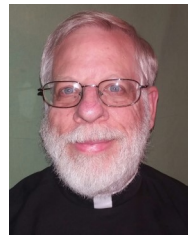


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Rev. Wayne Sherrer — Priest-in-Charge



An Ignatian Retreat

Barbara has invited me to share something about the six-day silent retreat I had during the first week in August and I'm happy to do so. Such retreats have been tremendously important to me over the last 40 years of my parish ministry. Ignatian retreats come in a variety of forms and are based on the Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola who began the Society of Jesus, known to us as the Jesuits.

The Jesuits are deeply committed to preaching and incarnating the love of God. For them this is what the Christian faith is all about. God is love and we are to incarnate and be that love in the world. Pope Francis is a Jesuit.

This retreat, supported by a daily Eucharist, begins by a searching and collecting the many ways God has shown God's love for us and my list was extensive and included my life with you. We are then led to look at and confront honestly the ways in which we have blocked that love; blocked love for God, for others and for ourselves. We do this knowing that, as we face and confess this departure from the way of love, God reaches out to us in love opening the path to enjoying and being pervaded by God's love. The Sacraments of Reconciliation (or Confession) and the Anointing of the Sick are offered as channels of this love for those among us who wish either or both of them. We are then focused on how we are being called to live into and out of this love as we go forward knowing that it is always God's will to embrace us with and use us to spread this love which is the mark of God's kingdom.

I am much blessed to have been able to experience this retreat once again.

Rev. Elizabeth "Betsy" Myers

Death in Our Diocesan Family

The Rev. Arthur K. Wing Former Pastor at St. James'



The Rev. Arthur K. Wing, III (Terry) passed away at the age of 88 on August 1, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Joan (Newton, NJ) and his sons, Arthur (Robin) and his wife Sharlene (Waltham, MA), Dan and his wife Yvette (Montclair, NJ), grandchildren Adam and his wife Harriet (Melbourne, AUS) and Sarah and husband Brian Shoyer (Marlboro, MA). He is also survived by his sister and brother-in-law Delight and Paul Dodyk, nieces and grandniece and nephews. His third son John passed away in 2004.

Terry was born in Newark, NJ, and grew up in Lancaster, PA. and Chatham and Nutley NJ. He graduated from Montclair Academy in 1952, received a B.A. from Lehigh University in 1956, and after two years in the army an M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1961. He was ordained into the Episcopal Diocese of Newark the same year. Terry and Joan met and began dating when they were in high school and married after they both graduated from college. They had three sons – Robin, Dan and John - and recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. Terry and family are also lifelong summer residents of Monterey, MA where they share a family house on Lake Garfield.

Terry ministered to the community around him throughout his working and retired life. He served in a

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parochial capacity in several congregations in the Diocese of Newark – St. Luke’s in Montclair, St. James’ in Hackettstown, St. Paul’s in Englewood, and later St. James’ in Upper Montclair. He also worked with troubled youth at the Holley Center in Hackensack, on the staff of the Ecumenical Center in Manhattan, and became certified as a Hospital Chaplain at the Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn. He found his final calling ministering to adults with developmental disabilities as a Chaplain for the State of New York, initially with the Newark Developmental Disabilities Services Office (DDSO) in Newark, NY and finally with the Letchworth DDSO in Thiels, NY.

Terry was always actively involved in his communities, providing spiritual guidance through youth groups, adult study and education, as supply clergy, and with a variety of youth and community organizations. After his and Joan’s retirements in Suffern, NY they continued to participate in community activities, most notably with the Rockland Senior Volunteer Program “Clowns ‘R’ Us” where they entertained various groups as Beau and Peep, and volunteering with the NY Statewide Senior Action Council.’

To see more about Rev. Wing go to <http://www.smithmccrackenfuneralhome.com/> or

[History by Rev. Arthur Wing \(1965 - 1969\)](#) on the St. James’ website.

We Welcome the Newly Baptized



Fr. Wayne Sherrer baptized Holly Barber, daughter of Christopher and Rachel Barber on Sunday, August 28th. The Barber’s began attending St. James’ 3 years ago, just after Fr. Wayne became our priest and Holly was born in November of that year!

St. James’ Mini Golf Outing 2022

Thanks to everyone who came out to Farmview Golf Club on August 12th. God blessed us with a picture perfect evening for sure. As the sun set over the valley, golfers of all ages had many laughs as we celebrated all skill levels of mini golfing. Prizes (Friendly’s Gift Cards) were awarded to Father Wayne and to Helen La Forge for their scores which were tallied fairly by St James’ counters. There was a photo op and then on to Friendly’s for those ice cream enthusiasts.

Keep an eye and ear out next summer for announcements so you can mark your calendars and come out to enjoy some active fellowship at the 2023 St James’ Mini Golf Outing!

Kathy Lacouture for the
Special Events Committee



All Saints (Nov 6) & Veterans Day (Nov 11)

Please submit names for remembrance no later than October 23rd.
Stjames214@comcast.net or 908-852-3968

Welcome back to Sunday School

starting Sunday, September 11th @ 9 AM with a lesson on the Creation Season

Location: Snyder Hall

Please contact the church office for additional information.

Stewardship

As we segue into Fall, with its' shorter days, cooler nights (prayerfully), and the spectacular "light show" of the changing leaves, we Episcopalians faithfully recognize that the annual Stewardship Campaign is a hallmark of the changing seasons. The Church asks for generous contributions of your time, your talent, and your treasure.

I want to have a frank discussion with you about this concept of "stewardship." Those of us at a certain age who've accomplished ocean travel (I've limited my water borne voyages to the Circle Line, although in 1978, I did have to board an ocean liner via the Jacob's Ladder from the deck of a heaving tugboat in angry seas-this is where your faith comes in) know that the well-heeled passengers were assigned a steward; a person who assured their comfort by competently attending to their every need. In other words, to holistically care for the assigned passengers during the duration of the journey.

The parable of the Good Samaritan does come to mind. The Samaritan (a despised sect) traveler saw the injured and waylaid civilian by the side of the road, after others had bypassed, as well as ignored him, tended to his extensive wounds, put him on his donkey, and deposited him at a hostelry. His charity could've ended there, but didn't. He gave the innkeeper two denarii (a lot of dough in those days!) and also charged him that he would return in a few days, and if any other ancillary expenses were incurred in the care of the traveler, he would gladly pay them. That Samaritan evinced a sterling example of extravagant love for his fellow man. Of course, we don't know if the Samaritan ever did return, or if any other expenses were incurred, but we hold fast to the exhibited kindnesses from someone who could have just easily mimicked the

priest, who, when he happened upon the waylaid traveler, conveniently crossed the street.

Contrast this wonderful parable with Jesus' telling of the king who forgave all debts during a Jubilee. One of the forgiven debtors, giddy at the prospect of his liberation from the obligation to repay what he owed the king, promptly seized upon a convenient bout of Amnesia, rounded up those debtors who owed him, and demanded full recompense. Mercy? Fuhgeddabout it! When word got back to the king about this particular debtor's mendacity, the king had him arrested, until he could repay the full amount owed. The old adage about "one's often meeting himself/herself, coming around the corner" applies here; generosity begets generosity, and parsimoniousness begets.....you get the idea.

Stewardship? It's about your time; your talent; and your treasure. Speaking frankly, treasure is a fancy euphemism for money. We Christians are called upon to be good stewards of the Church, and these three essential elements assist in fulfilling our commitments to many vibrant ministries, to maintain an appealing sanctuary in which to worship God, and to alleviate suffering among those we do not know. No; money isn't everything, but it ranks right up there with oxygen. And no, Stewardship is not transactional; we contribute through proportional giving, or we tithe, because we believe; in our Christian faith, in gratitude for the bounty which God has bestowed upon us, and because we are gratefully returning to God that which He has mercifully given to us. Bishop Mark Beckwith (predecessor of Bishop Hughes) used to always work into his stewardship messages matters of fervent faith, diminished by (his words) "The Killer B's: Buildings, Boilers, and Budgets." Physical, but essential nuisances that prevent our having to covertly hijack the Great Meadow Field of Dreams every Sunday. Fortunately, due to your generosity, none of these elements detracts from our joyful Sunday worship.

You will be hearing more about Stewardship, and not to the point of an obligatory (and soulless) message “loop” telling you to raid your grandchildren’s 529 Plan and write the Church a fat check. Nope; that won’t assure you a place in heaven, either. We remember what Jesus told the inquiring young man about selling his possessions (of which he had many), and then, come and follow him. The young man sadly departed, because he measured himself (and I’d guess his worth as a human being) by his wealth. Stewardship, if viewed as begrudgingly obligatory, means that the point is being missed. John Wesley (unless I’m mangling his quote) said: “Do the good all you can, when you can, and while you can.” This season of Stewardship is not a call to asceticism; it’s a call to enduring gratitude. Do stay tuned.

The Junior Warden
AKA Marvin Walker



Awesome Amble #6

We will be meeting at 9 AM at Bread Lock Park on Route 57, behind OK 4 Wheel Drive just west of New Village. Lock 7 West became known as “Bread Lock Park” because the store at the end of the lock sold goods to boatmen, including homemade bread and pies. A short section of the canal has been cleared and a nature trail branches off from the canal towpath. Hope to see you there!

Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale

The Fundraising Committee will not be holding a Christmas Candy Sale this year. Rising candy costs, along with a \$1,000 minimum order and a large shipping cost made us realize this is not something we can do this year.

Please watch out for our “Raise Right” (formally “Shop with Scrip”) Christmas Gift Card Program.

As always, thanks for supporting fundraising for St. James’. If you have ideas for creative fundraising, feel free to speak with us!

Anne Dutton and Barbara Olesen

Ways to Donate

Stewardship As many of us already know, Stewardship does not happen just once a year. Stewardship encompasses many more aspects of our church experience than just money. However, the money that is donated by faithful parishioners allows the church to maintain our grounds and buildings, compensate our staff, as well as to do outreach projects that are so greatly needed. The reason for the focus on donations at this time of year is to help the Finance Committee and Vestry develop a budget for the coming year.

Our website outlines the many ways that parishioners can donate, but I will list them here for your convenience.

- You can donate in the traditional way, by using envelopes designated for each Sunday and for specific accounts and purposes. There is no fee for this method.
- You can request a form from the office to designate your scheduled contribution via VANCO or you can fill out the form online using the Vanco Mobile app. This is used by many of our parishioners, but please know that the church is assessed a service fee for using it.
- You can also set up a scheduled donation from your checking account if you do online banking. There is no service fee, and a popular option used by our parishioners.

If you have questions, please contact the office or a Vestry member for further assistance. Thank you for your continue support.

Janice Cipriani
Treasurer



*“Greetings from
South Carolina”*



Hello,

Hoping everyone is well and enjoyed the summer; we have had an unusual amount of rain down here in the South.

I continue to knit for the Seamen’s Church Institute “Christmas at Sea” program at Port Newark. I am sure they will once again be overwhelmed with the amount of donations they receive from near and far. Christmas at Sea now has its own Facebook page – “Untangled”. It is wonderful to see all of the different designs and colors that are donated. I find it very inspiring.

Personally I have mastered knitting on “circular needles” – why didn’t I do this before since my seam sewing is not so great!

Attached is a photograph of the items I shipped to SCI in August.

I am sure the Fall colors are beginning to break out in N.W. New Jersey, along with cooler weather. Both Dan and I miss our St. James’ family.

Best wishes,

Linda Miller



[St. James' Episcopal Church Hackettstown](#)



Linda Miller’s creations for the Seamen’s Church Institute “Christmas at Sea” program.

September Birthdays

09/02 Tom Niessen
09/05 Diane Clark
09/07 Jean Glaser
09/08 Peter Hubert
09/10 Jillian Martin
09/14 Martha Travostino
09/18 Joel Contreras
09/17 Marie Niculcea
09/18 Cynthia Nolan
09/18 Paul Bartkus
09/21 Gareth Jenkins
09/23 Peter Quelly
09/25 Michael Aron
09/25 Bill Hannigan
09/29 Mildred Sherrer
09/29 Peter Isaac Quelly
09/30 Amelia Vitalos



Upcoming Events

September 11 Sunday School Starts
September 24 Awesome Amble
September 25 October Journal Articles Due
October 2 Feast of St. Francis/Blessing of the Animals
October 16 Stewardship Kickoff
October 23 Names for All Saints/Veterans Due to Julie Mills in Church Office
October 30 Sunday School Halloween Party

October Journal

Articles Due

Sunday, September 25th

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