

August

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A Word from the Vicar

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (For the Good Use of Leisure, BCP p. 825)

Once again, I begin with thanks. I have been incredibly blessed this summer to have been afforded time for rest and recreation, service to the Church, and opportunities to reflect deeply about matters of faith. During this time I have been challenged physically, spiritually and intellectually. The pictures included are just starting points for conversations I would love to have with anyone who asks.

Blessings,

Martha +



A hike on Mount Mitchell: Started at 6600' descended to 5500' and went back up again!

Last night at the beach...
A beautiful full moon!



Serving as a page in the House of Deputies.



At the top!



On retreat to paint this icon of Raphael.

Fresco of the prodigal.



Oil Festival & Kayak/Canoe River Float

We have a few more activities to add to our summer agenda.

On Sat., Aug. 11 the Oil Festival Parade will be held. As in the past few years, we will be selling hotdogs, bottled water and cotton candy. The sale will be held from 10 AM-1 PM in front of the Parish Hall. The monies made from the sale will be deposited into the Youth Camp Fund. Volunteers are needed to help in all areas from set-up, selling and tearing down. The Youth who went to Camp Nazareth this year will be helping with the sale along with adults from the parish. If you are available to help out for this event, please see Lori Powell or Lynn Gagnon.

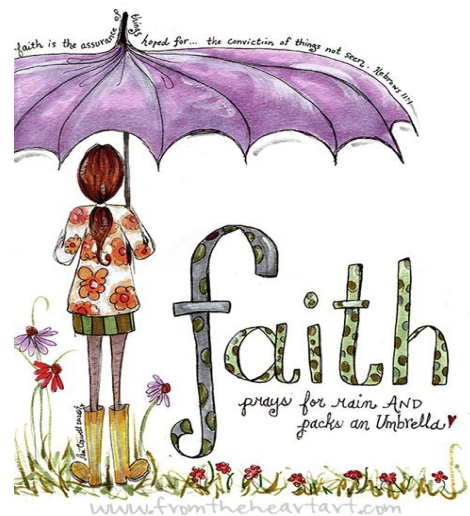
On Sun., Aug. 26 we will be kayaking and/or canoeing down the Allegheny River. We will gather in Franklin at the OARS rentals. We will gather at OARS after church. We have rented vessels from this business in the past. This will be our third annual trip. The cost of the vessel is \$30 each. If you have never participated in this float, it is well worth the money. You will need to have a supply of sunscreen, water and any snacks you may want to take along in your kayak/canoe. It is approximately a 3 hr. float depending on the current of the water and how quickly or slowly you want to arrive at Vicar Martha's home. Martha along with other parishioners, who do not want to arrive at her place by vessel, will be gathering in the afternoon for a cook-out once the water folks arrive. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall next to the sign-up sheet for coffee hour. It is important to sign-up ASAP if you plan to rent a kayak/canoe so that we can inform OARS as to how many rentals we need. You can also bring your own canoe or kayak and float along with us!! Hope to see you on the river!! Anyone who is planning to attend either the water event or picnic only is asked to bring a dish to share with others.

See you on the river,

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REV. WILLIAM A. FRENCH

Many of you may already know that Father Bill died on Friday, July 13, 2018 in Brookville, PA. Father Bill served as Rector at St. James from spring 2004 – summer 2011. His funeral was held on Tuesday, July 17 at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Brookville. If you would like to make a memorial contribution they may be made in his name to the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 62 Pickering Way, Brookville, PA 15825 or to the Brookville Food Pantry.



Notes from the Bishop's Warden

It hardly seems possible that we are rapidly approaching the month of August. It doesn't seem to me that St. James Episcopal church parishioners slow down even during the summer months. We are always planning, participating and anticipating what we need to do to strengthen our church family and continuing to grow in our faith. Vicar Martha has shown us ways to accomplish the tasks we have before us.

I think we can all agree that Martha works tirelessly for St. James as well with all of her other responsibilities within the Diocese. One example of her dedication to the parishioners is the diversity of Deacons and Lay persons that agreed to preach at St. James for Sunday worship during her absence in the month of July.

On Sunday, July 1 we were led in Deacon's Mass w/ Communion by the Rev. Dorothy Konyha. She is a Deacon at St. Paul's Cathedral in Erie. One of her responsibilities is working with the homeless in Erie. She works with the food pantry program and is involved in other areas of need.

On Sunday, July 8 we had Morning Prayer. The Officiant of this service was Dona Clendenin and she was assisted by Randy Galmish. We are fortunate to have these two faithful members of the St. James family capable of leading us in worship. The Lay Preacher on this Sun., was John Wise who is an Aspirant from St. Clement's in Greenville. He is also a professor at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

On Sunday, July 15 Rev. David Betz, who is a Deacon at St. John's in Franklin led us in a Deacon's Mass w/ Communion. He is very active in the Franklin Community. His primary ministry focus is for the homeless at Emmaus Haven in Franklin and pastoral care.

On Sunday, July 22, Rev. Tricia Lavery, who is a Deacon at the Church of Epiphany in Grove City as well as Memorial Church of our Father in Foxburg led us in a Deacon's Mass w/ Communion. She preached on being weary, needing a rest. We all need time to reflect and rest.

As I write this article, we have not yet heard the words that Rev. David Betz will deliver

No doubt it will be another learning session for us as we hear him deliver his sermon.

My point in writing this article is to show the different messages/viewpoints that have been presented to us during the month of July. I am grateful and give thanks to each of these presenters for their willingness to share their time and the delivery of a wide range of sermons with the parishioners of St. James Church!

Love,

Nani



*Be a flower in someone's garden.
Pray for others.*



SOUP KITCHEN NEWS!



Every Tuesday, people from all walks of life gather to share a meal together at the Saint James Soup Kitchen. The kitchen crew arrives early to start the food preparations. By 9:00, a few folks have already found a seat at their favorite table, in anticipation of the noon meal, with hope that the coffee is ready early. It usually is. Fellowship is a big part of Soup Kitchen, especially for senior citizens who make up more than half of the weekly participants.



Creating a welcoming presence and extending the hand of hospitality is central to our mission as a church, whether it be a Tuesday or a Sunday.



For those who need help with their groceries, there is weekly bread and often frozen meat donated by Giant Eagle to take home after lunch. Food bags are given out twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesday. Many have expressed their appreciation for the help they receive. So many people are one expensive prescription, or one car repair bill, or one big fuel bill away from not being able to buy food. People face tough choices every week. The Soup Kitchen and Food Cupboard help fill the gap.



Soup Kitchen Stats and Dates



Meals served in June: 436

Food bags given out: 115 Extra bag of meat given out: 76



Meals served in July: 386



Food bags given out: 83 Extra bag of meat given out: 76



Next Bag Days: August 14 and 28



Submitted by: Eda Scales





I have never let my schooling interfere with my education. - *Mark Twain*

Wow! Where

did the summer go?

Seems like we just jumped in the pool and now we're thinking ahead to winter coats and boots! Some stores already have their Christmas items in! (Hopefully they wait to put them out.) Christmas in July they call it! Call it what they want... I call it way too early and the seasons are just rushing by us.

I hope you all had a fun summer with your family and friends. Everyone drive safely as all the children head

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 * A little boy *
 * came home *
 * from his first *
 * day at school. *
 * Mother asks, *
 * 'What did you *
 * learn today?' *
 * He replies, *
 * 'Not enough. I *
 * have to go back *
 * tomorrow.' *
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS	
Jesse Sellen	5th
Ann Jameson	14th
Erick Jackson	17th
Kali Sampson	21st
Jan Carr	22nd
Agnes Proper	24th
Ronnie Feroz	25th
Mary Barker	26th
Gay Campbell	29th
Gene Brown	30th

Thank you to everyone who filled out the blue sheets with your special family dates!

If anyone gets missed, please slip me a note under the office door, email or call and I'll get your information in!

Thanks again for all your help and



Just for Fun

A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday to spend the day hiking in the wilderness. Rounding a sharp bend in the trail, he collided with a bear and was sent tumbling down a steep grade. He landed on a rock and broke both legs.

With the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, the preacher prayed,

"O Lord, I'm so sorry for skipping services today. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish—make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me!"

At that very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to his knees, clasped his paws together, and began to pray aloud at the preacher's feet:

"Dear God, please bless this food I am about to receive."

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied,

"They will in a minute."

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