's purpose on our corner of Washington and Moore Streets. Please review it with an eye to thinking about where some of your talents might be used.

Thanks for reading,
Paul Bartkus,
Sr. Warden

**Bishop Beckwith calls for the election
of the next Bishop of Newark**

February 28, 2017

Dear members of the Diocese of Newark,

Earlier today I informed the Standing Committee of the Diocese and the Diocesan staff that I am calling for the election of the next Bishop of Newark. Given that the search and call of a bishop takes 18 months, the Presiding Bishop's office has set a date of September 22, 2018 for the consecration of the 11th bishop of the diocese, shortly after I turn 67. When I came to the diocese as bishop, I had made a commitment to my family and myself that I would serve as Diocesan Bishop for ten years. It will end up being nearly twelve. I intend to be fully engaged as Bishop until the time of my successor's consecration.

It has been an enormous privilege to serve as Bishop of this extraordinary diocese for the past ten years. The gift of serving the people and congregations of the Diocese of Newark has been an incredible blessing to me. I have learned so much about God, God's people and myself. I have been cherished and challenged; and I have been warmly welcomed and cautiously greeted – all of which is part and parcel of what it means to be a vital community of faith.

I look forward to continuing the journey with you for the next year and a half. We have much to do as God's people – as we listen to scripture, each other, our communities and the Holy Spirit to help us fashion a new way of living, grounded in the Gospel and rooted in our faith. The collective energy generated from Going Local clergy and congregations, from the fall Listening Tables, from Diocesan Convention and from the growing commitment to engage in disciplined listening, says to me that more and more people and congregations are shaping and being shaped by the journey. We are learning

as we go – all the while inviting others to join and offer their creativity and imagination. My hope and prayer is that the process of electing the next bishop will be an invitation to join the diocese on this journey of Joining God in Shaping our Future, offering his or her gifts and wisdom as we continue to see what God is up to.

I don't have any definitive plans after September 22 of next year, other than to have more available time to be a grandfather and get to Fenway Park. That said, my continuing experience here in the diocese has inspired me to discern new ways of joining God in God's work. I can't tell you how grateful I am for learning – here in this diocese, how important that has become.

Peace,



Mark

April Edition
Journal Deadline
March 26th

St. James' Annual Meeting

Sunday, March 12

One Service—9 AM

A continental breakfast
will be served.

Meeting will begin promptly
at 10:30

Training for

Licensed Eucharistic Minister

Thursday, April 20 & Thursday, April 27, 2017

The Episcopal Church of St James, Church Library

581 Valley Road, Upper Montclair

7:00 – 8:45 PM

A Eucharistic Minister is a lay person authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. This is not a home visitor course.

Topics will include basic liturgy and the rubrics governing this vital ministry. Classes will be taught by the Rev. Pamela Bakal and the Rev. Audrey Hasselbrook.

Please note that although all are welcome to participate in this course, your rector/vicar /priest-in-charge must request licensure and the Bishop issues the license. Please speak to your rector/vicar/priest-in-charge before signing up. All participants must take Safe Church Training through their home parish in order to be licensed.

Students must attend both classes.

To register contact Rev Audrey Hasselbrook ahasselbrook@optonline.net or call Grace Church Nutley - 973-235-1177

Enrollment is limited & closes 4/17. The program offered by Districts 5 and 7, and open to all districts.

Veiling the Crosses During Lent

Coming from the Catholic tradition, I remember my relief at seeing the crosses veiled on Passion Sunday...just two weeks before Easter. Whatever I was giving up for Lent - whether it was the ever popular candy or fighting with my brother - soon would be only a distant memory as Easter would soon arrive to free me from my state of self-imposed denial.

Bill and I began attending St James' just after Easter in 2000. So imagine my confusion when the purple veils appeared on the Crosses on Ash Wednesday. And then I was further confused as the color changed from purple to red then white and finally black. No one ever explained why even after I was placed in charge of the Altar Guild. And one year because this tradition was NOT on my Lenten observance radar, the veils never came out of storage as we all forgot! Cathy never mentioned it or called the omission to my attention. And guess what? Easter came anyway that year!

But still this custom puzzled me, and I decided to research it. What follows is a summary of what I learned.

The custom of covering crosses during Lent began in 9th century Europe and by the 10th was common practice in England. As documented by Hildemar of Corbie around 845 in his Commentary on the Rule of Benedict... "liturgical elements suggestive of joy and happiness including vestments, vessels and other delight should be removed during Lent." So Lenten veils (like the practice of omitting the Alleluia) emphasizes the penitential character of Lent...functioning as symbols of mourning and penance and helping the faithful concentrate on the work of Christ's redemption.

Processional crosses, crucifixes, pictures, and statues have been veiled either throughout Lent or during Passiontide



Confirmation Class

Sunday March 5th—Sunday April 9th

During Lent and Easter

Led by Rev. Guy Fouts

Passontide ie. the last two weeks of Lent. In some churches the custom is to cover crosses only after stripping the altar on Maundy Thursday. Veils are purple, red, white and sometimes black usually corresponding to the required color of the frontal. However, veiling is not required by the Episcopal Church.

In addition, there are no flowers during Lent as it is meant to be an unadorned time of the Church year. The idea is to remove anything that may distract us as we journey with Jesus to Calvary.

Meg Critchley

Fundraising Report

Shop With Scrip—Next order is due

Sunday, March 12th. Order forms are in the back of the church and in Snyder Hall.

Gertrude Hawk—Our Spring Candy Sale

ends on March 5th. In addition to filling Easter Baskets with Gertrude Hawk items, they make great gifts for those hosting dinners you are attending!

Amazon Smile—Thanks to those who

signed up to donate a portion of eligible purchases to St. James'. Donation checks are deposited directly to our account on a quarterly basis. Stay tuned for the amount!

Sign up at smile.amazon.com.

Rummage Sale—The Townwide Rummage

Sale will most likely be held in late April. Please save items for our sale and bring to the church anytime after April 1st. We do not take books or electronics! Watch for more details.

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



SHOP-RITE & WEIS GIFT CARDS

Order forms for gift cards will be distributed the 3rd Sunday of each month.



Lenten Meditations

Online Lenten meditations are published daily by the Diocese of Newark. If you are interested, sign up at the following address:

<http://dioceseofnewark.org/meditations>

From the March 3rd online post:

*"Come let us sing to the LORD, let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms."*

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!



Special Events Meeting on Tuesday, 3/7 at 7 pm. We are holding our meeting early in March to plan for the Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Thank you~ Kathy



ST JAMES' CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE FELLOWSHIP DINNER

SATURDAY MARCH 18th 5:30 TO 7:30 PM

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

Your name _____

of Adults @\$10. Per person _____

of Children _____

___ Yes, I will enter the green dessert contest

___ Yes, I will make Irish Soda Bread



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!

American Red Cross

March is Red Cross Month

Be part of an elite group of volunteers! Give blood.

Blood Drive

Episcopal Church of St. Luke and St. Mary

Parish Hall
408 3rd Street
Belvidere, NJ 07823

Sunday, March 19, 2017
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

On day of donation eat a healthy breakfast, drink extra fluids, bring picture ID!

Appointments are preferred.

To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor keyword: Episcopal Church

Questions? Contact 1-800 Red Cross



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Please thank them if you do business with them!

St. James' 2016 Golf Outing

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CALENDAR

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Rector Emeritus:	The Rev. Clarence Sickles
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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	

Vestry Clerk:	Claudia Scala
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