



ST. JAMES' JOURNAL

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Rev. Wayne Sherrer — Priest-in-Charge



God said “I am creating something new. There it is! Do you see it?” Isaiah 43:19

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

For ten years I lived in the Los Angeles area with its steady year-round climate. I missed the seasons I knew growing up in New Jersey, especially spring: the bursting forth of crocus, hyacinth and daffodil, the yellow tendrils of forsythia, their bright colors suddenly announcing that green leaves will soon cover bare branches. Our regional climate in New Jersey is well suited for the celebration of Easter. We sing “Now the green blade rises from the buried grain” and see examples all around us of new life coming forth from the earth.

Yet, the Resurrection of Jesus was not the result of a natural process. It was not expected the way a gardener or farmer expects the bulbs and seeds to sprout. The women who went to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus fully expected his body to be there. Peter, Thomas and the other disciples never expected to see Jesus when they hid from the authorities in that upper room after Jesus was crucified. In the raising of Jesus from the dead, God did a new thing that changed the disciples and changed the world.

As we remove our masks and begin to share the communion cup again, we have a new appreciation for the smiles we see and for our community of faith. Like farmers and gardeners, we expect to see what we have seen before. However, God has other plans. God is creating new opportunities for us to serve the people around us. God sees new possibilities for us to grow in

faith. As it says in Ephesians “God’s power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine” I invite you to our services for Holy Week and Easter and ask you to pray that God’s power will transform you and our parish, so that God will point to us and say “I am creating something new. There it is! Do you see it?”

Maundy Thursday	7pm
Good Friday	7pm
Easter	9am

Yours in the risen Christ,
Fr. Wayne



Awesome Amble

The weather was cool and dry. Half a dozen hardy amblers explored Riverfront Park and Alumni Field on March 27 after church.



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Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale

Thank you to all who participated in the Easter Candy Sale. We made approximately \$489.00 in sales and donations. The money will be transferred into the general fund to help support the mission of the church. The candy should be arriving on or about March 31st. We will contact everyone that purchased candy to arrange for pick up or delivery as soon as it arrives. Thank you again.



Thanks to those who participate in Amazon Smile. This past quarter Amazon donated \$35.86 to our Fundraising Account for those who place orders designating St. James' Hackettstown as recipient. If you are interesting supporting this, please visit:

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Select St. James' Hackettstown as the recipient of donations. A percentage of your order goes to us! You can order under Amazon Prime if you have it, use any promo codes you have and use gift cards as well. See us if you have any questions.

Possible Rummage Sale This Spring

We are looking to hold a rummage sale during the town wide sale in April, but do not have a date yet. Donations of new or gently used items are appreciated and can be dropped off in 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

April Birthdays

- 3-Karina Merchak
- 9-Gerri-Lou Huryk
- 14-William Fleck
- 17-Kathleen Herling
- 21-Jerry Sheard
- 25-William Maier
- 26-Cheryl Perkins
- 28-Michael Fox
- 29-Melissa Volkert



Upcoming Events

- April ?? Possible Rummage Sale-TBD
- April 3rd Annual Meeting after 9 AM Service
- April 10th Palm Sunday 9AM
- April 14th Maundy Thursday-In Person and Online-No Vigil 7PM
- April 15th Good Friday 7PM
- April 16th Christ Church Easter Egg Hunt 10AM
- April 17th Easter Sunday 9AM
- April 24th Journal Articles Due
- April 30th Blessing of the Bicycles
- May 6th-7th Diocesan Convention



May Journal
Articles Due
Sunday, April 24th

Seamen's Church Institute Christmas at Sea

How you can help if you do not knit or crochet

St. James' has been participating in the "Christmas at Sea" program for many years. The "Yarn Twisters" from within and outside of our parish have donated knitted and crocheted hats and scarves to the Seamen's Church Institute in Port Newark/Port Elizabeth for seafarers which are distributed from Thanksgiving to Epiphany. Paul and Phyllis Bartkus, as well as Jerry Sheard, have delivered donations as representatives of St. James' just before Thanksgiving each year.

For those who do not crochet or knit, but would like to help in some way, there are a couple of options. We also collect unused toiletry samples, such as shampoo, soap and lotion that can be obtained at hotel/motel stays at vacation time or business trips. Please think about that as you travel this year. A collection site is located at the courtyard entrance to the church just before you enter.

Another option, closer to the time of delivery, is individually wrapped candies that are left over from Halloween. You can also purchase a bag of individually wrapped candy in the fall. All of the items (a 2-piece knit set, toiletry samples, and candy) are packed into a ditty bag for delivery to U.S. and International seamen aboard their vessels.

The seamen serving on these ships during the cold winter months are truly grateful for all of the gifts they receive and knowing that that are being thought of!



2022 Huryk-Lacouture Meet up



Always a great opportunity to catch up with the Huryk's and their family at the Tim Kenard Charity Run/Walk - 3/20/22 Salisbury, Maryland Peter and Geri Huryk (middle) are former members of St. James' who moved to Maryland, but have very much stayed a part of St. James'!

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.

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