



# ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

MARCH 2020

Rev. Wayne Sherrer — Priest-in-Charge



Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter this season of Lent, I invite you to spend some time in reflection upon your baptismal vows. We repeat them with parents and sponsors each time someone is baptized and also when we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord on the first Sunday after Epiphany. Do you put your whole trust in the grace and love of Jesus? Are you following and obeying Jesus as the Lord of your life? Are you continuing in the apostles' teaching? Are you participating in the fellowship of believers by sharing in the breaking of bread and in the prayers of the community of faith? How are you proclaiming by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? How might you during this time seek and serve Christ in all persons? How is calling you at this time to strive for justice and peace among all people? Where is the dignity of every human being not respected?

Our worship will be a little different during Lent. We will begin with a chant that is over 100 years old and follow with the brief order for public confession. And then, we will sing a Lenten hymn "Now quit your care". That hymn reminds us that the goal of Lent is not to grind us down and make us feel miserable. Rather, Lent is here to remind us of God's love and mercy, to help us be more sensitive to the Holy Spirit's work in our lives and then to grow in our imitation of Jesus.

Elsewhere you will see St. James' Lenten schedule of prayer and Bible study and the services offered during Holy Week. Also available are daily Lenten meditations from members of our diocese. You can sign up at <https://dioceseofnewark.org/meditations> to receive them in your email. You can listen to morning and evening prayer at <https://www.missionstclare.com/english/index.html> Lent is a time of renewal and rededication to the decision we have made to follow Jesus. I look forward to sharing that journey with you.

Fr Wayne



March 2020						
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Sunday, Mar 8th 2020



Lenten email meditations will be published starting Ash Wednesday, February 26, and continuing through and including Holy Saturday, April 11.

To subscribe to the meditations, please visit [dioceseofnewark.org/publications](https://dioceseofnewark.org/publications).

## St. James' Security Committee

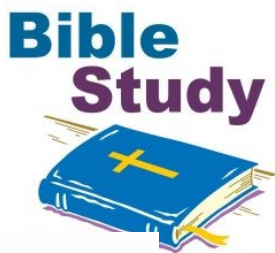
The Security Committee is looking for a few additional members to serve on the St. James Security Committee. Bishop Hughes has tasked each parish with formulating an evacuation plan, and holding an active drill (ours is tentatively scheduled for 06/07/2020). In view of these challenging times, examining, and crafting plans of action for emergencies should be viewed as a welcome practice. Former Hackettstown PD Chief Len Kunz, Dave Lacouture, Anne Dutton, and myself will be performing a walk-through site security assessment on Tuesday (02/18) morning to note potential site vulnerabilities and make recommendations.

Marvin Walker

## St. James' Bible Study after Tuesday Evening Service

Rev. Wayne Sherrer will hold a short 7PM service each Tuesday in March followed by Bible Study. The location will be in either the Lady Chapel or Mitcham House depending on the temperature. Please join us if you are able. If you would like to attend but need transportation, please contact Barbara Olesen at (908) 797-0515 and we will arrange to get you there! The dates are:

March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
March 10<sup>th</sup>  
March 17<sup>th</sup>  
March 24<sup>th</sup>



Easter Candy orders are due March 1st. Please leave your order with either Anne Dutton or Barbara Olesen.

Thanks for your support!

## Diocesan Convention 2020

I believe I attended the 146th Diocesan Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark with a better attitude than last year. The primary reason is that I was excited and eager to hear Bishop Hughes preach...and she did not disappoint.

The theme of Convention was "Behold Become Begin." During her homily Bishop Hughes mentioned that "Behold" just might be the most frequently used word in Scripture...indicating "Pay attention. This is very important." Such "Behold Moments" occur all throughout our personal experiences showing us God's love and helping us become the people God has created us to be.

Often in our lives there are times of bewilderment, confusion, and even despair. We might feel we are running in the dark...at night...without a map. But Jesus is the star that guides us. We will be able to minister to others in the times we live in now only if we know our gifts and claim them.

The one thing we are called to be is the person God has created us to be. And if we do that, we can light up the world.

In order to claim our individual gifts and truly participate in the work of Convention, each delegate completed a survey to help identify his/her own spiritual gifts...from administration to writing....20 different categories in all. Once that was finished, each table of delegates (we were seated with St Mary's Sparta) played The Stewardship Game which enabled each group to explore creative ways to put spiritual gifts to work solving congregation-related challenges. At the conclusion of Convention, each congregation received a game set to be used with groups large and small within the home parish.

Although there were still aspects of Convention that I found irksome and frustrating (ask me about an illegal turn through a toll booth on the Turnpike), I came back home encouraged and uplifted. We are each blessed with gifts. It is our responsibility to us them for the growth and glory of God's kingdom.

Meg Critchley

**In Memory of Bob Salerno,  
Husband of Dorsey Salerno,  
Who Passed Away in Early February  
(from his granddaughter Mia Tabib)**

When I was a little girl, I used to anthropomorphize feelings, and turn emotions into fairytale characters inside my mind. Melancholy, for example, is an old woman who sits by an enchanted fireplace; she knits all your memories into a blanket of Reminiscence, as she whispers secrets into the burning embers. Joy is a fairy princess who has just been released from a dark spell. Breaking free from whatever dark enchantment held her captive, she leaps out from the Castle of Despair, and spreads her wings in full radiance. Maybe Wisdom would be a grey wizard, holding a wooden staff made from the trees found in the Forgotten Forest. After all, if nothing else, Wisdom should help up remember.

But Hope?

What is Hope's personification?

I find myself thinking of what Hope looks like right now. Yesterday my grandfather passed away. I remember as a little girl, running up to him with a book of fairytales, begging him to read me a story. He would furrow his brow and instead teach me Latin roots. 'Stā' means 'to stand' or 'to remain' he would tell me.

And now that he has passed away, as we all will one day, I find myself replaying that memory in my mind. He was right. "Stā" is the root on which other words stand. May we all claim this root as we climb the staircase to whatever adventure lies before us.

If nothing else, this is Hope—the ability to remain. Hope might not look like thriving, nor does it need to be joyful. Hope can appear wistful, even bleak. But just like Melancholy sits with diligence and weaves her sorrows into a magical tapestry of mirth and mourning, so too does Hope contain a myriad of feelings inside itself.

Like a Fairy Godmother, Hope swoops in with her magic wand made from the light from the brightest star in the night sky. Hope's gown is sewn from the same needle and thread that keeps the Dawn attached to the Dusk. She lingers in the Blue Hour of the morning—that liminal space between night and day.

Hope recites us Latin roots and fairytales all at once—reminding us to keep our whimsy, while also holding onto what is real. She grounds us.

"Stā"...

Hope stands.

Hope remains.

Mia Tabib

Editors note: Mia is a social worker who uses fairytales in her treatment work.

### **St. James Columbarium**

For those who are not familiar with the term "columbarium" it is a chamber with small niches for receiving human cremains. The St. James columbarium is located on either side of the altar in the Lady Chapel. This service is available to St. James members and non-members.

The columbarium consists of two marble like resin blocks with memorial marker. Many church members favor the idea of being inurned at the place where they worship.

It is simple to frequently pay respects to deceased loved ones and can increase participation in the church from generation to generation. By reserving a niche in our church columbarium, you are supporting ministries and programs of St James. The columbarium is the permanent resting place of several members and nonmembers of St. James.

Preplanning with family members for the disposition of your remains eases their burden at the time of need. The Vestry asks everyone to be mindful of this aspect of stewardship and to consider the benefits that the columbarium offers.

Please contact Sam Wood ([woodrock89@aol.com](mailto:woodrock89@aol.com), (973)-534-1932) for further information.

**Journal Deadline**

March 29th



*Thanks for all of the donations of pajamas for the Pajama Program. Below is a picture of what St. James' was able to contribute!*



## SAVE THE DATE

### Maintenance Morning

Saturday, April 4th

9 AM—12 NOON



Please join us as we work on our site with general repairs and gardening. No experience necessary! Jobs small and large...something for everyone. Consider giving an hour or more if you are able. Light refreshments served.

### Hand Sanitizer in the Pews



During this cold and flu season, remember there is hand sanitizers in each of the pews if you choose to use it. Let's stay healthy!

## Meet Devin O'Connor, Newest Vestry Member



Devin grew up just over the mountain in Long Valley, NJ, and grew up attending an evangelical church there. After joining Intersivity Christian Fellowship during his time at Lehigh University, he developed an appreciation for the diversity of the Church and the mysteries of God, which only deepened after graduation. He spent the years after in search of a church that celebrated these same values, and found it in the Episcopal Church. He moved to Hackettstown in January of 2018, and joined St. James' not too long thereafter. Devin works in R&D at Mars Wrigley, and in his free time enjoys hiking the Catskills, listening to music, and spending time with his cat, Tuna.

### Upcoming Events

- 3/1 Continental Breakfast 9 AM  
Gertrude Hawk Candy Orders Due
- 3/3 Bible Study after Service 7 PM
- 3/5 Special Events Meeting 7:15 PM  
Planning for St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- 3/8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3/10 Bible Study after Service 7 PM
- 3/12 Finance Committee 7 PM
- 3/14 St. Patrick's Day Dinner 5:30 PM
- 3/17 Bible Study after Service 7 PM
- 3/19 Vestry Meeting 7 PM
- 3/22 Easter Foods Bags Available  
Passion Reading Sign up  
Journal Articles Due
- 3/24 Bible Study after Service 7 PM
- 3/26 District 1 Meeting
- 3/29 Holy Week Sign ups
- 3/31 Bible Study following Service 7 PM
- 4/4 Maintenance Morning 9 AM—12 PM
- 4/5 Passion Sunday  
Continental Breakfast



**ST JAMES' CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE  
FELLOWSHIP DINNER**



**SATURDAY MARCH 14th 5:30 TO 7:30 PM**

**IN SNYDER HALL**

**\$10. PER ADULT; KIDS UNDER 12 FREE**

***-CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE-***

***-CARROTS AND IRISH SODA BREAD-***

***-DESSERT & SOFT DRINKS PROVIDED / BYOB-***

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY WELCOME**

**IRISH MUSIC**

**FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL**

**Need a ride? Questions? Call Kathy or Dave Lacouture to**

**908-850-9214 or email to lockwood88@comcast.net**

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**~~~~ PLEASE RESPOND BY RETURNING BELOW BY 3/10 ~~~~**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Your name**

\_\_\_\_\_ **# of Adults @\$10. Per person**

\_\_\_\_\_ **# of Children**

\_\_\_ **Yes, I will bring a dessert**

\_\_\_ **Yes, I will make Irish Soda Bread**

**St. Patrick's Day**

**Dinner Planning**

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



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



### **What is Lent?**

Lent is a season of preparation leading up to Easter. It is the forty days plus the six Sundays before Easter. For centuries, it has been observed as a special time of self

examination and penitence. Lent is a time for concentration on fundamental values and priorities, and is not a time for self punishment. Throughout Lent, the worship services of the church take on a simpler tone, appropriate to this season. Crosses showing the risen Christ are veiled. The word "Alleluia" is not used in the words of the liturgy or hymns. These practices help the worshipping community to mark this season of renewal as a special time in the church year.

### **Observing Lent**

The custom is to mark the season of Lent by giving up some things and taking on others. Both can serve to mark the season as a holy time of preparation. Some examples of things people give up for Lent include sweets, meat for all or some meals, and alcohol. In most cases, giving up something for Lent can be made more meaningful by using the money or time for another purpose. For example, meal times on fast days could be spent in prayer. Another example is that if you give up meat during Lent, the extra money that would go to meat dishes can be given to a group, such as World Vision, which works to end hunger worldwide. Some things added during Lent are daily Bible reading, fasting on Fridays, times of prayer, taking a course of study related in some way to spirituality. Note that the season of Lent is forty days plus the six Sundays. This is because Sundays are celebrations of Jesus' resurrection and are always an appropriate day to lessen the restrictions of Lent. So that if you have, for example, given up chocolate for Lent, you could indulge in a weekly candy bar on Sunday. Lent is also an especially appropriate time for the sacrament of confession. While confession to a priest is not required to receive God's forgiveness, it can be a meaningful rite of reconciliation to God.

### **Special Days and Services**

#### **Shrove Tuesday**

This is actually the day before Lent begins. The day is named for the "shriving" or confessing that was traditional on this day before beginning Lent. This day is also known as Mardi Gras, or "Fat Tuesday," because it was a time for eating the things from which one would abstain during Lent. Pancake suppers are traditional as they were a way of using up some of the ingredients not needed during Lent.

#### **Ash Wednesday**

The first day of Lent is marked with a special liturgy. The theme for the day, though not for all of Lent, is that we stand as sinners condemned to die, but for God's grace. This is symbolized by the imposition of ashes on the forehead, with the words, "You are dust and to dust you shall return." In the Old Testament, ashes were a sign of penitence (feeling regretful at offenses) and mourning. Ash Wednesday is one of two days of special observance (the other being Good Friday) for which fasting is recommended. While this usually refers going without food for the entire day, this practice is not practical for all persons, including, but not limited to, diabetics. Use your own discretion in determining how you can best observe this day.

### **Stations of the Cross**

These are depictions of 14 incidents in the Gospel accounts of Jesus' death from Pilate's house to being placed in the tomb. They are used for the service called the Way of the Cross, which visits each station in turn with a brief reading, response, collect and on some occasions, a meditation. This is particularly appropriate for Good Friday and all Fridays in Lent.

### **Refreshment Sunday**

The fourth Sunday of Lent has long been observed as a day for completely relaxing the disciplines of Lent. It is also known as Mothering Sunday as this was the first Mother's Day and a traditional time for remembering your mother.

### **Palm Sunday**

This Sunday before Easter is the last Sunday in Lent. The day commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with a blessing of palms and a procession in which the whole congregation carries palms. The day is also marked by reading the story of Jesus' passion (the word used to describe Jesus' death comes from "suffering," which is one old meaning of passion). Some of the Palm Sunday palms are kept and used to make the Ash Wednesday ashes for the next year.

### **Maundy Thursday**

This is the Thursday in Holy Week (the week leading up to Easter). The day is a time for remembering The Last Supper. The name comes from the Latin word "Maundatum" for "commandment" as Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment; that you love one another." This is often marked by footwashing for those who wish to follow Jesus' example. At the conclusion of this service, altars are stripped of any ornamentation and crosses are removed or veiled to mark the solemnness of the occasion.

### **Good Friday**

The Friday in Holy Week is a time for remembering Jesus death. In some places a Good Friday service is held at noon as Jesus hung on the cross from noon until 3 p.m. There may also be an evening service. This is the second day of special observance for which fasting is recommended. There is no celebration of the Eucharist from the close of Maundy Thursday until the Easter Vigil.

### **The Easter Vigil**

This service is appropriate after sunset on Holy Saturday. This was the traditional time of baptism in the early centuries of Christianity. This service begins in darkness and a new fire is lit, from which the Christ candle is lighted. It signifies the light of Christ coming into the world anew at the resurrection.

### **Easter Sunday**

The celebration of Jesus' resurrection is the chief feast of the Christian calendar. Easter worship is often embellished with special vocal music and musical instruments as a sign of the overwhelming joy experienced by believers.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Continental Breakfast Gertrude Hawk Candy Orders Due <b>8:00 AM</b> Eucharistic Service - Rite I <b>10:00 AM</b> Eucharistic Rite II <b>10:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>3:30 PM - 6:30 PM</b> The Church El Shaddai</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>10:30 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Service followed by Bible Study</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>7:30 PM - 9:30 PM</b> El Shaddai Church</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b> Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Counseling <b>7:15 PM</b> Special Events Meeting</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
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