



ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

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Rev. Dr. Franklin "Skip" Vilas—Supply Priest



THIS MONTH IN STEWARDSHIP

Happy Easter!

We are in Easter. The weather has finally warmed enough, along with longer periods of sunlight to encourage the bravest of trees to push forth their leaf buds and flowers. You may not have noticed but at church we have finally put away our snow shovels, snow brooms and sidewalk salt. It is Easter and it is spring. We expect rain, but, please, no more snow! You may wonder what stewardship has to do with Easter and spring?

It is about the cycles of the flows of time, seasons, and the stewardship of our parish. The calling of a new priest is part of the cycle of our parish life. Through Lent, the search team met to rework and reword the documents needed to announce and describe our call for a permanent priest. It seemed that anytime Pete Quelly called a meeting, we had a snow storm. Undaunted the team proceeded with its work and had a final review of our documents with Pat McKenzie, our transition coordinator, earlier this week. The documents resulting from that meeting have been sent to Canon Jacobs at the Diocese for review.

Pat's advice was very sound. We once again needed to pare down the duties of a priest to a manageable scope and size. We also adjusted our target for calling a priest to September. Just as we did at the Annual Parish Meeting, when we focused our ministry responsibilities down to four, we talked about which aspects of our expectations for a new priest would be the most reasonable and realistic.

You may remember that we narrowed our list of responsibilities to: Preaching, Pastoral Care, Youth Work, and Spiritual Guidance. At this last meeting, we narrowed the focus from what may have sounded like an all-encompassing list of duties under these responsibilities to one more manageable by a part-time priest. This list first focused on worship, as we have always seen providing an opportunity for worship and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist as our primary duty. We next chose Pastoral Care because we are a congregation of an intimate size in which our love for each other is expressed not only through fun fellowship activities, but also in those times when prayer and comfort are needed. We chose Youth Work because we see the future of any congregation and the world as bound together with bringing up our next generations as practicing Christians who are refreshed through worship and go forth "to love and serve the Lord." Our final area of choice was Spiritual Guidance. This was chosen because we saw that we do not presently offer adult forums or educational meetings that also encourage living out our lives as stewards and disciples.

These documents soon will be posted on our webpage and you will see what a priest candidate will see. Listen for announcements for notification of when they are uploaded. In the meantime, go to our webpage and check out the section related to our history. Talk about a stewardship story. You can read about the earliest beginnings of the establishment of an Episcopal church in Hackettstown. Things have not always gone smoothly and easily for this congregation, but we have a tradition of resilience. You can find examples of this in our earliest history and can see it in us today. Reading about this

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makes us mindful that we are part of a cycle of unfolding and development. We may be impatient for our next step as a parish. We want to have called a priest yesterday, but please be mindful that we are in a process of growth. You cannot make a flower bloom faster by pulling on it. It needs to develop.

It is Easter and it is spring.

It is about rebirth, the continuation of the cycle of the natural world and our devotional cycle of liturgy. Rev. Vilas reminded us in his recent sermons about Earth Day and the bursting forth of the energies of growth and the energy of Christ's love among us. We are the recipients of grace and are stewards and disciples. Through God's love we are drawn to action.

He is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Paul

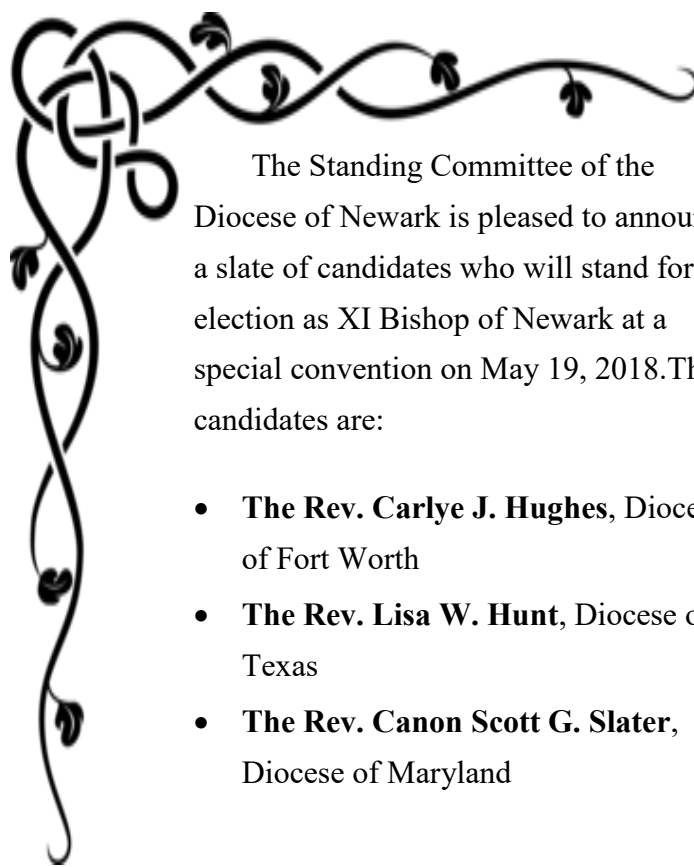
Rev. Bob Solon Ends Long-Term Supply Priest Ministry With St. James'

Sunday April 8th was Rev. Bob Solon's last day with us as a long-term supply priest as we move to start interviewing candidates for a permanent rector. We celebrated his time with us (September 2017-April 2018) with a cake and parting gifts. We thank him for being here for us every week and his great sermons!



The Krauss' Visit Father Guy Fouts

While wintering in Florida, Jean and Chris Krauss were able to meet up with the Rev. Guy Fouts on April 15th (the day after his birthday) at his church, Church of the Advent in Palm City, Florida. They noticed in the April Journal the Critchley's visit with him and that his time with Church of the Advent was coming to an end. They realized if they didn't go soon, so the trip was made! The Krauss' will be seeing all the folks at St. James' this summer. They attend St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Stuart, Florida when they are down there



The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Newark is pleased to announce a slate of candidates who will stand for election as XI Bishop of Newark at a special convention on May 19, 2018. The candidates are:

- **The Rev. Carlye J. Hughes**, Diocese of Fort Worth
- **The Rev. Lisa W. Hunt**, Diocese of Texas
- **The Rev. Canon Scott G. Slater**, Diocese of Maryland

Good Bye for Claudia and Dave

On May 6th, St. James' celebrated the ministry of Claudia Scala and Dave Handville as they head to North Carolina. Dave has been working in NC since January and Claudia will be joining him this week. Dave was available by phone, so he was able to attend the celebration by video!

The St. James' family will miss Claudia and Dave and wish them much happiness and blessings!



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).



Journal Deadline

June Edition

May 27th

Upcoming Events

- 5/13 Mothers Day
- 5/17 Finance Committee 7 PM
- 5/19 Election of Bishop
- 5/24 Vestry Meeting 7 PM
- 5/27 Journal Articles Due
- 6/3 No Family Breakfast-picnic following week
- 6/10 Parish Picnic-Field of Dreams one service at 10
- 6/25 Golf Outing—Farmstead Golf & Country Club

April 28th Rummage Sale

Thanks to all who were able to give a hand in making our Rummage Sale a success! We were able to make \$585 to support the mission and ministries of St. James'. If you missed an opportunity to donate new or gently used items for this sale, we may have another in the fall....keep us in mind!



Gertrude Hawk Spring Candy Sale

Thanks to all who were able to help us out by ordering candy for Easter. The Fundraising Committee was able to earn \$239.49 to support the mission and ministries from this event!

Yarn Twisters



Our bins are getting full, thanks to the busy hands of the Heath Village needle workers. These ladies are such an important part of our Mission as we would not have nearly as many items to send to SCI without them. I visited with the ladies at Heath Village on Friday, May 4th and collected 2 large bags of beautiful items – at least seven vests, several hats and scarves !! I think we will need to make a summer delivery to SCI so that we have room in the bins for more items.

If anyone has any yarn in a box that has been forgotten at the back of a closet, please think about donating to the Yarn Twisters. No pastel colors please.

We are always looking for new knitters and crocheters – the patterns are easy to follow and can be found on the SCI website at www.seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea . This also gives an idea of what colors can and cannot be used, no tassels or fringes. If you would like to knit/crochet for SCI and need more information, please contact me at frlbailey1@comcast.net or call me at 908-684-3566.

Thanks and enjoy the warmer weather!

Linda Miller



How You Can Help at St. James'

Acolytes

St. James' is looking for people interesting in serving on the Altar. Acolyte candidates can contact Pam Laura or the office via email. We are looking for ages 10 and up and will provide training (with Pam and Fr. Skip's help). Responsibilities include carrying the cross in procession at the beginning and end of the service, also leading the gospel procession, moving the stack from the table to the altar, collecting the elements from the ushers, handing them the offering plates and collecting them back, bringing the vessels to the priest as needed during Communion set-up, assisting with the hand washing, and being ready to bring the gluten-free wafer container to anyone needing it during communion.

North Porch

Have you ever noticed the North Porch container near the Moore St. entrance? North Porch collects donation and they are in need of the following: Enfamil 12.5 oz powdered baby formula, soy formula, diapers especially large size diapers – 4, 5, 6 and Pull-ups of all sizes, and baby wipes. They will also collect baby food & toiletry items.

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.



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! Please contact Julie Mills in the office if you need help.

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 from 4/15-8/5 Rev. Dr. Franklin "Skip" Vilas
Rector Emeritus: The Rev. Clarence Sickles
Parish Administrator: Julie Mills
Organist Dmitry Nikolaev
Sexton: Pauline Volkert

Vestry

Senior Warden: Paul Bartkus
Junior Warden: Peter Quelly

Janice Cipriani	Pam Laura	Sam Wood
Nancy Miller	Gene Seiter	Kathy Erwood-Lacouture
David Olesen	Chika Okoye	Karina Hernandez

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