

**283rd Parish Annual Meeting Sunday,
June 4, 2016 at 10:00 am ~
ONE Service Followed By Parish Picnic**

Under our June schedule of Annual Meetings begun three years ago we announce that the 283rd Annual Meeting of the parish is scheduled for **Sunday, June 4, 2017 at ONE 10 am service which is Pentecost Sunday this year**, here at the church. By moving it to June, the focus of the Annual Meeting is to celebrate the life of the community that has taken place from September through June (the program year), and the presentation of the Annual Report. *Wear red in honor of the Holy Spirit.*

There will also be an election for new members on the Vestry and for delegates to Diocesan Convention, which is generally held in October. The Voting List is posted on the bulletin boards; if you think there are any changes to be made, please contact Fr. Ron as soon as possible.

We will have Holy Communion in church followed by the business meeting and vote upstairs in Punderson Hall followed by a picnic outside.

The parish will provide paper goods, burgers, hotdogs, and drinks. You are invited to bring salads and other side dishes, and desserts, to share.

A written parish report will be sent to everyone in the parish via mail and be available the week prior to the meeting. If you would like to submit an article for the annual report please contact Fr. Ron ASAP.

So come and celebrate all God's goodness that is made manifest through the community that is St. James' Poquetanuck Church.

Our Annual Liz Harris Memorial / Cannonball Run Road Race to be held on Thursday, June 22, 2017 and the Tabaka Cannon booms at 7:00 pm (Here's a call out to all SJC famous bakers!)

This benefit road race was started by the Rev. David Cannon in

1992 to honor Liz Harris, a Preston resident who had dedicated her life to help children as director of Preston Parks & Rec Department and in all aspects of her activities. Hundreds of children through the years have been able to participate in camps throughout the state because of the financial assistance from the Liz Harris Memorial/Cannonball Run.

This “fun run” is a one-mile flat USATF certified course that raises money to send children to camp who would otherwise not be able to attend without financial assistance. This community-wide event is also designed for everyone to participate, either by running or walking with family and friends, strolling babies in buggies, pets “walking” their people, coming out to cheer everyone on, baking finger-food goodies for refreshments after the race, helping to set up or clean up, cutting watermelon, donating white elephants for prizes, or simply praying for good weather!

You will find a race registration form on Page 5. **Please note these two deadlines: pre-registration date of June 19 for reduced fee of \$16 (otherwise \$18 registration fee) for the registration form found on Page 5 of this newsletter, and July 1 for the scholarship application form found on Page 7 of this newsletter.** Please consider helping to send a child to camp. Checks may be made payable to St. James LHCBR. We have also received many heart-warming thank-you notes written by the children through the years!

It's only a mile to make a kid smile!

**St. James Poquetanuck
is in need of
new choir robes, and some FUNdraisers are being planned!**

Be on the lookout for announcements of upcoming fundraisers:

A raffle which will include:

**Handmade quilt by
Myra Day
2 Tickets to the Comix Club at Mohegan Sun
PEAK© 600 Amp Portable Jump Starter**

**Sunday Special 5:30 pm Gathering at Preston Ridge Winery \$15
ticket includes 1 glass of wine & homemade hors-d'oeuvres. Portion
of all wine sales go to fundraiser.**

Thank you, Ann & Steve Sawyer!

Other ideas:

**Car Wash & Bake Sale
Campfire & Sing-along**

**Irish Jam Session
Butter Braids
International Food Potluck
Sunday Breakfast
Game Night Potluck
Movie Night
Learn How to Dance Cajun
Karaoke Night
Balloon Pop
Field Day & Picnic**

Maybe you have some ideas—let us know!

*You are cordially
Invited to attend*

**FREE SPAGHETTI DINNER
FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017
3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

St. James' Church Poquetanuck (Preston)

This dinner is being offered to the community to raise awareness and funds for our friends in Puyo, Ecuador who need our help in rebuilding their community after damaging floods.

A continuous running video will show photos of the work done on our prior mission trips by members of St. James' along with members of the Episcopal Churches in Gales Ferry, Mystic, New London, Niantic, Norwich, Stonington, and Yantic.

A free will offering will be graciously accepted.

Please join us for dinner, and if you can, please help

us host or sponsor this event and mission trip.

Volunteers are always needed!
There is a sign-up sheet upstairs in Punderson Hall.

