

ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

OCTOBER 2018

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



This Month In Stewardship

"With the Lord a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like a day"
- 2 Peter 3:8

For the last few weeks we have celebrated the Season of Creation and explored the mysteries of the elements of soil, air, fire and water. Part of our worship this season has included specifically chosen changes to our 8 and 10 o'clock services. As we now return to our regular liturgy this week, I would like to explore one additional gift of creation: time.

Time is an elusive concept for me. My appreciation and experience of it has changed as I have gotten older. As a small child, I was not specifically aware of the cycle of seasons and span of days until being about four. Before that I experienced time more in terms of having to wait and delay gratification. I guess all little ones want what they want when they want it. Experience, years, and age temper that impulse as we learn to wait, hopefully with patience.

The above verse from 2 Peter implores the early followers of Jesus to wait patiently for his return. It is figurative, a simile, not a literal calculation of time for God. (No one can know what experience of time God has.) Peter's writing suggests that God may observe time, but not be bound by it as he created it along with the Universe. The book of Genesis figuratively speaks of creation in terms of a week's time. So, it seems that all of creation is grounded in the

perspective of time. Again, this is figurative, not literal language. The key point is that we have been given the gift of time along with the other gifts of creation. Along with the other gifts of creation we are called to be wise and patient stewards of this gift.

We hold to a three-fold description of stewardship as involving our commitment of time, talent and treasure. In contrast to a secular understanding of ownership as a private acquisition, Christians believe that we are stewards of all we have. We are temporary owner-caretakers. Time is the first of God's gift to us and through it we practice stewardship. Gratitude is the transformational reaction to receiving such a gift. How wonderful it is to invest it. But, how easy it is to waste it. How wonderful it would be if we approached each day with an affirmation of gratitude for this gift, and a pledge to use it with purpose, and then end the day with a grateful reflection on how we had spent it.

Thank you for taking your time to read this,
Paul Bartkus



Confirmation Class 2019

We are forming our next confirmation class. Youth in 8th grade or older are eligible. Classes will also be available for adults. Please contact Paul Bartkus if you wish further details.

In Memory of David Taylor



David Taylor, husband of Pat Taylor, was memorialized in a ceremony on September 15th at St. James' officiated by The Rev. Franklin "Skip"

Vilas. The church was full with friends and relatives. David was very active at Heath Village including being a Resident Liaison to the Board of Trustees. David and Pat are long-time members of St. James'

The St. James' parish will miss David. We hold Pat and family in our prayers now and in the days ahead.



Calling all hands. . . .

We will once again enjoy Family Breakfasts on the

first Sunday of the month, the next breakfast scheduled for November 4th. As you remember, breakfast is served between the two services, starting at nine. We are fortunate that the Quellys will be making these wonderful breakfasts possible, but they need our help.

There will be a sign-up sheet in Snyder Hall asking for parishioners to help out either by setting up for the breakfasts, helping the Quelly's prepare the food, or by helping to clean up afterward.

We need to lend a hand, as well as eat these delicious meals.

Please look for the sign-up sheet in the Snyder Hall and volunteer.

Thank you,
Phyllis Bartkus

The Consecration of The Right Reverend Carlye J. Hughes

VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS: Come Holy Spirit

On Saturday September 22, Paul and I attended the Ordination and Consecration of the Right Reverend Carlye J. Hughes as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Newark held at the NJ Performance Arts Center. She is the first female and African-American bishop of this diocese.

The two-plus hour celebration included several processions, the presentation of Carlye Hughes to the Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, and examination by several bishops to affirm the conviction of her calling. The climax of this part of the service was the laying of hands by the other bishops present. It was at this point that the congregation began a low chant: *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, Come Holy Spirit as the bishops laid hands her. She was then presented the symbols of her ministry as bishop, the Chasuble and Stole, Mitre, Crozier, Pectoral Cross, Episcopal Ring and a Bible.

The day ended with the celebration of Holy Eucharist for which Bishop Hughes was the celebrant. In addition, a two-hundred-member choir, comprised of choir members from churches throughout the Diocese of Newark led the congregation in beautiful hymns. It was a very moving experience and Paul and I were glad that we were able to attend.

Phyllis Bartkus



District 1 Highlights

from September Meeting:

The District 1 Quarterly Meeting was held at the Convent of St John Baptist. St. James' was represented by The Rev. Skip Vilas and his wife Joyce, and Kathy Lacouture, Lay Representative. Seven of the churches in the district were represented at the meeting on September 13th.

Sister Suzanne Elizabeth updated us on The Good Shepherd Orphanage and reported that Sister Jane has needed to go into hiding and all of the schools are closed. Due to unrest in the region it is unclear when things will be able to return to a better environment but indicated that the children are safe.

A presentation was made by Merica Gellerman, a parishioner from Messiah and member of the diocesan committee, termed "Going Local". Church of the Messiah will be hosting a District-wide workshop on the topic on 10/20 from 8:30 to 12:30 for all interested parties.

Upcoming Events around the District:

-St Lukes, Hope/St Mary's Belvidere: 11/3 concert of the Sweet Adelines.

11/18 Celebration of the 25th Ordination of Rose Hassan at 1:00 at St Mary's Belvidere

-Christ Church, Budd Lake: 10/6 Blessing of the Animals at the 10:15 service.

-Convent of St John Baptist: November 18th Concert at 4 pm featuring the St. Pauls, Englewood Choir. \$20. Donation.

-Church of the Messiah, Chester: Blessing of the Animals on 10/6. CROP Walk with other area churches on 10/14. Christmas Tree Festival will be held from 12/1 to 12/8 to benefit the Senior Resource Center. It will be held on The Barn in Chester.

The next meeting will be held on 11/8 at 7 pm at St Dunstan's, Succasunna.

Submitted by Kathy Lacouture

St. James' Representative for District 1

Special Events

The St James' Special Events Committee will meet again on October 30 7:15. If you are interested in planning or have ideas please come to our meeting or contact Kathy Lacouture at lockwood88@comcast.net or 908-310-0451. We would love to have new members and ideas! Keep an eye out for details about:

Upcoming October Events:



BUNCO Night At St James' in Snyder Hall

Family game night will be held on Saturday evening, October 20th, starting at 5:30. Jayne Mutascio will once again lead us in a fun night of this game of chance along with prizes!

BYO Pizza

Salad, Dessert and soft drinks provided.

Look for sign-up sheet or come last minute if you can make it!!!

-submitted by Kathy Lacouture



The St. James' Fundraising Committee will once again be selling Gertrude Hawk candies for the Christmas Holiday. Sales will begin October 21st. Orders are due the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The candies make great gifts, stocking stuffers and hostess gifts. See brochures in the back of the church and Snyder Hall.

Maintenance Morning



Please join us for the semi-annual Maintenance Morning on Saturday, October 20th from 9 AM to noon. We will be working on fall clean up and repairs both inside and outside. Jobs big and small...no experience required. Consider



giving us an hour or two or all three....goodies served!

Journal Deadline

November Edition

October 28th

Upcoming Events

- 10/6 Community Day AM
- 10/7 Blessing of the Animals
- Continental Breakfast
- 10/18 Finance Committee 7 PM
- 10/25 Vestry Meeting 7 PM
- 10/20 Maintenance Morning 9 AM—12 PM
- Bunco in Snyder Hall 5:30 PM
- 10/21 Worship Led by Rev. Joyce McGirr
- Gertrude Hawk Holiday Candy Sales Begin
- 10/28 Stewardship Sunday/UTO Envelopes
- Sunday School Halloween Parade
- All Saints Memorial Envelopes Due
- November Journal Articles Due
- 10/30 Parish Life Meeting 7:15 PM
- 11/4 All Saints Sunday

On Sunday, September 23, the newly-consecrated bishop was formally welcomed at Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral in Newark at a 3 PM service of Choral Evensong, and was seated in the cathedra, or bishop's chair, that is symbolic of the bishop's office.



Nina Nicholson / Diocese of Newark

THE STRANGER

He blew in with a blast of the wind,
the first snow curling around his dark head and narrow
shoulders,
his hands stiff with winter cold, pressing against his long wool
coat,
snowflakes thick on his eyelashes,
on the nose and cheeks of his olive-skinned face.

The icy fingers of the freezing wind
went where it wished,
found my desk where I waited,
ready to greet those who came in.
I expected only familiar faces,
parishioners having business with the church,
workmen going about their fixing and repairing,
or perhaps one of the two priests,
come to prepare a Sunday sermon.

The stranger gave a frozen bow and turned to push the door
against the wind,
I saw distress and pain in his angular, sensitive face.
“Are any of your priests here?”
“No, I’m sorry.”
He paused, his look pleading. “When will they return?”
I shook my head and stood to take him to the secretary.

He followed me down the winter-shadowed corridor,
the gales gusting against the mullioned windows,
pushing fitfully against the red, yellow and blue panes.
Until we reached Maria’s desk.

She looked up, caught by surprise.
In front of her on her desk lay
stacks of one dollar bills, fives, tens, even twenties,
the Sunday collection.
She looked at the piles of bills, looked at the stranger
her face catching fire.

I spoke over the fretting wind, “When will the priests return?”
She shook her head. “Not this afternoon.”
The stranger’s face fell into deep dismay. “Is there another
church nearby?”
Maria waved her hand toward the road beyond the
churchyard.
“About a mile down the road, in the village, are two churches,
close together.”
“A mile?” He looked out at the snow blowing where it
pleased.
“I’ve already walked a long way.”

Leading him back down the corridor,
I thought of my car just outside.
Perhaps...
But no, all the tales flashed through my mind.
I didn’t even know his name, didn’t know anything about him.
I imagined myself asking him what was troubling him.
No, who am I to do that? I’m not a priest. He wants a priest.
Frozen in indecision, I took my seat behind my desk and
said good-bye.

He nodded, pulling up the lapels of his wool coat,
turned and walked slowly toward the door, pulling it open.
The door, caught by the wind, slammed against the wall.
Just before he closed it, I saw him stumble into the swirling
snow.

I think of him still, the stranger who came with the snow and
the wailing wind.
The wind.. the wind... Who was he? And where did he go?
Was it perhaps a test?

Dorsey Price Salerno
St. James’ Parishioner



What I See

Photo taken by Rae Aron on September 16th.

What do you see?





St James' Green Team Tips

- Check plastic items for numbers 1-7 as these items can be recycled. (Any other numbered item can contaminate and be rejected, ending up in a landfill.)

- Remove plastic caps or tops before recycling. (If they remain on item, they will be rejected as well.)

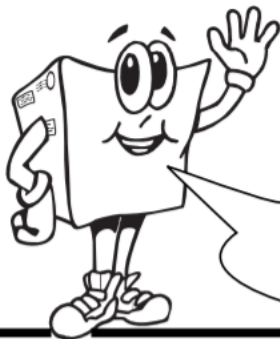
- Please remember plastic bags must be recycled at stores which provide a bin for bags, not with your regular recycling. (They jam the machines.)

St. James' Office Hours
Wednesday-Thursday-Friday
11 AM—5 PM



Thanks so much for reading!

Phyllis Bartkus



Word Search

Find my favorite
WORD BANK words going up, down, forward,
backward or diagonal in the puzzle below.

E	V	R	E	S	N	O	C	M	O
B	R	E	C	Y	C	L	E	U	N
A	E	G	T	A	N	R	O	N	P
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T	U	Y	U	D	M	U	B	M	P
E	C	B	L	W	Q	S	B	U	E
R	E	N	E	A	N	E	L	L	R
Y	W	V	S	S	A	L	G	A	T
L	A	N	D	F	I	L	L	A	M
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WORD BANK

RECYCLE	REUSE
REDUCE	BURN
ALUMINUM	ENERGY
LANDFILL	GLASS
CONSERVE	PAPER
BATTERY	SAVE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Articles due for October Journal 8:00 AM Eucharistic Service - Rite 1 10:00 AM Eucharistic Service Rite II 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM The Church EI Shaddai	1 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM KAQ	2 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Literacy Tutoring	3 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM EI Shaddai Church	4 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM KAQ	5	6 10:00 AM Communi- ty Day
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