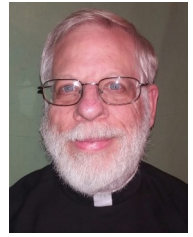




ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

FEBRUARY 2020

Rev. Wayne Sherrer — Priest-in-Charge



Dear Friends in Christ,

Those of you who attended the annual meeting heard me announce that, in compliance with the Bishop's directive, we will at some point have an evacuation drill during our Sunday morning worship. I mentioned then that I think all of us have taken part in fire drills and many of us also remember air raid drills. I firmly believe that the possibility of fire is greater than other dangers, but I want to share the Bishop's letter with you, as she reminds us that other dangers do exist. In any event, the purpose of drills is to prevent panic in a time of great stress. If an evacuation were ever necessary for our safety, the process will be less stressful because we have rehearsed it and know what to do. I look forward to working with our safety committee in the weeks ahead.

Fr Wayne

Dear Companions in Ministry,

A year ago, on October 27, the Tree of Life Synagogue was irrevocably changed by the horror of a mass shooting as members arrived for study, worship, and to enjoy community together. The impact was felt immediately by grieving family and friends, synagogue members, and the city of Pittsburgh. Many people in our nation were shocked by the horror of another mass shooting in a house of worship. Despite grief, horror, and shock, this type of shooting has become part of our common life.

Because of this distressing reality, it is important to take precautions for church safety. The clergy and lay leaders of each congregation in our diocese must **prepare and implement a plan for church safety and evacuation by Lent I (March 1, 2020)**. This written plan will contain the three steps listed below and must be emailed to Jim Caputo, Diocesan Property and Risk Manager, (jcaputo@dioceseofnewark.org) **by or before March 1**. In that email, you will confirm that these three steps have been taken or provide the date(s) planned for their completion:

Contact your local police department and ask for a police officer to visit your church to walk through the building and discuss safety recommendations.

Train all ushers to be aware of and alert to their surroundings, including assigning one usher to check the church parking lot or street parking periodically during worship and church events.

Plan an evacuation drill for the church. Once planned, communicate the drill dates to the congregation for a minimum of three weeks before the drill. Drills should take place annually and during regular Sunday worship. (note: Drills may take place after March 1, but the date for the drill will need to be reported with your plan.)

You do not and should not make this kind of plan without help. There are resources readily available. Police departments across the nation have increased their attention to the special safety needs of worshipping communities. They have a keen awareness of the challenges churches face when planning for safety. Several of the diocesan clergy and I have benefitted from the advice, experience, and expertise of police to help parish leaders determine best steps for church safety.

Additionally, Jim Caputo has begun working with parishes as they prepare and implement safety and evacuation plans. As Jim frequently says, "Our goal is not to scare people, but to keep them safe." While Jim will not create a plan for you, he is available to advise and support your process of determining what will work best in your church.

At this year's Clergy Day, I talked about the need for parishes to develop safety and evacuation plans. It is important that clergy, wardens, vestry, and key lay leaders be involved in the process of developing a plan to heighten awareness and promote church safety. It will take the efforts of a full team to develop a plan that works in your parish.

The sad truth is violent acts will continue. So, I will continue to hope, pray, and advocate for these acts to stop. Until then it is wise for us to be aware and prepared.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions or need assistance, please be in touch with Jim Caputo or Canon Andrew Wright (awright@dioceseofnewark.org).

Grace and Peace,
Bishop Hughes

St. James' Safe Church Committee

St. James' has established a Safe Church Team chaired by Anne Dutton and includes members Marvin Walker and David Lacouture.

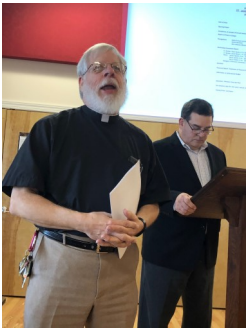
The team would like to know if any members of the congregation has experience in First Aid administration, specifically performing CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver. Please contact any of the Team members and let them know if you would be willing to use these skills should it needed during an emergency.

The team may also consider First Aid and other emergency training by certified trainers in the future. Please watch for announcements if you are interested.

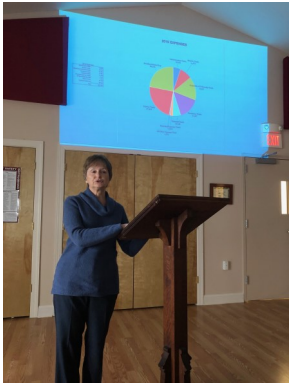
**For Weekly Announcements and
what's happening at St. James' visit
our webpage:
stjameshackettstown.org
Check out the new calendar!
Sign up for email news!**

Journal Deadline
March 2020 Edition
February 23th

St. James' Annual Meeting



On Sunday, January 26th St. James' held its Annual Meeting. Rolling off the Vestry were Paul Bartkus, Sr. Warden and Vestry members Kathy Lacouture and Karina Hernandez. Kathy and Karina were appointed to fill two vestry vacancies so will be staying on. New Vestry members voted in are Peter Quelly, Sr. Warden, David Olesen, Jr. Warden, and Janice Cipriani, and Marvin Walker. Voted as a delegate to Diocesan Convention was Peter Quelly, with Sam Wood as an alternate.



Fr. Wayne Sherrer opened the meeting with a prayer and Paul Bartkus presented the agenda. Janice Cipriani discussed the 2019 finances while Pam Laura, Vestry Clerk, took notes. Paul Bartkus presented his wife, Phyllis, with French Pen that he usually reserves for himself (ask him about it!). A nice spread of breakfast casseroles, quiches and bagels as well as pastries rounded out the meeting. Thanks to all who attended and organized the meeting!



Many Thanks



This past Christmas our St. James' altar was beautifully adorned with various sized poinsettia plants, carefully chosen by Meg Critchley. On the "greening of the church" Sunday the altar guild and members of our congregation decorated the sanctuary and St. James' Church was ready to celebrate Christmas. Let's not forget the wreathes and garland that we're hung on the outside of our church and parish hall respectfully.

Many thanks are extended to Meg and the altar guild, the St. James' parishioners who helped to green the church, and Pauline Volkert who cleaned up fallen needles the next day. Thank you all!!

SAVE THE DATE:

St Patrick's Corned Beef

and Cabbage Dinner

To be held on Saturday, March 14th starting at 5:30 in the Parish Hall.

Details to follow

If you are interesting in helping to plan this event, the next Special Events Meeting is March 5th 2020 at 7:15 pm in the Mitcham House.





YOU ARE INVITED
BRAVE SPACE
UNRAVELING ANTI-SEMITISM
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020
2:00-3:30PM
Islamic Society of North Jersey
354 US Highway 46, Suite 2C & 2D
Hackettstown

Now in its 20th year, this is a nationwide effort to promote restful sleep for children, especially those who are poor, homeless or in foster care. It is a timely follow-up to our Gift of Warmth.

Donations of cozy pajamas and inspiring storybooks can be dropped off at St. James' until February 9th.

They will then be given to the Hackettstown chapter for distribution to local families in need.

Sunday School

Thanks to the St. James' Sunday School for packing Christmas food bags for those in need!



For our third Brave Space gathering, all are invited to gather for discussion of recent increases in antisemitism in the US. Attacks on our neighbors impact us all, and we all share in the work of pushing back against hate and prejudice and of affirming the value of all people and all faiths.

Our discussion will provide space for exploring the complexity of the current challenge, and the many different branches of extremism that contribute to suspicion and misunderstanding.

Whatever your faith tradition, affiliations, background, or experience, your voice is needed in the conversation. When we talk together, we all learn and grow, and build a stronger society!

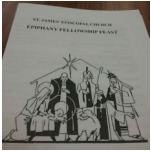
The Conversation will Include:

Framing remarks from Rabbi Daniel Zucker regarding the multiple factors to consider in the recent rise in antisemitism.

Opportunities to practice “brave space” conversation, that encourages all participants to engage, share, and grow through discussion.

Collaborative vision-building for how we can continue to engage in our community-building work.

Epiphany Dinner 2020



Many thanks to all who came out and helped make this year's Epiphany Dinner a memorable one. The variety of potluck dishes and the lovely desserts added perfectly to the pulled pork made by Special Events members. Father Wayne organized a meaningful skit with readers of all ages and Pam accompanied the traditional Epiphany hymns. Paul Bartkus organized the drawing of the St James' member who would be taking home "Kevin Bacon" and alas, back to the Quelly Home where "Kevin" had been the fostered in 2019. (No transition for either party!) Thank you for attending, cooking, setting up, cleaning up, praying, and singing and enjoying our January fellowship dinner.

Kathy Lacouture

Once again St. James' shared a wonderful Epiphany dinner this past January. Wonderful pulled pork, delicious side dishes and yummy desserts were enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to all who prepared the food, and all who attended to share in this traditional fellowship St. James' event.

Phyllis Bartkus

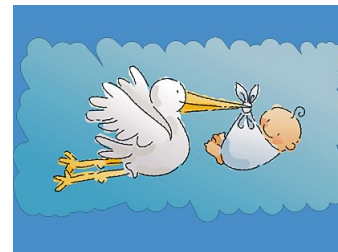


Giving Tree 2019



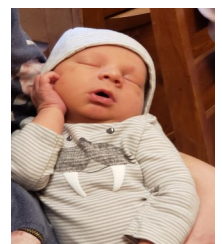
This year we received information about two families with a total of six children ranging from ages 6 to 18 from Hatchery Hill School and Willow Grove School staff. We were able to provide 60 gifts to these two families and also provide each family with \$75 in Target gift cards just prior to Christmas thanks to parishioner's donations. It never ceases to amaze me when I am bagging up the gifts to bring to the families that our dedicated parishioners shop and wrap their donated gifts with love and joy in their hearts. When I see the care you take and the little "extras" you include I know it's there. Thank you once again for your never-ending generosity to others.

Kathy Lacouture



Meet Baby Nicholas

Congratulations to Vito, Liz and Emily Soszynski on the birth



of Nicholas. Nicholas was born on December 10th.

Your St. James' family is so happy for you!

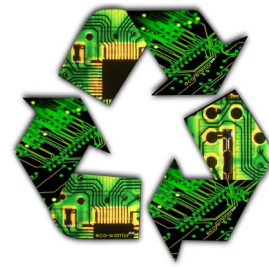


Big sister Emily with





From the Green Team



Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority
E-Waste - Computers, TVs, etc.

Category: Hazardous

Activity Type: Recycling

Management Issues: CRTs in monitors contain lead and computers and electronics contain other heavy and precious metals that can be extracted for proper management during a process called "demanufacturing." Materials that are recovered for value are marketed as such and the hazardous wastes are need to be disposed.

Handling Tips: Contact any drop off location prior to delivering electronics as acceptance policies may change from time to time.

Regulations: The Electronic Waste Management Act requires all original equipment manufacturers to establish and finance a collection, transportation and recycling system for the recovery of computers, laptops, televisions and monitors, desktop printers and fax machines. It also establishes a disposal ban on these electronic devices. As of 2018 E-waste recycling is not mandated for any item except the above-mentioned items. As such non-covered electronics and accessories not listed above are permitted to be disposed of in the garbage.

Mandated Recycling: If generated in Morris County, this material is required to be separated at the source by the waste generator and ultimately recycled. The material may not be mixed with garbage and additionally, materials mandated to be source separated and recycled cannot be separated from disposables by anyone or any facility but the generator at the site where the recyclables and disposables are generated. A materials recovery facility may not perform separation of recyclables from disposables on behalf of the waste generator.

Special Handling: This material requires special handling other than traditional disposal and recycling facilities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT:
<http://www.mcmua.com/materialdetail.asp?MaterialID=41>

WARREN COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY

LOCATION: WARREN COUNTY DISTRICT LANDFILL, 500 MT. PISGAH AVE., OXFORD NJ

ACCEPTED ELECTRONICS

COMPUTERS: DESKTOP AND LAPTOP

TELEVISIONS: ANY SIZE/COMPUTER MONITORS

PRINTERS/FAX MACHINES: DESKTOP

DAYS/HOURS

MONDAY/WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY: 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

"ONLY ITEMS LISTED ABOVE WILL BE ACCEPTED"

Upcoming Events

- 1/31 Diocesan Convention
- 2/1 Diocesan Convention
- 2/2 Family Breakfast 9 AM
Convention Discussion after each service
- 2/9 Easter Candy Sales Start
- 2/13 Prayer Service 6:30 PM
Vestry Meeting 7 PM
- 2/16 Sunday School—House of the Good Shepherd
Brave Space Interfaith Dialogue 2 PM
- 2/23 March Journal Articles Due
- 2/26 Ash Wednesday 12 Noon and 7 PM services
- 3/1 Continental Breakfast 9 AM
- 3/5 Special Events Meeting 7:15 PM
- 3/14 St. Patrick's Day Dinner 5:30 PM

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Annual Meeting after the 9am service Journal Articles Due 9:00 AM One Eucharistic Service 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM The Church El Shaddai	27 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	28	29 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM El Shaddai Church	30 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling	31 Diocesan Convention	1 Diocesan Convention
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Organist: Dmitry Nikolaev
Sexton: Pauline Volkert

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Junior Warden: David Olesen

Meg Critchley	Pam Laura	Anne Dutton
Janice Cipriani	Chika Okoye	Kathy Erwood-Lacouture
Marvin Walker	Karina Hernandez	

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