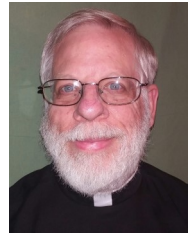




ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

SEPTEMBER 2019

Rev. Wayne Sherrer — Priest-in-Charge



Dear Friends in Christ,

I am excited to be here with you at St. James' in Hackettstown. I see a genuine love for one another and generous hearts who care about those in need. I am impressed by many of the strengths of St. James' parish. The wardens and Vestry have acted prudently. The parish is financially stable and well prepared for unexpected costs. The parish administrator is well organized and quite capable. Parish communications are keeping people informed. There are many functioning ministries that are supporting our worship, teaching our children, caring for our parishioners and reaching outside our parish family to those in need. I thank you for inviting me to share your ministry in this place.

Who am I? I am a native of Phillipsburg who loves local history. I have been active in the Phillipsburg Area Historical Society and the Warren County Historical and Genealogical Society. I am a graduate of Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles and McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. I have served Episcopal parishes in Pennsylvania and New Jersey as a bi-vocational priest. Over the past several years I was the priest for St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Mount Arlington, NJ. I am recently retired from a bus driving career which spanned the continent from Los Angeles to Chicago to New Jersey and Pennsylvania. My wife Millie and I live in

Phillipsburg with our two children—Philip and Regina.

Some of you have noticed that I post a thought or prayer each morning on the parish's Facebook page. I invite you to read them and allow them to guide your attitude toward the day. When a particular prayer or thought speaks to you, please share it on your own Facebook page. Not only will you give your friends a spiritual boost, you will also be spreading the news that St. James' parish is alive and is touching people's lives with the Spirit of God.

As we enter Creation Season, let us focus our attention on the wonders our God has made. Let us look for ways to better care for the good earth which God has entrusted to us. And let us search for the signs of God's image in ourselves and in those we meet, so that we might increase in our love for our neighbors and ourselves.

Peace

Father Wayne

**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!**

St. James Summer Back Pack Program



St. James had another wonderfully successful season providing food for school-aged children in the immediate Hackettstown community. With funding provided by an anonymous “Angel” benefactor, our volunteers packed a total of 785 bags, which nourished approximately 70 children of 32 families on four separate occasions this summer.

Some Hackettstown Statistics According to the website welfare.org:

- **Enrolled in Elementary School (Grades 1-4)** in Hackettstown, New Jersey have a Poverty Rate of **14.6%**.
 - **Enrolled in Middle School (Grade 5-8)** in Hackettstown, New Jersey have a Poverty Rate of **20.4%**.
- Enrolled in High School (Grades 9-12)** in Hackettstown, New Jersey have a Poverty Rate of **28.1%**.



This year we welcomed some additional local volunteers. The program also received some additional donated funds which were used to send “our kids” back to school with some new school supplies. The children were very excited to receive notebooks, pencils, glue sticks, and brand-new boxes of crayons, among other supplies.



Summer 2019 Backpack Volunteers
Thanks for another successful year!



**Welcome to St. James' Fr. Wayne Sherrer
August 4, 2019**



Receiving keys to the church from Wardens Paul Bartkus and Peter Quelly.



Standing in front of the St. James' sign that bears his name.



Cutting his welcome cake.

St. James' 2019 Annual

Miniature Golf Outing

Thanks to everyone who came out to the Mini Golf and Ice Cream Outing on Friday, August 23rd. What a difference a month makes! No heat wave this time....it was sweater weather! See photos for scenes from a fun evening!

-Special Events Committee



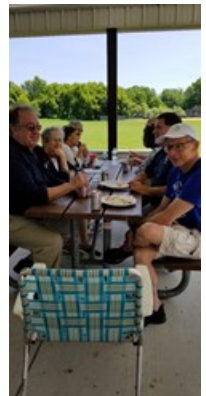
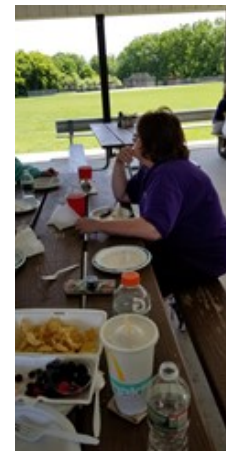
Community Day

The Annual Hackettstown Community Day will be held on Saturday, October 5th at Hackettstown Medical Center. The event is free to the public and is geared toward making residents aware of all that is available in the Hackettstown area. St. James' has been staffing a table for many years and provides a chance for kids to sit briefly and make a simple craft project and get a balloon. We will continue with our tradition this year and are always looking for volunteers to staff the table from 10 am (set up) to 4 pm (take down). Please consider giving an hour or two while we greet the community and spread the word about what is happening at St. James'. Look for a sign-up sheet in the coming weeks. Thank you.

-Special Events Committee



2019



Annual
Church
Picnic



Upcoming Events

- 9/1 Last 9 AM Summer Service
- 9/8 Return to 2 Services 8 & 10 AM
Family Breakfast-Sign up to help!
Sunday School Registration
- 9/15 Sunday School Registration
- 9/17 Special Events Meeting 7:15 PM
- 9/19 Finance Committee 7 PM
- 9/20 Rummage Sale Set Up 4 - 7 PM
- 9/21 Rummage Sale 9 AM - 3 PM
- 9/22 Sunday School Begins
- 9/24 District 1 Meeting 7 PM St Luke's
Phillipsburg
- 9/26 Vestry Meeting 7 PM
- 9/29 Journal Articles Due
- 10/5 Community Day 10 AM - 4 PM
Hackettstown Medical Center
- 10/6 Family Breakfast-Sign up to help!
Blessing of the Animals



Calling all hands. . . .

Breakfast is served on the first Sunday of each month

between the two services, starting at nine. We are fortunate that the Quelly's will be making these wonderful breakfasts possible, but they need our help.

There is 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

Journal Deadline
October 2019 Edition

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!

Called to *Serve*

Prayer Ministry

St. James' has an active prayer ministry in which "pray-ers" lift up prayer requests in their own personal devotions. If you would like to be a part of this group or know someone who needs prayers, please contact Barbara Olesen at

olesen@comcast.net.

Fundraising Committee

Rummage Sale

On Saturday, September 21st, St. James' will hold a Rummage Sale in Snyder Hall from 9 AM to 3 PM. Many folks have been donating due to downsizing, moving or just cleaning out. We will need help on the day of the sale, so if you can spare a few hours or more it would be greatly appreciated. We will be setting up for the sale on Friday, September 20th from 4 to 7 PM, so help is needed then as well. And we will need a clean up crew at 4 PM on Saturday. If you can donate any time to help us make this a success, please contact Barbara Olesen at (908)797-0515 or email olesen@comcast.net.

Gertrude Hawk

We will once again sell Gertrude Hawk chocolates and candies for Christmas this year. Sales will start in October and end just before Thanksgiving.

Shop with Scrip Gift Cards

We will also take orders for Christmas Gift Cards (does not include Shop-Rite or Weis). Most retailers are available. These make great gifts for those that are hard to shop for or enjoy picking out their own gifts. Look for more information in November.

Thank you for supporting the Mission and Ministry of St. James'!



St James' Green Team Tips

Recycling Reminders



- Check plastic items for numbers 1-7 as these items can be recycled. (Any other numbered items 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.)

Some information regarding recycling of aluminum:



- Recycle aluminum cans, rinsed of any liquid
- Aluminum pans should be washed before recycling
- Aluminum foil can be recycled if wiped clean first
(It can be bunched up into a ball.)

For Warren County recycling information go to:

pfcawc.com/recycling/

For Morris County recycling information go to:

mcmua.com

Thanks for reading and recycling!



September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Eucharistic Service Rite II - One Service Only 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM The Church EI Shaddai	2 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	3	4 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM EI Shaddai Church	5 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	6	7
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