



ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

JULY/AUGUST 2018

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



Summertime Stewardship

I looked all over. I tried Google. I tried Wikipedia. I tried our By-Laws. I tried the web pages for our diocese and the national Episcopal church. But nowhere could I find a reference that the Holy Spirit takes time off during the summer. Some say that summer is exactly the time when we might become more engaged with the Holy Spirit and perhaps look for ways in which it is working in our lives, church and community.

At St. James' we have begun our summer worship schedule. We meet at 9:00 AM to celebrate the Holy Eucharist in Rite II with music. We also let our ever-faithful St. James' Journal editor take a breath with one edition to cover July and August. Our schedule of family breakfasts is suspended for these two months and gives the Breakfast Club a bit of respite. But our ministers and the work of the Holy Spirit are not on vacation.

We are gearing up to begin a major outreach ministry enterprise, the Summer Backpack Program. We will be providing supplemental nutrition four times this summer; twice in July and twice in August. As you recall, this project provides our parish family three opportunities for participation. These are known as Buy, Pack and Give. Buy takes place on a Saturday at 9:00 and receives the boxes of food. Pack takes place on a Sunday after our worship service and fills the bags with food. Finally, Give takes place on a Saturday morning between 10 and 11 AM and distributes the food to the children. Please watch for the specific dates and volunteer to help.

The Holy Spirit is working to guide us in calling a permanent priest for our parish. We have completed all the paper work and our profile has been published locally in New Jersey and nationally. You can review our profile on our web page (www.stjameshackettstown.org) under Clergy Search and Parish Documents. As we move forward, please take time each day for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in making a connection between our parish and a priest.

Finally, the Holy Spirit is at work with our worship plan. We will celebrate the Cycle of Creation and the role of God as Creator. This will take place over four weeks in September. Each week Fr. Vilas will explore a different element of creation and our environment. We will also be proceeding with an assessment of our green footprint as a parish. Dave Lacouture and Gene Seiter have stepped forward to work with Father Vilas.

This prayer is attributed to St. Augustine:

*Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
that I always may be holy.*

Amen

The Holy Spirit isn't taking the summer off and there are plenty of opportunities for us to join it. Remember, as Mother Teresa said, ". . .together we can do great things."

Thanks for reading and praying,
Paul Bartkus

Visits to Colonial Manor

Sometime in 2016, when Reverend Guy Fouts was our Priest in Charge, our church office received a call from a resident of Colonial Manor, asking for a prayer book. That led to a visit to Colonial Manor, and a request from Father Guy to have a Lay Eucharistic Visitor bring communion to the residents. A new ministry was born!

Two years later, we have weekly visits to Colonial Manor to bring the Sacraments, and to pray with our neighbors. There are about five weekly attendees to the brief service and sometimes as many as eight. It is a very caring community and personal prayers are always welcome. Recently the receptionist and “organizer” of the group has passed away....we will miss the warm and appreciative greeting we always received from Mae.

Thank you to the regular volunteers in this ministry: Phyllis and Paul Bartkus, Meg Critchley, Chika Okoye, Barbara Olesen, and Dave Lacouture. Your dedication and comfort to the lovely residents of Colonial Manor is so appreciated.

Kathy Lacouture

Congratulations Rev. Skip and Joyce Vilas

On June 3 Rev. Vilas and his wife Joyce celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Our St. James' congregation shared a piece of a lovely cake with them, which Julie Mills, our parish administrator had provided for the occasion.



Remembering Mae Moloney of Colonial Manor

Mae Moloney, receptionist at Colonial Manor, passed away on June 12. A memorial service was held on July 2 and Meg Critchley, Paul and I represented the Lay Eucharistic Visitors from St. James'. Friends, residents and staff shared memories of Mae and it was evident that she was much beloved. Paul was asked to read prayers which he had chosen prior to the service.

Paul and I remember Mae when she ran the Budd Travel office on Main Street in the 1980's. She was in partnership with Dewey Budd and his wife for many years and their business was very successful. Mae had arranged trips for us as well as for our family and friends we knew. Her office also arranged business trips for M&M/Mars. She was an expert at her trade and we all benefitted from her knowledge and experience.

It will be very different for the St. James' LEV's when we return to Colonial Manor in September. Mae Moloney was a warm and welcoming presence to all who entered and she will be sorely missed.

Phyllis Bartkus

Memory of Mae

One day while leaving the parking lot at Shop Rite in Mansfield and attempting to exit my parking spot, I heard a loud beeping and a woman was motioning not to move my car. Another customer was leaving his spot erratically behind me and when I did exit the spot, and drove past the person who alerted me, it was Mae! Of course I thanked her profusely and I called her my “Shop Rite Angel”. We laughed about afterwards a few times and she said “Well, he was leaving like a bat out of ... double toothpicks!!!”. I feel so blessed to have known Mae and had that special moment when she was compelled to try to help another person.....lucky me!

Kathy Lacouture

Dmitry Nikolaev

On June 21 our organist, Dmitry Nikolaev entertained the residents of Heath Village with his talented piano playing. He chose to play familiar show tunes and improvised melodies. Following his hour-long performance he spoke to some residents, including our own Rev. Harry Brant.

Phyllis Bartkus



St James' Mini Golf Outing

Come on out on Friday, July 13th for a fun evening of mini golf at Farmview Golf Center. We will gather at 6:45 and "tee off" around 7 pm. The Golf Center is located on East Avenue in Hackettstown between Route 46 and Mountain Avenue. Cost is \$6.00 per game and we will head to Friendly's after for some ice cream to top off the night.

Yes, there will be prizes!!!

Kathy Lacouture



Journal Deadline

September Edition

August 26th



Graduate Sunday

On Sunday, June 24th St. James' celebrated Graduate Sunday for those from our parish family.

They are:

Joel Enrique Contreras (Son of Karina Hernandez)

- 8th grade

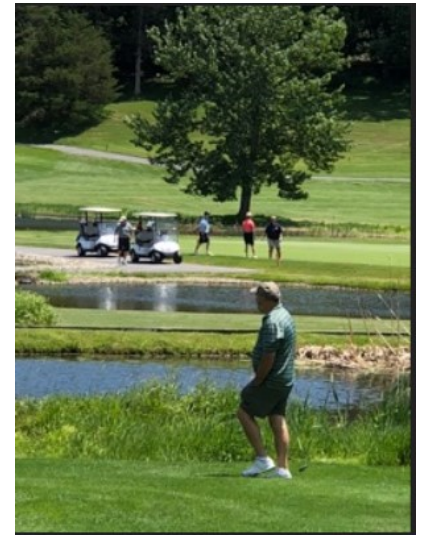
Keegan Faust (Daughter-in-law of Peg Faust)

- Nursing Program

Congratulations!

Upcoming Events

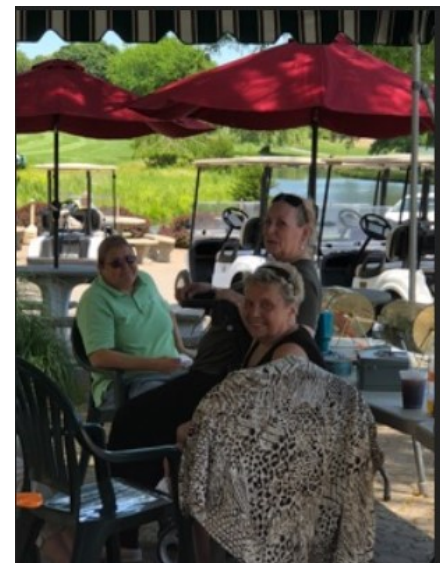
- 7/8 Backpack PACK After 9 AM Service
- 7/13 Mini Golf Outing 6:45 Farmview, Hackettstown
- 7/14 Backpack GIVE 10 AM
- 7/19 Finance Committee Meeting 7 PM
- 7/21 Backpack BUY 9 AM
- 7/22 Backpack PACK After 9 AM Service
- 7/26 Vestry Meeting 7 PM
- 7/28 Backpack GIVE 10 AM
- 8/4 Backpack BUY 9 AM
- 8/5 Backpack PACK After 9 AM Service
- 8/11 Backpack GIVE 10 AM
- 8/18 Backpack BUY 9 AM
- 8/19 Backpack PACK After 9 AM Service
- 8/23 Vestry Meeting 7 PM
- 8/25 Backpack GIVE 10 AM
- 8/26 September Journal Articles Due
- 9/2 Last Summer Service at 9 AM
- 9/9 Homecoming Sunday
- Family Breakfast
- Sunday School Registration



St. James' 10th Annual Golf Outing

On Monday, June 25th, St. James' held their 10th annual golf outing at Farmstead Golf and Country Club. This year there were 59 golfers. The team of Lattner, Luftwaite, Dorre and Miller won the event at 10 under par. There were an additional 10 people who joined us for a buffet dinner, including Rev. Skip and Joyce Vilas. A special shout out goes to the volunteers who made this event run smoothly. We also want to thank the many sponsors as well who provided us with golf certificates, gift cards, restaurant certificate's and merchandise. I also wish to thank the Golf Outing Committee for a job well done. We brought in around \$6,000 to support the mission and ministries of St. James'!

Dan Miller



Warren County Parks Commission

Congratulations to David Lacouture who is the chairman of this commission and is raising awareness of Warren County Parks! A 2nd Annual ParkFest was held on June 9th at Bread Lock park with a day of music, art, history and literature on Warren County's unique spots.

Dave says:

“The Warren County Parks Foundation, in addition to supporting the parks, are part of a partnership with many other groups including the County government to make Warren County a tourist destination and feature the amazing things about our County most folks know nothing about. It may take a while but we are hoping to change that. It is so exciting to be on the ground floor of this effort for a mission I really believe in that supports the entire County.

Who knew a passion for trail running (at 52) would lead to now being the Chair of the Warren County Parks Foundation and all of this great work I'm doingall without pay but meeting great people all the time. One word: FUN. You never know.”



Dave accepting a \$1000 donation to ParkFest from the FirstEnergy Foundation

Spotted in Hackettstown-Have You Seen it?



Thanks to vestry member Sam Wood who has taken on the task of getting sign placement approval and getting the word out about St. James'!

A Celebration of Ministry

Skylands Event & Conference Center
792 Rt. 10 West
Randolph, NJ 07869

In recognition of their 11 years of service to the people of the Diocese of Newark, the Transition Committee is holding a luncheon honoring the Rt. Rev. Mark M. Beckwith and Marilyn Olson on September 8, 2018 at the Skylands Event & Conference Center in Randolph.

The gathering begins at 11 AM. At 11:30 AM there will be a service of noonday prayer, followed by the luncheon.

The cost to attend is \$40 per person. The choice of meals are:

- Beef filet with mushroom gravy
- Stuffed chicken with vegetables
- Eggplant parmesan

The luncheon will include a cash bar.

How to sign up

Go to e-payment.dioceseofnewark.org and look for **Luncheon honoring Bishop Mark Beckwith & Marilyn Olson.**

- Enter number of attendees in the "Quantity" field.
- Click the "Continue" button at the bottom of the page.
- On the second page, enter up to four attendee names and meal choices.

If paying for more than four attendees, or if an attendee has dietary restrictions, check the appropriate box(es) and then email this information to bishopparty@aol.com.

Sign-up deadline: **Wednesday, August 15.**

July 2018

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Sexton:	Pauline Volkert

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