



ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

APRIL 2019

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



EASTER 2019

To the members of St. James Parish:

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure and honor this year to send you this letter of Easter Greetings and Easter Joy. We are approaching the feast of the Resurrection, the pivotal event in the liturgical year of the Episcopal Church.

At this time the power and the light of our mysterious universe became focused on a tiny grave site outside of Jerusalem. Something tremendous exploded into human history. In spite of all the writings of theologians over several thousand years, what happened on Easter morning remains a mystery which we may acknowledge only through a living faith.

We don't know exactly what happened, but we do know of the dramatic transformation that occurred in the lives of the followers of Jesus of Nazareth. From a fearful band of defeated human beings, these simple men and women became a force which transformed the face of human history. From denial and fear of arrest they became courageous witnesses to their Risen Lord, willing to die for their belief, shining with the power of the Holy Spirit.

All Christians today are inheritors of that Easter moment. The power that broke into history through the life, passion, death and resurrection of Jesus is a force that remains beneath the surface, rising once more in the lives of those who have been touched by

the Holy Spirit. Because of Easter, we are assured of the reality of everlasting Life.

It is therefore a gift of immense joy for me to be able to greet you at Easter with the proclamation of the disciples which has rung through the world since.

THE LORD IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Regards and Blessing,

Rev. Dr. Franklin E Vilas

Easter Services

- Sunday, April 14th 8 AM & 10 AM Palm Sunday
- Thursday, April 18th 7 PM Maundy Thursday
Night Watch
- Friday, April 19th 12 Noon Good Friday Service
7 PM Stations of the Cross
- Saturday, April 20th 7 PM Great Vigil of Easter
- Sunday, April 21st 8 AM & 10 AM Easter Sunday

*Christ
is
Risen!*

Celebrating the Rev. Dr. Franklin E Vilas

1 Corinthians 3: 6-8

"I have planted. Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."

Have you ever worked on the preliminary stage of a new idea...at school, on the job, in any committee or other group? You brain storm, debate the pros and cons, work hard grinding out all the details and slowly things begin to come together. And then...for unknown reason, you have to move on.....change jobs or relocate and you never really know how everything turned out.

Our long-term supply priest, Fr. "Skip" Vilas, has had just such an experience but with a positive ending. During a recent interview with Fr. Skip, he explained to me that although he has always considered himself a parish priest, he felt called to be engaged in major issues. While serving as rector of Trinity Wall Street in NYC in the 1970s, Fr Skip became convinced of the role of religious communities in the field of mental health. His activism in this area brought him to the attention of Rosalyn Carter, and he served for one year on the President's Commission on Mental Health. This commission studied the de-institutionalization of the mentally ill that was occurring at that time and predicted that without government help, there would be an increase in homelessness among the mentally ill.

Fr Skip...not being one to stand and just let things happen...worked locally in his neighborhood of Brooklyn to secure grants that provided 20 apartments scattered throughout the borough to provide housing for the homeless and mentally ill. But then Fr. Skip was called to a church in Connecticut. He always wondered whatever happened to this little attempt to relieve the suffering of the homeless.

The grants that made those 20 apartments possible grew into a multi-million dollar organization, Brooklyn

Community Housing and Services, that provides safe and clean and supportive housing for more than 1,000 homeless men, women, and children every year! Founded in 1978, BCHS provides short-term, transitional, and permanent housing, homelessness prevention, vocational training, substance abuse counseling, mental health care, and other vital services. Its unique program model has been studied by government and nonprofits throughout the US, the UK, and Australia.

BCHS will hold a 40th anniversary gala in May 2019. In recognition of Fr Skip's accomplishment so many years ago, the Board of Directors of BCHS persevered in their efforts to locate him and have extended an invitation to attend the celebration. Well done Fr Skip!

Meg Critchley



St. James' recognizes and celebrates Father Skip's 59th Anniversary of his ordination as a priest.



Altar Guild



Lent does not last forever...the Altar Guild has again ordered the Easter plants to decorate our worship space from Godlewsky's.

Please consider making a donation to offset this expense. Special envelopes are found in the back of the Church.

This is a way to remember deceased loved ones. All plants are free to good homes within two weeks of Easter or will be planted around the Church grounds.

Meg Critchley

Jerry Sheard Recognized by Rep Josh Gottheimer

March 6 at 11:27 AM ·

Our veterans are at the heart of our community here in North Jersey and the American Legion does so much to make sure they are taken care of. I spoke with Roger Gengaro and Gerald Sheard about their work with our veterans and how we can support all those who serve and who have served.



Upcoming Events

- 4/7 Sign Up for Passion Readings
- 4/14 8 AM & 10 AM Palm Sunday
- Return filled Easter Bags
- Flower Envelopes Due
- 4/18 7 PM Maundy Thursday
- Night Watch
- 4/19 12 Noon Good Friday Service
- 7 PM Stations of the Cross
- 4/20 7 PM Great Vigil of Easter
- 4/21 8 AM & 10 AM Easter Sunday
- 4/25 7 PM Vestry Meeting 7 PM
- 4/27 9 AM Maintenance Morning
- 4/28 Journal Articles Due
- 5/5 Family Breakfast between Services



Journal Deadline

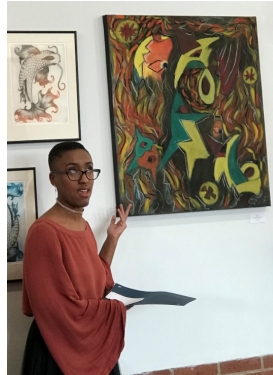
May 2019 Edition

April 28th

St. James' Parishioner Recognized for her Art Work

Alexandra Forbes, senior at Centenary University was recognized for her talent on March 30th in the Ferry Music Arts building on the Centenary campus. The works on display comprised her Thesis Exhibition. Alexandra's art work as well as the work of her fellow students will be shown through April 26. Gallery hours are from 9:00 to 5:00 pm.

Congratulations to Alexandra, a parishioner of St. James'!



Installation of Vestry



Left: Meg Critchley is congratulated by Paul Bartkus, warden, after Rev. Dughi had prayed over her as a new member of St. James' vestry at recent 8:00 service.

Below: Rev. Lorraine Dughi prays over the installation of Anne Dutton as new vestry member as other vestry members join her. While not a new member to the Vestry, Pam Laura was also elected to the new Vestry Class.



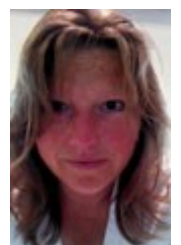
2019 Annual Meeting



On March 10th St. James' held its Annual Meeting. Reports of committees and details concerning the business of our church were shared, as well as a delicious brunch.

Thank you to all who made time to attend the Annual Meeting and to those whose efforts were evident as a part of its preparation.

Special recognition went to Pauline Volkert, our sexton, who has maintained our spiritual home for 20 years. Thank you for making our worship space beautiful, Pauline!



St. Patrick's Day Dinner at St. James'

Many thanks to all who helped to make this annual fellowship event such a success.



Special guest "Kevin" is dressed for the occasion as he greets Nona Wolosin.



Wonderful food, made by many hands, enjoyed by us all. THANK YOU to everyone!



Kathy Lacouture, Joyce Steet and Paul Bartkus were among the chefs who cooked a fabulous corned beef dinner on March 16.



Rev. Dughi, Dave Olesen, and Nancy Miller were but a few of the folks who attended our dinner.

Rev. Jeanette Hile Recognized by The House of the Good Shepherd

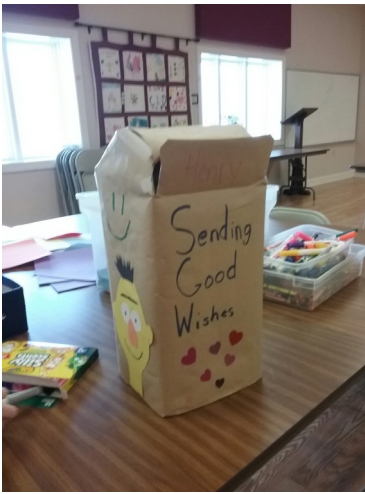
Recently, staff members at The House of the Good Shepherd were recognized for their years of service. Rev. Jeanette was cited for her 10 years of service as Chaplin.

Congratulation Jeanette!

Called to *Serve*

Ushers Needed

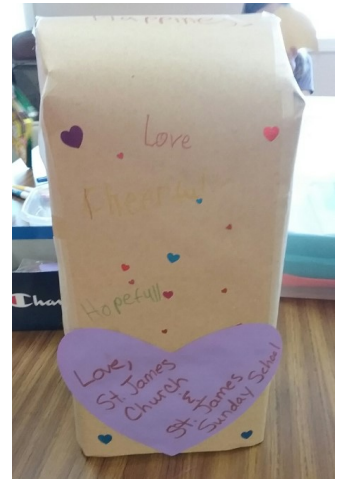
Interested in ushering once a month? St. James' is looking for help in this ministry. Please contact the church office if you would like to try this out!



St. James' Sunday School

Mailbox for Hope For Henry.

Sunday School was inspired to make a special mailbox for Henry Aulenbach. You can deposit a card for him or send to the address below.



Hope for Henry

Prayers are requested for Henry Aulenbach, a seven-year old who was recently found to have a brain tumor as well as some spots along his spine. He has had surgery to remove the tumor, but he has a long road ahead with lots of hospital stays. To see Henry's story, visit [HopeforHenry](#) on Facebook. Henry loves opening cards. If you would like to send one, deposit in the card box or send to his address at:

Henry Aulenbach
7 Purple Martin Dr.
Hackettstown NJ 07840

If you are interested in helping out with some meals for the family, please contact Bev Wheeler...thanks.

Cares for Others

Sunday School is also working on cards to those who need a "*cheer me up*". If you know someone who would like a card, please contact the church office. If you know someone who is in need of a meal, please contact Barbara Olesen.

Thank you for helping us to reach out to those in need!

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!



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Sexton:	Pauline Volkert

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Meg Critchley	Pam Laura	Anne Dutton
Nancy Miller	Gene Seiter	Kathy Erwood-Lacouture
David Olesen	Chika Okoye	Karina Hernandez

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