



ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

DECEMBER 2019 JANUARY 2020

Rev. Wayne Sherrer — Priest-in-Charge



Dear Friends in Christ,

In this holy Season of Advent, it is appropriate to remind ourselves of the purpose of this beautiful liturgical season. Although surrounded by the somewhat noisy "Christmas rush" of the secular world around us, it is still possible for each of us to enter into the *true* Christian spirit of Advent during these short weeks preceding the feast of the birth of Jesus.

The spirit of this holy season is indeed one of joyful anticipation, but it is also a time to "prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight His paths", that is, to properly dispose our hearts and adorn our souls for His coming. I invite you spend some time each day in prayer and in reading from the Bible. There are Forward Day by Day booklets in the church which can assist you in that practice. Online there is a website from The Mission of St. Clare which provides a full offering of Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer each day. (Go to <https://missionstclare.com/english/index.html>).

I invite you to join our Sunday worship which continues at 8 and 10 each week. You are all cordially invited to Evening Prayer in the chapel at 6:30 on December 19th. We will end the Season of Advent with a single service of Lessons and Carols at 9 am on Dec 22. Then experience the fun of greening and decorating the church and enjoy the fellowship of the Wardens' Coffee Hour. I look forward to celebrating my first Christmas with the St. James' family and hope that you are able to be with us. Let your hearts and voices sing out in joyous acclamation as we celebrate God's greatest gift! Know that you are in our prayers this season and throughout the year.

Tuesday Dec 24 4:30pm Family Christmas Eve Eucharist

7:00pm Christmas Eve Eucharist

11:00pm Christmas Eve Eucharist

Wednesday Dec 25 10:00am Christmas Day Eucharist

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. God bless you now and forever. Amen

Fr Wayne

Altar Guild

Greening of the Church

The poinsettias and wreaths and roping have been ordered. All that is needed is the helpful hands to join in the "Greening of the Church" on Sunday December 22nd after the Lessons and Carols service and the Annual Wardens' Coffee (don't know why it's called Greening...we do decorate with other colors!).

You are cordially invited to join in the festivities. The entire effort takes about one hour. Goodies, great fellowship, and plenty to do to prepare our worship space and our hearts for the Savior's birth.

Christmas Altar Flowers

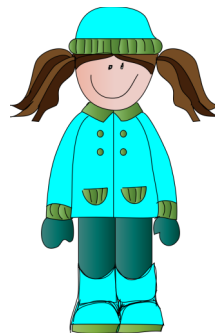
The Congregation can help defray the cost of the wreaths and poinsettias this Christmas. There are envelopes for donations in the back of the Church. This is one way to remember loved ones and departed family and friends during this season.

Sunday School—Thanksgiving and Christmas

On November 17 the St. James' Sunday School children packed 20 grocery bags with non-perishable food for food-insecure families in our area. Thank you all for donating items which makes this ministry possible. Thank you Jerry Sheard for delivering the food bags, and thank you to our Sunday School for packing them. The Sunday School also colored the Angels that are on the Tree of Giving. They will also have their Christmas slumber party on Dec. 7th at 6 PM. They will be making cards for Health Village and watching the Polar Express.

A Gift of Warmth

A Gift of Warmth has been hard at work providing coats to those in the area that are in need. A big thanks also goes out to Kohl's department store for the assistance and generosity with our mission.



CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH
INVITES YOU TO A
BLUE
CHRISTMAS
SERVICE/MASS
5 PM SATURDAY
DECEMBER 21ST

CANDLE-LIT, QUIET & REFLECTIVE.
ESPECIALLY FOR YOU IF YOU ARE NOT
FEELING JOYOUS AT THIS TIME.



Celebration Sunday



Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the Celebration of New Ministry for Father Wayne and the In-Gathering Dinner on

November 16th such a wonderful evening. Although I was not able to attend, I heard many positive things about the fun, food and good spirit that was present that evening. I want to thank everyone who attended and shared a dish, set up, cleaned up and served at the Eucharist, and to all that helped to plan this important event on our 160th history. Special thanks to the game guru, Pete Huryk, and to the toast master, John McKinney, for adding to the festivities. Thanks to all~

Kathy Lacouture
Special Events Committee



The Tree of Giving 2019

Advent begins the new year of our church calendar and marks the season of anticipation and preparation. We begin a new church year and get ready to retell the story of the miracle of the birth of Jesus, of a poor family struggling to find a place to rest, of the wonderful gift given to us and later, the gifts brought by the Magi to honor the baby Jesus. And so, we prepare to celebrate our greatest gift by sharing presents with our families.

At St James' we have a tradition of preparation and giving. Our congregation portions out a bit of their time and treasure to share in giving to those who are facing difficulty providing gifts for their children at Christmas.

For more than 20 years we have sponsored children from local families who are struggling due to economic circumstance by buying gifts suggested on the Tree of Giving.

Families are selected through counselors and school nurses at local schools and are anonymous to us. A wish list of toys and clothing is developed with help from parents and school staff and then we transform those wishes to gifts.

This year we will support six children from two families. Candy canes with gifts tags have been hung on the Tree of Giving as of November 24th. We hope you will visit the tree, located in the upper lobby of the Moore Street entrance, and choose a tag to support these children. Complete directions are available by the tree and on the gift tag. You can purchase a gift card (requests on tags) this year and order through Scrip Pro by December 1st. The children of Sunday School will replace each tag with an angel. Gifts can be left below the tree and will be collected.
**GIFTS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15th—
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT.**

Although we do not get to see the children's reactions as they open their presents, we do hear from the school staff who tell us how grateful the parents are and that we have made a difference for the families. Each year this ministry reminds us to give thanks for our many blessings, by giving a blessing to someone else.

Kathy Lacouture

Congratulations to the Barber Family

Holly Elizabeth Barber was born November 6th, at 9:24 am to Chris, Rachel and their daughter Anina, happy and healthy. They can't wait for their St. James' friends meet her!



Anina and her new sister, Holly.



In Memory of Kathy DiNapoli Colonial Manor Resident

Kathleen was born on September 9, 1945 and passed away on Thursday, November 21, 2019.

Kathleen was a graduate of John Adams High School in Queens, NY. She resided at Colonial Manor in Panther Valley. Services were private.

The St. James' LEV's that bring communion each week will miss Kathy who attended the services every week at Colonial Manor when she could.

In Memory of Henry Aulenbach

St. James' has been praying for Henry Aulenbach who was diagnosed with brain cancer in January. Sadly, he passed away on December 5th. He turned 8 in October.



Henry loved music, especially the Beatles, his family, Pokémon, Minecraft and Roblox. His favorite thing to do was hang out with his older twin brothers.

Please keep his family in your prayers.

Henry's obituary can be found at :

<https://tuttlefh.com/tribute/details/5349/Henry-Aulenbach/obituary.html#tribute-start>

Upcoming Events

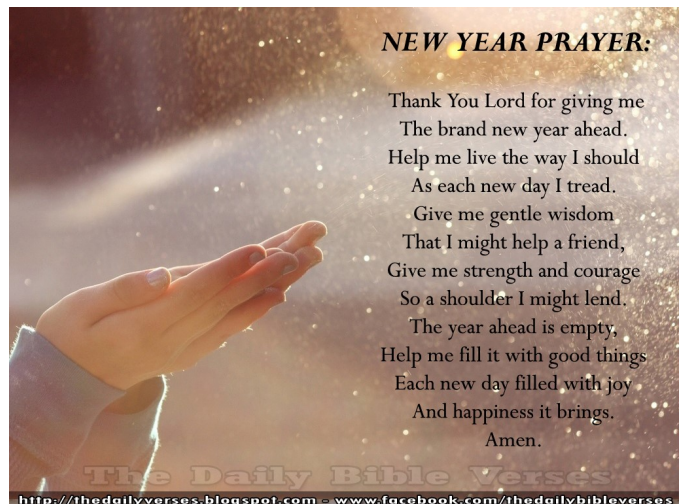
- 12/12 Finance Committee Meeting 7 PM
- 12/15 Tree of Giving and Food Bags Due
- 12/19 Evening Prayer—Chapel 6:30 PM
Vestry Meeting 7 PM
- 12/22 Lessons & Carols—1 service 9 AM
Greening of the Church follows service
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service w/Children's Choir 4:30 PM
Christmas Eve Service 7 PM
Christmas Eve Service 11 PM
- 10/25 Christmas Day Service 10 AM
- 1/7 Special Events Meeting 7:15
- 1/11 Epiphany Dinner—details to follow
- 1/16 Finance Committee Meeting 7 PM
- 1/23 Vestry Meeting 7 PM
- 1/26 Annual Meeting after 9 AM Service
- 1/31 Diocesan Convention
- 2/1 Diocesan Convention

Journal Deadline

February 2020 Edition
January 26th

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.



The Daily Bible Verses

<http://thedailyverses.blogspot.com> - www.facebook.com/thedailybibleverses

Bunco



A fun night was had by all at the Game Night Night/Bunco event held on November 2nd. Everyone “brought their own pizzas” with dessert and refreshments being provided by the

Special Events Committee. Pictured are prize winners Galina and Sam. Special thanks to Jayne Mutascio for leading this fun, fast-paced game!

Fundraising

Thank you to those who were able to participate in the Gertrude Hawk and/or Shop with Scrip Gift Card fundraisers. Results will be published in the next Journal.

If you have any ideas for the Fundraising Committee for next year, please contact Anne Dutton or Barbara Olesen.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Epiphany Dinner

Annual Epiphany Fellowship Family Dinner
Saturday, January 11th at 5:30 in Snyder Hall
Pulled pork and potluck
Details to follow.



Missing from the November Journal!



Chika Okoye and Meg Critchley
volunteering at Community Day.

Merry
Christmas
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

For Weekly Announcements and what's happening at St. James' visit our webpage:
stjameshackettstown.org
Check out the new calendar!



St. James' Episcopal Church Hackettstown

Festival of Trees

"Making Spirits Bright!"

December 7th - 14th, 2019

Monday & Wednesday 10 - 6; Saturdays 10 - 5
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10 - 8; Sunday Noon - 5
Admission: \$10 - Adults \$5 - Seniors & Students

Location:

The Barn at Highlands Ridge Park
100 North Road, Chester, NJ
(across from Black River Middle School)

Festival Sponsored for 16 Years by
R & R Construction of Chester, NJ



A Community Celebration featuring decorated holiday trees in a winter wonderland setting

All proceeds benefit the Senior Resource Center

*See Back
For
Special Activities*



Support, Information, Education, Training and Referral
for Seniors and Their Caregivers

A 501c3 non-profit organization

*More Information
and updates at
www.srcnj.org*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Articles due for December/ January Journal Christmas Food Bags Family Breakfast 8:00 AM Eucharistic Service - Rite I 10:00 AM Eucharistic Rite II 10:00 AM Sunday School 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM The Church El Shaddai	2 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM Joseph T. Quinlan Bereave- ment Counseling	3	4 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM El Shaddai Church	5 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Joseph T. Quinlan Bereave- ment Counseling	6	7 6:00 PM Sunday School Christmas Party
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