



ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

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The Pilgrims Way

Who are we?

We are stewards. We are disciples.
And, at times, we may be pilgrims.



Recently, I became intrigued by the concept of pilgrimage and being a pilgrim. We may not have as rich a history of pilgrimage in our country as older European or Asian countries. Other countries with longer histories going back to the early times of Christianity may be more connected with the concept of pilgrimage than we are because of our relatively short history.

The primary mode of travel for a pilgrim is walking. The purpose is to end up at a sacred destination by walking and stopping off at places along the way. There are “paths” crisscrossing over Europe that funnel to the Church of St. James in Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain. One journey, The Way of St. James (Comino de Santiago) was popularized in a movie, The Way (2010) with Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez. There are even webpages that facilitate planning any of several routes (search: Camino de Santiago de Compostela). In Ireland, paths cross the island to holy sites. One reaches Croagh Patrick, the sacred mountain where St. Patrick was believed to have fasted for forty days.

Interestingly, a Roman Catholic Church, Saints Peter and Paul Church, in neighboring Great Meadows holds an annual walking pilgrimage from their church to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, in

Doylestown, PA. This is a four day journey of about 57 miles that is dedicated to reflection and spirituality. Our own Bishop Beckwith led a river to river walking pilgrimage across our state last July to “look for where God is at work in our communities and how we can join God in shaping the future of our diocese.” (see Diocese of Newark website). They stopped at St. James’ for a period of rest and refreshment before ending their first day of walking at the House of the Good Shepherd.

As a congregation we are undertaking a journey together to call a new priest. We will continue to be stewards of our church property and each other. We will continue to be disciples exploring where our ministries will lead us and I suspect that we will figuratively walk together as we stop along the way of our journey to listen and discern what the Holy Spirit is telling us. So we are all at once and together stewards, disciples and pilgrims.

At the Church of St. Nicolai in Skane, Sweden a sign identifies seven key words associated with the pilgrim’s way as: simplicity, slowness, silence, sharing, freedom, spirituality and light-heartedness. We might all want to reflect on these characteristics as we journey together. We know that change often produces anxiety and anxiety can multiply disruption. Let us enter this journey slowly, without complication, sharing our feelings in an atmosphere that allows freedom of expression and a time to silently reflect on the thoughts of others, and with a focus on prayer, where the Holy Spirit leads us. Finally, let us remember to enjoy each other and have fun with this adventure that awaits us. We are bound to learn more about each other and ourselves.

Thanks for reading this,
Paul

Memorial Day Parade



This year's Memorial Day Parade was held in Hackettstown, NJ. Despite the chilly and wet weather, the town still came out to support the veterans. Several St James's parishioners participated in the event marching with our banner down Main St: Jeanette Nolan and two of her children, Julianna and William. In addition, we used this opportunity to

share information about our outreach efforts for North Porch. A banner

showing North Porch at St James' with a list of items needed for donations was visible for all to see. Pam Laura and Jeanette's third child, Michael, walked down the street, proudly demonstrating their banner skills. Alongside, Karina walked with a baby stroller filled with baby wipes and diapers. This definitely caught many people's attention as she pushed a baby stroller through the rain. On the other side of the banner was our lovely mascot Chloe, all dressed up for Memorial Day, walking with Claudia Scala and Dave Handeville. Chloe brought smiles to all the children watching. All in all, the event turned out nicely despite the wet and rainy weather!

Karina Hernandez



Mini Golf Outing & Ice Cream

St James' 2nd Mini Golf Outing will tee off at 7 pm on Friday July 14th at Farmview Golf Center at 15 East Avenue, Hackettstown. Ice cream at Friendly's, Mountain Avenue following the game. There will be prizes!!!

Meet up at 6:45 at the Golf Center to join in the summer fun! No need to sign up, just come on over!

Kathy Lacouture

June Maintenance Morning

The following St. James' parishioners came out and said, "Here I am. What can I do to help?"

Meg Critchley Linda and Dan Miller
Barbara Olesen Jean and Chris Krauss
Kathy Lacouture Phyllis and Paul Bartkus

Despite frequent showers, the gardening team prevailed and trimmed hedges, pruned hydrangeas, (from which lovely bouquets were made), dug out weeds and fertilized the roses.

Inside, batteries for exit signs were checked, a switch replaced for an outside light, and bulbs replaced in some light fixtures. In addition, the hallway in the Snyder Hall was cleared to accommodate the tables needed for the Backpack Program.

Thanks to all who gave of their time and talent!

Phyllis Bartkus



Three very wet ladies!
Linda Miller, Meg Critchley
and Kathy Lacouture



Jean and Chris Krauss

Maggie's Run

On June 7th, Maggie Bartkus, along with Paul and Phyllis Bartkus, was honored for her service as a therapy dog at The House of the Good Shepherd. Maggie was a friend to those at the House from 2007 until 2016. A dog run is dedicated to her so those who own dogs at the House can give their pups some playtime in an enclosed area!

Always in our hearts

Come join us for a
SPECIAL EVENT
As we honor our loyal friend and therapy dog
MAGGIE BARTKUS
With the dedication of our new dog run.

Wednesday, June 7, 2017
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Light refreshments following the ceremony

Maggie's Run
In Memory of
Maggie Bartkus
Beloved Volunteer
from 2007-2016

THE HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
A Retirement Community
Kindly RSVP to Dave Woods
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September Edition
Journal Deadline
August 27th

**OFFICE HOURS FOR
JULY AND AUGUST ARE:
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY
8 AM—1 PM**

**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!**

Congratulations Zack Clark

Zack Clark, son of Diane and Joel Clark and grandson of Janice and Ron Cipriani was recently honored at the Annual Freddie Awards. He is a senior at Hackettstown High School and has participated in the Select Choir, baritone, for the past two years. He has performed in over sixty different musicals and shows since 7th grade as a member of the school's drama club, Centenary Stage Company, and the Young Performers Workshop.

Zack is a member of the National Honor Society and the Tri-M Music Honor Society. He will be attending Fordham University and plans to study Political Science as well as Theatre.

Fundraising Report

Shop With Scrip—Next order is due Sunday, July 9th. Order forms are in the back of the church and in Snyder Hall.

Amazon Smile-Prime Day-Tuesday July 11th



Support us when you shop on Prime Day

Amazon's Prime Day is Tuesday, July 11. Get great deals at smile.amazon.com. You shop. Amazon gives.

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



Upcoming Events

- July 8th Backpack "GIVE"
- July 14th Mini Golf Outing
- July 15th Backpack "BUY"
- July 16th Backpack "PACK"
- July 20th Finance Committee 7 PM
- July 22nd Backpack "GIVE"
- July 23rd Transition Consultant Pat McKenzie-Parish Forum
After 9 AM service
- July 27th Vestry Meeting 7 PM
- August 5th Backpack "BUY"
- August 6th Backpack "PACK"
- August 12th Backpack "GIVE"
- August 16th Special Events 7 PM
- August 19th Backpack "BUY"
- August 20th Backpack "PACK"
- August 24th Vestry Meeting 7 PM
- August 26th Backpack "GIVE"
- August 27th Journal Articles are due
- September 3rd Last 9 AM Service
- September 10th Homecoming Sunday-return to 8 and 10 AM services



In case of extreme heat services will be held in Snyder Hall. When this happens, a sign will be posted on the doors advising of the location change.

Annual Parish Picnic

St. James' held its annual picnic on June 11th at Field of Dreams in Independence. Our outdoor service was accompanied by music from Pam Laura, Dave Olesen and Rev. Guy Fouts on acoustic guitars. As the service continued, delicious smells from the grill came from the cooking expertise of Peter Quelly. Everyone contributed side dishes or dessert and drinks which were outstanding. After eating and fellowship, a golf clinic arose for the children led by Rev. Fouts and Meg Critchley. The weather was perfect and the congregation had a great time!



Rev. Guy Fouts Farewell

The St. James' family bid farewell to Father Guy Fouts on Sunday June 25th in Snyder Hall in usual St. James' style: with humor, prayer, and a delicious brunch. Many parishioners, including the Sunday School leaders and students, shared their appreciation for Guy's pastoral leadership over the past two years with gift presentations, speeches, and a slide show.



As several St James' members shared their thoughts and memories of Guy's time with us, it was clear that he had brought many blessings that were very comforting and meaningful to our parish: colorful stories about his past careers, his kind, laid back style, and his ability to weave humor into everything. Dan Miller's slide show so humorously captured the Renaissance Man that Guy is.

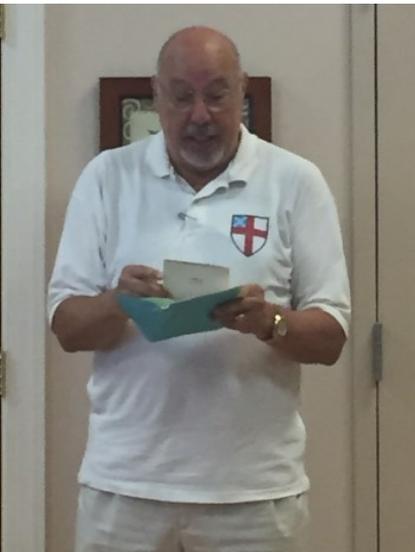
Father Guy and his wife, Carol (who joined the gathering), are heading south and will be residing in Florida in the very near future. We wish them safe travels and many blessings. Godspeed Guy and Carol!

Kathy Lacouture



Honoring Our Graduates

On Sunday, June 25th, we also celebrated our graduates during the service and afterward at Guy's farewell luncheon. Congratulations to all!



A Great Day on the Golf Course

The 9th Annual St. James' Golf Outing was blessed with great weather and a great turnout at Farmstead Golf Club on June 26. 72 golfers teed off at 1 PM following a box lunch and an exciting putting contest. The winning team repeated from last year, shooting 8 under par, with the 2nd place team (Jamie & Pete Gartelmann, Richard Hawkins and John Logie) winning a tie-breaker for 2nd place.

Overall, this year's event proved to be one of the most successful ever, thanks in large part to the players, our sponsors and the generosity of the many restaurants and area golf clubs who donated prizes for the players and the raffle. Please take a look at the event brochure as well as the sponsor signs in Snyder Hall. Let these merchants know you are from St. James' and appreciate their support.

A very big thank you goes out to our volunteers who helped check everyone in, sell raffle and 50/50 tickets, monitor the hole-in-one competition (Callaremi GMC generously donated an SUV to anyone who made a hole-in-one), and judging the putting contest. Our volunteers were Anne Dutton, Cheryl Perkins, Pam Laura, Jean Krauss, Barbara Olesen and Linda Miller - we could not run it without their helping hands! I personally want to also thank the Golf Outing Committee - Phyllis & Paul Bartkus, Meg & Bill Critchley and Barbara Olesen - we've been working together on these from the first outing - and the event keeps getting better every year.

Last but not least, Father Guy had a good send-off, but did not make the hole-in-one to win the SUV from Callaremi, so he was forced to drive his small car to Florida.

Dan Miller

Editors note: The Golf Outing earned over \$8000!



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Nancy Miller	Chris Krauss	Kathy Erwood-Lacouture
Pam Laura	Sam Wood	Karina Hernandez

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