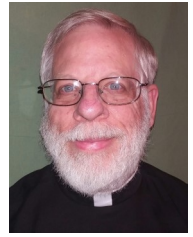




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Rev. Wayne Sherrer — Priest-in-Charge



Senior Warden's Report

As we observe the passing of another year in St. James' history, we acknowledge that this has been another year without comparison. Despite the restrictions placed on us in our daily lives, especially gathering for worship, if we carefully look at the details, we have persevered and even excelled in some areas.

- When Covid numbers allowed, Father Wayne celebrated our weekly Sunday Morning prayer service in person in the Sanctuary. Father Wayne also faithfully delivered an additional pre-recorded prayer service every week via the online resources of YouTube and Facebook.
- We have maintained a paid Zoom account that we use for monthly Vestry and Finance Committee meetings, as well as Tuesday evening Book Club, hosted by Father Wayne.
- We are in the process of getting estimates for work to be done around the church such as: a new roof on the Mitcham house, repairs, and partial replacement of the roof over the garden entrance. We are also looking at a project to improve safety and church security and repointing the stonework under the Mitcham house porch. In the spring there will be two additional handrails installed on the front porch entrance stairs of the Mitcham House
- Our church finances have remained stable even in this crazy time of Covid, I want to thank all of you for believing in St. James and sustaining us financially. This level of stability helps us flourish and do God's work.

One thing that I would like everyone to think about is that our church needs your help through participation. We are in need to fill the roles of both Wardens. Additionally, the Vestry, and other committees have vacant roles that need to be filled in order for this body of Christ to effectively and efficiently serve our parishioners and the community around us. St. James' by-laws have defined terms in place that allow leadership to regularly change and refresh.

A vital role we are currently hoping to fill is the Volunteer Leader of the summer backpack (food program) that is run from our church. While this may seem like a daunting task, there are ample notes, records, and knowledgeable volunteers to help answer any questions.

I would like to thank all the parishioners and their ministries for helping St. James the best way they can, by helping each other.

Respectfully,

Peter Quelly, Senior Warden

Important Schedule Change!

**The Annual Meeting for St. James' has
been rescheduled from
March 6th to April 3rd
after the 9 AM service.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale

Our annual Easter Gertrude Hawk Candy sale will begin on **February 13th** and will run until **March 13th**. We will have some brochures in the church and inside the Moore street entrance. You can also view the holiday brochure online at www.fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com Please let us know if you would like a brochure sent to you. You may order the candy in 3 different ways.

1-You may order directly online and have the candy shipped to your home (there is a shipping charge for this option) or have it shipped to the church at no cost. To order online:

Go to <https://fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com/> , select “I am a buyer”, click “find a fundraiser”, type in 119267 and St. James’ Episcopal Church, Hackettstown should appear, click “Find Seller”, type Anne Dutton, select and start shopping!

2- You may email me with your order at annymo1955@gmail.com and mail payment.

3- You may complete the order form and mail/drop it off with payment to the church office.

You can also share the fundraiser with friends and family by forwarding them the website with our ID# 119267. Candy should arrive the week of April 4th.

Please be sure you are shopping on the fundraiser page so we get credit for your order. There is also another St. James Episcopal Church listed so make sure you see Hackettstown!

Please contact Anne Dutton (908)887-7817 or Barbara Olesen (908)797-0515 if you have any questions.

As always, thank you for your support!

Anne Dutton & Barbara Olesen

Possible Rummage Sale This Spring

We are looking to hold a rummage sale during the town wide sale in April. Donations of new or gently used items are appreciated and can be dropped off in the lobby of Snyder Hall. Please let Anne or Barbara know if you have left something. Help will be needed if we do participate in this event. Stay tuned for details.

Anne Dutton and Barbara Olesen

Are You Called To Serve on the Vestry?

If you believe you are so called, please speak to Wardens Peter Quelly or David Olesen. The Nominating Committee is gathering names of persons to serve three-year terms. Special skills? The desire to serve St. James’ and help us grow, and a love of our community. The Vestry meets once a month via Zoom in the evening.

Upcoming Events

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| March 2nd | Ash Wednesday, One Service 7 PM |
| March 13th | Gertrude Hawk Candy Orders Due |
| March 13th | St. Patrick’s Day Parade 3:30 PM |
| March 26th | Awesome Amble-Location TBD |
| March 27th | Journal Articles Due |
| April ?? | Possible Rummage Sale-TBD |
| April 3rd | Annual Meeting after 9 AM Service |
| April 10th | Palm Sunday |
| April 14th | Maundy Thursday-In Person and Online-No Vigil |
| April 15th | Good Friday |
| April 17th | Easter Sunday |
| April 30th | Blessing of the Bicycles |
| May 6th-7th | Diocesan Convention |

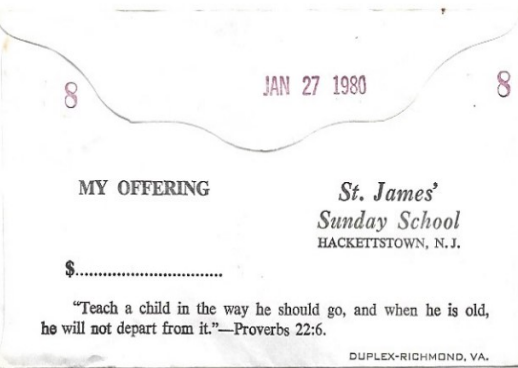


[St. James’ Episcopal Church Hackettstown](http://www.stjamesepiscopalchurchhackettstown.org)

Remembering Peg Faust

Recently a note was dropped off at St. James' by Peg Faust's sister, Evelyn, with a collection envelope. She said "As we slowly go through Peg's belongings this is something I found that she would have wanted St. James' to have even if it is a little late." Unopened, the envelope contains a quarter. Note the date on the envelope!

This was a nice reminder of Peg and all that she has done for St. James' Perhaps we should frame this!



Altar Flowers

Sign-up sheet is available

Fresh flowers are now delivered every Sunday for weekly services. Please consider making a monetary donation in honor of or as a memorial to a loved one or event. Usual cost is \$25 for 2 arrangements but any amount is appreciated.

April Journal
Articles Due
Sunday, March 27th

March Birthdays

3-Pat Taylor
3-David Lacouture
5-Lily Vitalos
8-Phyllis Bartkus
10-John McKinney
14-Tim Niculcea
23-Sylvia Okoye
23-Tina Okoye
25-Charlotte Brooks
27-Anne Dutton
27-Helen LaForge



Wisdom from Colonial Manor

On a recent visit to Colonial Manor, as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, our Sunday February 20th service reflected on Fr. Wayne Sherrer's message of "forgiveness" regarding Joseph forgiving his brothers for selling him into Egypt. After a short discussion following the reading of the Gospel, one participant mentioned a phrase that has stuck with him for many years: "Forgiveness is a gift to yourself." This resonated with me. Sometimes it is hard to forgive others, but I try to remind myself of this phrase that was a gift to me.

Barbara Olesen

Looking for a Volunteer Webmaster

St. James' is looking for someone with Webmaster experience to maintain and update our website. If you have this kind of experience and are interested in helping out, please contact our parish administrator, Julie Mills, at 908-852-3968 or stjames214@comcast.net.

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St. James' Staff & Vestry

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Wayne Sherrer
Parish Administrator: Julie Mills
Organist: Dmitry Nikolaev
Sexton: Pauline Volkert

Vestry

Senior Warden: Peter Quelly
Junior Warden: David Olesen

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| Meg Critchley | Pam Laura | Anne Dutton |
| Janice Cipriani | Chika Okoye | Kathy Erwood-Lacouture |
| Marvin Walker | Devin O'Connor | Rachel Barber |

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Barbara Olesen, Editor

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March 13th!

