



# ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

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



## XI Bishop of the Diocese of Newark

The Rev. Carlye J. Hughes was chosen XI Bishop of the Diocese of Newark during a special convention on May 19, 2018 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Morristown.

The first woman and first African-American to be elected bishop in the Diocese of Newark, Hughes, 59, is currently rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Worth, TX, and was one of three nominees.

In order to be elected, a candidate needed to receive a simple majority of votes from both the clergy and the lay delegates, voting separately as orders in the same balloting round. Hughes was elected on the first ballot, receiving 62 of 116 clergy votes and 141 of 241 lay votes.

The other two nominees were:

- The Rev. Lisa W. Hunt, rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Houston, TX in the Diocese of Texas
- The Rev. Canon Scott G. Slater, Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Maryland

Addressing the assembly via live video from Fort Worth, Hughes said, "I am absolutely overjoyed and delighted that you have elected me to be the next bishop of Newark. It is with a humble and thankful heart that I accept those election results and welcome the gift of being your bishop."

After thanking the Search, Transition and Standing committees for their work, she said, "I am really aware that moments like this do not come in a vacuum. It takes a village to discern a call to the episcopacy, and it is the generous and fruitful ministries of Bishop Beckwith, the Rev. Lisa Hunt, .

the Rev. Canon Scott Slater, the congregations and people of the Diocese of Newark, and the people of Trinity Episcopal Church in Fort Worth, Texas who have opened the door for us to be in ministry together, and for that I am deeply grateful."

Hughes was ordained a priest in 2005 after graduating from Virginia Theological Seminary, and has served as rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in the continuing Diocese of Fort Worth since 2012. No stranger to the northeast, her first call was to St. James' Church on Manhattan's Upper East Side. Before ordination, she worked as a corporate trainer. She is married to David Smedley.

Pending consent of a majority of the bishops with jurisdiction and the diocesan standing committees, Hughes will be ordained and consecrated September 22, 2018, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will preside



<https://dioceseofnewark.org/content/diocese-newark-elects-xi-bishop>

## St. James' Golf Outing – A Brief History and Last Chance to Join In

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual St. James' Golf Outing will be played on Monday, June 25 at Farmstead Golf Course. Since it is just a couple of weeks away, this is your last chance to join in by registering to play, become a hole sponsor or coming up for the sumptuous dinner buffet that evening. A copy of the registration form is included in the Journal, and we hope to see you there in body or spirit.

Since this is the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the outing, I thought it would be a good time to look back at the history of the outing, and hopefully amuse you with some of the memorable happenings.

Our first golf outing started as an idea, and featured 22 golfers, mostly parishioners, some of whom hadn't held a golf club ever in their lives. A women's team comprised of Linda Miller, Dawn Modugno, Linda Murray and Cathy Deats even took a couple of lessons to prepare. The event was played at Minebrook in Hackettstown, featuring a lot of laughter, good food (a St. James' specialty), and a start of things to come. The following year, the event was played again at Minebrook and grew a bit in size.

Through requests of the participants, our outing was moved to Farmstead Golf Club starting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, and we have been there ever since. It has grown annually and now we have been getting between 70 – 90 players participating. In addition, a number of dinner guests have also come up to enjoy the food, the raffles and good times.

We had cases of divine intervention during the outing. One year, a strong line of thunderstorms wiped out the event on the scheduled day. We rescheduled for a couple of weeks later (not always easy to do) and had more golfers than originally planned. Another year, the early morning storm clouds broke and the sun came out just before we started the round, leading to a beautiful day on the course.

The St. James' golf outing has earned a reputation as being unique in the prizes we offer. Rather than a lot of merchandise, we have been able to get donations from many of the golf courses in the area (golfers like to win **free** golf!), as well as gift certificates from the local restaurants (I already mentioned that St. James' likes to eat), not to mention sponsorships from other merchants and service providers. You see their signs in Snyder Hall each year, as well as in the event brochure. As icing on the cake, last year, thanks to Meg & Bill Critchley, we were able to secure a new car as a prize from Callaremi for someone scoring a hole in one while playing. Over the past 9 years, it is safe to say that we have been able to raise over \$50,000 through this event.

We always advertise to our donating merchants and golf courses about how the money raised is used to fulfill the Mission and Ministries of St. James'. This has been the cornerstone of our efforts. That we are able to introduce others outside of St. James' to the things we do as a parish has help to raise awareness to issues in the area, and how St. James' does its part to fill some of the void.

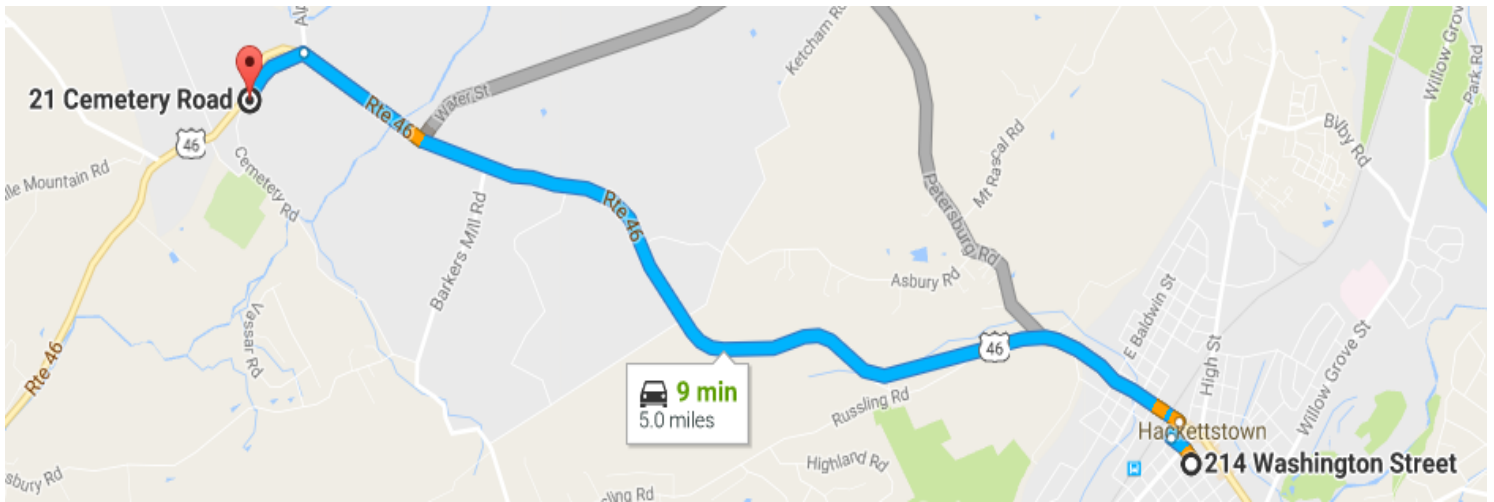
I hope you enjoyed this bit of history about the Golf Outing, and we're looking forward to another successful

event on June 25.



Dan Miller

## St. James' Annual Picnic June 10<sup>th</sup> One Service Only at 10 AM



**Field of Dreams Rt. 46 West from Hackettstown To 21 Cemetery Rd. Independence Twsp.**

If you have not signed up to bring anything and would like to, desserts or side dishes are welcome!



### Calling All Graduates

St. James' will be honoring our graduates on Sunday, June 24th.

Please submit names, graduation status and continuing education plans if any to the office by June 20th to be included in the bulletin.

### SAVE THE DATE

St James' Mini Golf Outing

Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

Details to follow

Thank you,

Kathy Lacouture



### Upcoming Events

- 6/3 No Family Breakfast-picnic next week
- 6/10 Parish Picnic-Field of Dreams one service at 10
- 6/17 Father's Day
- Parish Life Meeting after 10 AM service
- 6/21 Finance Committee 7 PM
- 6/24 Honoring Our Graduates
- Journal Articles Due
- 6/25 Golf Outing—Farmstead Golf & Country Club
- 6/28 Vestry Meeting 7 PM
- 7/1 Begin Summer Service at 9 AM
- 7/13 Mini Golf Outing



## Mother's Day at St. James'

Our Sunday School class carefully prepared lovely plants for distribution at church on Mother's Day. Inserted in each little pot was a greeting. We all so appreciate this loving gift from our Sunday School children. Thank you!



**Journal Deadline**

July/August Edition

June 24th

## A Very Happy Mother's Day for Pauline

Our St. James' sexton, Pauline Volkert, celebrated a wonderful Mother's Day because both of her daughters, Melissa and Tanya were with her.

Two years ago this May, Tanya was sent to Cameroon in Africa as a teacher for the Peace Corps. She had just graduated from college. Our congregation prayed for her each week along with those who serve in the military.

Due to political unrest in Cameroon and concern for her safety, Tanya's tenure there was shortened. She and her fellow workers were returned home this past December much to her disappointment. She loved the work that she was doing and her family was very proud of her as was her St. James' family.

From Pauline: The first picture is me hugging Tanya the day she got home. I didn't want to let her go.



The second picture is of mother's day. It's Melissa, Tanya and myself!



A special thanks to Phyllis Bartkus for putting all of the Mother's Day information and pictures together!

# Memorial Day

Paul and Phyllis Bartkus visited the final resting place of both their parents over the Memorial Day weekend. The cemetery is “The Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veteran’s Memorial Cemetery” in Bordentown, NJ.

It was dedicated in 1989 by then Gov. Thomas H Kean as New Jersey's first state operated veterans cemetery. Paul's parents both served in the Navy during WWII and my parents both served in the Army. They were very proud of their service.

Thank you Paul and Phyllis for sharing your memories and picture with us!

Spotted at the Hackettstown Memorial Day Parade



Abbey Seiter, daughter of Gene Seiter, marching with the Kiwanis Club!

(Photo credits Gene Seiter)



Amanda Seiter and Winston chatting with “Grammy” Olesen and granddaughter Minna!



*O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*



# 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  
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Janice Cipriani	Pam Laura	Sam Wood
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David Olesen	Chika Okoye	Karina Hernandez

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