

JUNE/JULY HAPPENINGS 2016

St. James Episcopal Church, Amesbury

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Fr. John's Reflections

Dear Parish Family,

It has been a very busy couple of months here at St. James. Holy Week was full of different services and events as we walked the way of the cross with Our Lord. Along with our traditional services and events, the week included some new offerings this year such as a youth interactive Stations of the Cross and a supper with Easter Egg Dyeing prior to our Maundy Thursday service. We celebrated a wonderful Easter Vigil with the Lower Merrimack Collaborative of which I continue to hear only good things. The vestry had its retreat where we were able to look at, list and begin to figure out how to meet some of our long-term goals for our Church including, welcoming new members through our doors and becoming more present within the Amesbury community.

The new Women's group, Women on the Journey, has begun and is off to a great start. Our Youth have been very busy with outings and community service projects both in and outside the Church, such as renovating our Chapel and planning for Relay for Life. We as a parish were blessed to host this year's Diocesan Youth Council's (DYC) Senior Send-Off and have the whole DYC participate at our 10am service on May 1. The new Young Adults Group has had its first couple of gatherings too sharing in fun and fellowship

We have also had two cleanup weekends and were able to make our Church shine as well as tackle some big projects like scraping and re-staining the back porch all in preparation for Pentecost and Bishop Harris' joyous Visitation among us. Together we celebrated the coming of the Holy Ghost, Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation and the Bishop blessed many wonderful additions to our parish, including a new Altar in our Chapel. It was a busy and exciting spring with our doors open to many wonderful events.

Summer comes at just the right time, a time to rest and recharge as we move from the business of spring in both our religious and secular lives to hopefully a relaxing July and August. Please remember, our Church is always open during the summer and we will celebrate Holy Eucharist every Sunday at 8am and 10am with lemonade on the front steps after the 10am Liturgy. I hope to see many of you each Sunday as the summer progresses.

We have already begun planning for an exciting fall. We are looking forward to another great year where our doors are open inviting our community to find God in our midst through spiritual renewal and refreshment, engaging programs, education and events for all ages, in a place where Jesus Christ is worshipped and celebrated and where all are always welcome.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. John



Vestry Meeting

Our Vestry will meet on Tuesday, June 14th at 7pm in Fr. John's office.



Summer Lawn Care

Do you have one hour a week during the summer to help us with the cutting & trimming of our church lawn?

If you do, please help us keep our grounds looking nice during the summer months. Lawn Care is cutting and trimming of the grass. A push mower is located in the Church or you can use your own.

We are looking for folks to come once a week prior to the upcoming Sunday. If you are able to help with lawn care one week or more, **please** let us know.

If you have questions or wish to sign up you may send us an e-mail atstjames.office@verizon.net or give us a call at 978-388-0030.

Many hands make for light work!



Monday, June 6th: "Life of a King."

We will gather at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall and the movie will begin around 7pm.

Refreshments will not be provided however everyone is welcome to bring their own refreshment and snack; we only ask that you make sure to clean-up after yourself.

So bring a friend and enjoy an evening of fellowship.
Admission is free.

Any questions please see Pat McBride or Kim Potts.



Join us at the Amesbury Relay for Life

The Amesbury Relay for Life will be held on June 18th at 4pm held at Landry Stadium.
Please join us on our Bishop Tom's Team!

To join our team and/or make a donation,
click on the link below:

[Bishop Tom's Team](#)



**Women on the Journey
St. James Women's Group**

Next Meeting is June 18, 2016

To all the Women of St. James,

Experience the meaning of the group's theme "Deepening Our Faith."
Guest speaker on June 18th is Julia Steer. We will talk about
"Deepening Our Faith in Our Every Day Lives."

10:00 am: Coffee and conversation
10:30 am - 12:30 pm promptly: Program

- Get to know each other in a fun, fast, "non-presentational" format (no one needs to talk unless she wants to).
- Talk about how to live what we experience together.
- Pray and celebrate!

The Women on the Journey collectively wrote their Collect, which will be said at each meeting:

*God, our creator and constant companion,
Who is our guide and mentor, pouring into our hearts
Love, Trust and Compassion.
Guide us through centering thoughts and calmness of heart,
So that we may bring forth, Love, Compassion and Inspiration through
our words and actions.
In Jesus name we pray. Amen.*

If you have any questions, please contact one of the group's leaders listed below:

Pam Fenner, 978-388-1450, pjfenner@mac.com
Paulette Nolan, 978-918-4359, paulette.nolan@sap.com
Kim Potts, 978 397-8233, kimberlypotts12581@yahoo.com

Please Join Us!

**SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, June 26th at 12:00pm**



ST. JAMES ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Our annual Parish Picnic will be held on
Sunday, June 26th at 12:00-3:00pm.

This is a fun time for fellowship, food and outdoor fun!

The picnic will be held at Moseley Woods in Newburyport. A picnic area, pavilion, restrooms, playground and play area as well as hiking trails along the Merrimack River are all available for a fun time for all ages.

We will provide water, sandwiches and chips. Please bring a chair or blanket and, if able, an appetizer, dessert or side dish!

Alcohol is prohibited. The pavilion and restrooms at the park are handicap accessible.

For directions and information about Moseley Woods, click [here](#).

We hope to see you there!

Located at 14 Spofford Street, Newburyport, MA 01950 (end of Merrimack Street, at the rotary).



Caregivers Lunch
Market Street Baptist Church
37 Market Street, Amesbury

Saturday, June 25th from 12:00- 2:00 pm
Cost is \$5 to cover the lunch.
Open to all.

This event is for those who have been called to care for ailing loved ones to connect with other caregivers and to hear from the experiences of others. Ruth John (mother to the Pastor) will share her experiences and wisdom as a caregiver for 20 years.

Please register in advance by contacting church office at 978-388-0930 or send e-mail to: msbcsec@verizon.net.



May Highlights

- Congratulations to Anna Iacobucci and Will Mauch who were recently confirmed during the Bishop's parish visit.
- On May 21st, the youth enjoyed an afternoon of Laser tag and pizza with Father John. Thirteen youth members including guests were in attendance. It was a BLAST!

June Events

- June 5th will be our last Godly play class and nursery care as we break for the summer. The students will join the parish during announcements to receive their certificate and gift. All

teachers and leaders will also be presented with a gift of appreciation. We invite everyone to coffee hour following the 10 AM service for some summer treats.

- We are still looking for volunteers to sign up for lawn care. If you need community hours, it would be away to earn hours. Please contact either Janice or Father John at 978-388-0030 orstjames.office@verizon.net. If every youth member could sign up just once over the period of June thru August, we would greatly appreciate it.
- Parents and youth members please review the lay ministry schedule for the summer. Every trained student has been scheduled for once a month. If there are any conflicts please let me know as soon as possible for planning purposes.
- The Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) application is currently available online at www.diomassyouth.org. Applications are due by August 18th. The program is designed for students 10th thru 12th grade. Remember even current members have to reapply.
- Summer camp at BCH registration is currently online at www.bchcenter.org. The first session starts 6/26 and last session is 7/24. Scholarships are available, please contact Jenn Collins or Father John.

July Events

- Family Camp at BCH is scheduled for July 15th thru July 17th. Registration is online at www.bchcenter.org.
- Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) week at BCH is scheduled for July 24th thru July 29th. The program is designed for up and coming 9th & 10th graders. Registration is currently online at www.diomassyouth.org. Scholarships are available, contact Jenn Collins or Father John.



Beginning on Sunday, June 19th after the 10am service, fellowship will happen on the front steps of St. James with "Lemonade on the Steps."

If you are able to host a summer Sunday of Lemonade, please let us know!

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild invites anyone who is interested in knowing more about this ministry or who are interested in joining to let us know. There are many rewards in serving as an Altar Guild member such as: a unique sense of fellowship and community, the opportunity to contribute to our worship in a powerful way and the experience of inner peace and centeredness one feels when preparing God's Altar.

You are also welcome to shadow this role with Beth Mauch for a Sunday or two as a step in your discernment process for a new and rewarding ministry. Please feel free to ask Beth for more information. You may contact Beth via e-mail at beth@themauchs.com or see her at St. James on any given Sunday!

Men's Group at St. James

The Men's Group at St. James meets Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall immediately following the 8am service to read aloud and discuss appointed selections in the Holy Bible and related resources. They learn about the circumstances of Biblical events, their significance and the people involved. We encourage men of St. James and their friends to join the group.

For information contact Arthur Yarranton at 978-364-4749 or Mort Gilbert at 978-388-3831.

The St. James Visual Arts Gallery

Those who are enthusiastically involved in various forms of visual art are encouraged to submit their work for display in the St. James visual Arts Gallery.

The Gallery's predominant theme is "Gratitude for God's Blessings." What, then, are you artists, great and small, thankful for? Clergy? Friends and family? Events? Purple mountain majesty above the fruited plain? Learning to whistle? What will you bring to St. James Church's art ministry?

Your choices should also reflect the gallery's two rotating secondary themes, i.e., subjects and events associated with the months of November through April and those associated with the months of May

through October. Both periods, one colder, one warmer, open all kinds of possibilities by which to express artistically, gratitude for God's blessings. If you are interested in displaying your art work, please talk with Mort Gilbert for further details.



3rd. Annual RockCANRun Fundraiser for Our Neighbors' Table

Hi, my name is Andre and I am 11 years old and in the 5th grade at the Amesbury Middle School. My whole life I have been running and helping at road races with my mom and dad. I am wicked excited to bring the Rock CAN Run Hard and Loud Mile race to Amesbury for its 3rd year! It's going to be HARD because the course goes up Powow Hill (past my house) and you will be carrying 5 cans of food to be donated to Our Neighbors' Table (Carrying the food is optional but please bring them to the starting line anyway).

In its first two years, the Rock CAN Run has already raised enough money to provide 8,000 meals to people in our community who need our help. And all of that came just from the people running and walking the race. This year, we are adding a special feature that will allow you to also collect donations from your family and friends. You're doing all the running and heavy lifting, but let them know they can make a difference too!

2016 Goal: 5,000 meals!

If each of our runners, walkers, and volunteers collects \$50 in donations from family and friends,
we CAN achieve our goal!

[Click here to register to walk or run.](#)

Event Details:

Saturday, June 18, 2016: 9:00am start time.

Start Location:

Nicholas Costello Transportation Center
68 Elm Street, Amesbury, MA

Finish Location:

Bachelor Park, Powow Hill, Amesbury

Runners and fans are welcome to come to the Finish Line Party!

Runners/Walkers/Volunteers, download a pledge form by visiting ONT's website and click on Events/RockCANRun.

Online donation page coming soon.

Click [here](#) to view ONT's website.



June/July Food Donations

During the months of June/July we will be collecting Juice Boxes, Nutritional Trail Bars, Individual Fruit Cups, Assorted Cereal Variety Packs, Peanut Butter Individual Packets, jars of Peanut Butter, Almond Butter, Jelly/Jam, Tuna Fish, Mayo, canned fruit and cereal for ONT.

Also, personal items such as deodorant, mouthwash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc., are always in need.

Click
[here](#) to view ONT's website.

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Blessings and Peace to All!

The Rev. John Satula