

Weekly e-Epistle from St. James' Mill Creek Wilmington, Delaware

Issued: July 25, 2018 Feast of St. James the Apostle

This Week: 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Service Times (Summer) 8:00am & 9:30am

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A Word from Fr. Jim: "Hunger"

Two of the Bible readings for this Sunday (<u>2 Kings 4:42-44</u> and <u>John 6:1-</u> <u>21</u>) deal with crowds who were hungry - physically hungry. We've all experienced hunger, that discomforting feeling in our bodies caused by the lack of food. The only thing that will make the feeling of hunger go away is to find something to eat. Most of us are blessed with the capacity

to acquire what we need, and so we eat and are filled. We may even have the resources to help feed others who for one reason or another lack their 'daily bread'.

When our hunger is spiritual, however, we cannot feed ourselves. It is then that we turn to God, the source of all goodness, and in humility seek to be filled. In the words of Saint Paul taken from another Bible reading for this Sunday, *"I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love." (Ephesians 3:14-17).*

The Way of God is The Way of Love, and we have been invited by our Presiding Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, to seek to satisfy the spiritual hunger of our lives by engaging in <u>The Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life</u>. Then, as followers of Jesus Christ, we will be fed and strengthened to be God's agents to help meet both the physical and spiritual hungers that are all around us.

In the coming weeks be looking for an invitation to LEARN, one of the Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life, by joining me in a study of the Bible that will take us from Genesis to the Book of Revelation in 26 weeks. This will not be a reading of every book and letter of the Bible, but of the overarching story of God's love as expressed in creation, the call of people to faith, the life and resurrection of Jesus, the spread of the Gospel, and the teachings of the early Church.



from Bishop Kevin Brown

EMMANUEL DINING ROOM MINISTRY

Our summer lunch dates are July 31 and August 31

Thanks to your ongoing generosity and support, we are grateful that there is no need to ask for donations for the: 1200 ounces of tuna, 10 large containers of mayo, 10 jars of relish, 10 jars of dijon mustard, 400 sub rolls, 4 five-pound bags of shredded lettuce and 30 pounds of tomatoes, 400 bags of chips, 160 pounds of bananas, 800 cookies, 34 loaves of bread, 20 jars of peanut butter and 30 jars of jam, and 10 gallons of milk! Those we serve at Emmanuel Dining Room thank you, again, for your generosity!

Food Prep: Monday, July 30, and Thursday, August 30, 9am-11am

We'd love to have your help with the food preparation in the Parish Hall kitchen making tuna salad, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and baking cookies.

Serving Lunch: Tuesday, July 31 and Friday, August 31

If you are interested and/or available to help serve, we will be at the Emmanuel Dining Room East, 226 North Walnut St, Wilmington and serve from 11:30 am - 1 pm please talk with Pat or Cindy.

We hope you will join us for some or all of these opportunities for fellowship and outreach to those in need. If you have questions or are able to join us, please **contact Pat Minor 302-738-3753 or Cindy Fauerbach 301-584-8053.**

Many many thanks, . . . Pat Minor, Ginny Dennis, Gail Coverdale, and Cindy Fauerbach

LAST WEEK TO DONATE to Back to School – Adopt-A-Family

In 2016, donations to Adopt-A-Family helped send 1,351 students back to school with the backpacks, clothes, and supplies they needed. In 2017, the number 1,424 students. The people of Saint James' have always generously supported this program and your help for students in need is requested again this year. Please make out checks to "St. James' Church" with 'Adopt-A-Family' in the memo line. A single check then will be sent to Adopt-a-Family. Donations may be placed in the collection plates at church services this

FAMILY PROMISE at ST. JAMES'

Next Host Week begins Sunday, August 12

August 12 starts our final host week for Family Promise this year! This is a wonderful ministry, where we make space in our Parish home and our hearts to care for families in need. We are in need of volunteers for:

- Set-up after the 9:30 am service
- Dinner Hosts
- Overnight Hosts
- Bringing in donations for breakfasts and lunches
- Take-down Sunday, August 19th, at 9 am

Sign-up sheets are in the church or available at Lemonade in the Circle. Please call or text Val Brunson at 302-476-5067 or <u>email Val</u> if you have any questions.

Upcoming Family Promise Volunteer Training

There will be two opportunities to get refresher training prior to our next host week of August 12th, both at St. James' Parish Hall! The Training Dates are:

- Tuesday, July 31 at 6:30 PM, desserts provided
- Sunday, August 5 after 9:30 am service, light brunch provided

These sessions are for those just getting started as well as our seasoned pros to provide information and share best practices. Please call or text Val Brunson at 302-476-5067 or or <u>email Val</u> if you have any questions.

Breakfast/Lunch Coordinator Wanted

Interested in getting more involved with our Family Promise ministry? We are looking to add someone new to our Family Promise coordinator team, specifically someone to coordinate our breakfast and lunch program.

The Breakfast/Lunch Coordinator is the person responsible for ensuring our guest families have food and supplies for making breakfasts and lunches for the week. The way the role has been structured so far, the coordinator:

- Solicits donations from the congregation for food stuffs several weeks prior to the start of the week
- Organizes and sets up donations so families can have access for preparation
- Shops for additional items needed or asks on-call shoppers to pick up additional items
- Coordinates and acts as liaison for persons wishing to provide special meals such as Saturday or Sunday breakfast
- Cleans up and dispositions extra food at the end of the week

If you are interested or want to find out more, please see one of your Family Promise Coordinators or call or text Val Brunson at 302-476-5067 or <u>email Val</u>. Training will be provided. There is room to grow this and make it your own.

Thanks in advance, from your Family Promise Coordinators: Val Brunson, Dave Perry, Nancy Prettyman, Eileen Marvel, Jennifer Idell, and Susan Winward

Upcoming Services and Events

Click on a month below for the appropriate Servers' Schedules

JULY AUGUST

Sunday, July 29 - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00am HOLY EUCHARIST in Church
- 9:30am HOLY EUCHARIST with music in Church
- 10:45am Lemonade In-The-Circle

Monday, July 30

• 9:00-11:00am - Food Preparation for Emmanuel Dining Room

Tue, July 31st

- 9:00am Weekly Bazaar Workshop
- 11:30am-1:00pm Serve Lunch at Emmanuel Dining Room
- 6:30pm Family Promise Volunteer Training (desserts provided)

Wednesday, Aug 1

- 9:30am HOLY EUCHARIST in Church
- 10:15am Bible Study in Parish House lounge

Sunday, August 5 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00am HOLY EUCHARIST in Church
- 9:30am HOLY EUCHARIST with music in Church
- 10:45am Lemonade In-The-Circle
- 11:00am Family Promise Volunteer Training (light brunch provided)

Tuesday, August 7

• 9:00am - Weekly Bazaar Workshop

Wednesday, August 8

- 9:30am HOLY EUCHARIST in Church
- 10:15am Bible Study in Parish House lounge

Sunday, August 12 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00am HOLY EUCHARIST in Church
- 9:30am HOLY EUCHARIST with music in Church
- 10:45am Lemonade In-The-Circle
- 11:00am SET UP for FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK

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