



ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

APRIL 2018

Rev. Robert "Bob" Solon—Supply Priest



Happy Easter!

We have just concluded a most holy, Holy Week. Our worship services began on Palm Sunday followed by Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and the Easter Vigil and concluded with Easter Sunday. Easter does not end with Easter Sunday, but continues for 50 days. Rev. Bob Solon led us through this week with powerful messages about the love of God and his sacrifice. We were witness with him to the unfolding celebration of Christ's adoration, betrayal, death and resurrection, as heard through the Gospel and seen through the changing scene at the altar.

This week is our last Sunday with Father Bob, as we progress in our transition toward calling a new permanent priest. We have been blessed that he has been with us since September and has guided us through Advent, Christmas, Lent and now Easter. I hope that you will all get to share a moment with him as we celebrate his ministry with us on April 8th.

Next Sunday, April 15 begins a new portion of our journey as we welcome The Rev. Dr. Franklin, "Skip" Vilas as our next long-term supply priest.

He and his spouse, Joyce, are residents at Heath Village. Father Vilas is officially retired, but continues to serve as supply in our diocese. Father Vilas has had an extensive administrative and congregational ministry and served as rector, priest-in-charge and interim at



several churches in our area. He has also served as Interim Director at the Seamen's Church Institute. He has an interest in Jungian psychology, is a member of the advisory council to the American Teilhard Association and has been active in the area of environmental spirituality. I look forward to talking to him about all these interests and look forward to greeting him next week.

Thank you for reading,
Paul Bartkus,
Sr. Warden



Easter 2018 at St. James'

Once again thank you to the members of the St. James' Altar Guild for their hard work and dedication in decorating our altar for Easter. The church looked beautiful for the Great Vigil on Saturday evening and Easter Sunday morning.

Phyllis Bartkus

From Rev. Bob Solon

Seven Stanzas at Easter

Make no mistake: if He rose at all
it was as His body;
if the cells' dissolution did not reverse, the molecules
reknit, the amino acids rekindle,
the Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers,
each soft Spring recurrent;
it was not as His Spirit in the mouths and fuddled
eyes of the eleven apostles;
it was as His flesh: ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes,
the same valved heart
that—pierced—died, withered, paused, and then
regathered out of enduring Might
new strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor,
analogy, sidestepping, transcendence;
making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the
faded credulity of earlier ages:
let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back, not papier-mâché,
not a stone in a story,
but the vast rock of materiality that in the slow
grinding of time will eclipse for each of us
the wide light of day.

And if we will have an angel at the tomb,
make it a real angel,
weighty with Max Planck's quanta, vivid with hair,
opaque in the dawn light, robed in real linen
spun on a definite loom.

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,
for our own convenience, our own sense of beauty,
lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour, we are
embarrassed by the miracle,
and crushed by remonstrance.

John Updike, 1960.

Easter at St. James'

Palm Sunday



Easter Vigil



Journal Deadline

May Edition

April 29th

Sunday School



Thanks to the St. James' Sunday School for packing Easter Food Bags so others might enjoy a Holiday meal!

March 11th at St. James'

Bread-Making at the Altar with our guest baker, Rev. Deacon Nancy Hansen.



Annual Meeting—Thanks from Sr. Warden Paul Bartkus to Jr. Warden Barbara Olesen for her term on the Vestry.



Upcoming Events

- 4/15 Backpack Committee Meeting
- 4/19 Finance Committee 7 PM
- 4/26 Vestry Meeting 7 PM
- 4/27 Rummage Sale Set-Up-Watch for details
- 4/28 Rummage Sale—9 AM to 3 PM
- 4/29 Journal Articles Due
- 5/6 Family Breakfast

April Rummage Sale

Do you have a closet that you rarely open and have no idea what is really taking up space in there? I think we all like to start spring with a good cleaning and purging. So if you have unwanted or gently used items that are just taking up space and you think someone else would benefit from them, consider donating them to St. James.' We are participating in the town wide sale on **APRIL 28TH from 9 AM to 3 PM!**

Please call the office @908-852-3968 for drop off times and locations, or ask a Vestry member.

Think of all the benefits from this one act; you have a clean closet, basement or attic, the person purchasing it is thrilled with their "bargain find", and St. James' receives the proceeds. What a great way to welcome spring!

Special thanks to those who submit articles and photos for the St. James' Journal! Your news and pictures tell our story!



The Critchley's Visit Father Guy Fouts

The Critchley's managed to escape three of the four nor'easters that hit our area by making a 2700+ mile trip down I-95 to Florida earlier this past month.

They made stops to visit with friends in Tampa, Sarasota and Naples. Then they made long drive along the way to Key West to spend two days with their Coast Guard son, Kevin. By timing the trip exactly they were able to attend 10 AM Eucharist at Church of the Advent in Palm City with Father Guy on Sunday March 11th. Their final stop was Crystal River FL for a week of golf instruction.

Father Guy will finish his assignment at Church of the Advent in June. He then plans to travel with wife Carol to Paris in September where he will volunteer as a grounds person at the 2018 Ryder Cup. They would like to travel more before next year's PGA championship at Beth Page Black on Long Island where Father Guy will again work as a volunteer during this event.



March 16th—Happy birthday Rev. Bob Solon!

St Patrick's Day Dinner 2018

Rave reviews abounded of the wonderful food that was served at this year's St. James' Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Once again the team of Phyllis and Paul Bartkus along with Barbara Olesen, Joyce Steet, and Pam Laura, prepared dinner in our kitchen. Green desserts and Irish Soda Bread were donated by parishioners, Irish music entertained us, and lively conversations were overheard at every table. The kids that joined us created some Lenten crafts and were able to take some home to enjoy with their siblings.

Thanks to all who attended, cooked, donated, cleaned up and shared take out with friends and family.

Kathy Lacouture



Marge, Chika and Wendie show off one of the fine desserts!



O'Kevin Bacon (from our Epiphany Dinner) makes a guest appearance for St. Patrick's Day!



The St. James' Golf Outing is Celebrating its 10th Year-Here's how you can participate

Planning is underway for the 10th Annual St. James' Golf Outing. It will be played at Farmstead Golf Club on Monday, June 25. Over the past several years, this has become the biggest single fundraiser for our parish. The many restaurants, merchants and golf clubs in the area help make this an outstanding event for all who participate.

For the St. James' family, there are a number of ways you can participate as well. Of course, there is the golf itself (\$130 / player). Other options include joining in at the scrumptious buffet dinner starting around 5:30 PM at the Farmstead clubhouse (\$35 / person), and / or becoming an on-course sponsor (\$50 / sponsorship).

Included with this month's Journal is a copy of the registration form outlining details for these options, as well as making it easy to get on-board with the event by simply mailing it in or dropping in the Offering basket on any Sunday.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact any of the Golf Outing Committee members: Dan Miller, Paul & Phyllis Bartkus or Meg & Bill Critchley - we'd be glad to help. You will also see flyers in the Narthex, in Snyder Hall and available on the St. James' website (www.stjameshackettstown.org).



SHOP-RITE & WEIS GIFT CARDS

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

Prayer Ministry

St. James' has an active prayer ministry in which "pray-ers" lift up prayer requests in their own personal devotions. They are open to receiving pray request and thanksgiving from anyone; the "pray-ers" hold your requests in confidence. Please contact Barbara Olesen at Olesen@comcast.net for prayer requests; you may also wish to join us as a "pray-er"; please speak with Barbara.



**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!**

Golf Outing

CALENDAR

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St. James' Staff & Vestry

Supply Priest thru 4/8	Rev. Robert Solon
Supply Priest from 4/15	Rev. Dr. Franklin "Skip" Vilas
Rector Emeritus:	The Rev. Clarence Sickles
Parish Administrator:	Julie Mills
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Sexton:	Pauline Volkert

Vestry

Senior Warden:	Paul Bartkus
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Janice Cipriani	Pam Laura	Sam Wood
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David Olesen	Chika Okoye	Karina Hernandez

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