



# Weekly e-Epistle

from

St. James' Mill Creek  
Wilmington, Delaware

Issued: December 5, 2018

## This Week: Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

Service Times 8:00am & 10:15am

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### A word from Fr. Jim: *"Prepare"*

Over and over, the message of the Advent season is "prepare." The prophets preach repentance to prepare the way for our salvation, to prepare the way of the Lord, to get our lives in order to receive the King of kings and Lord of lords. We all certainly spend a lot of effort preparing our homes for Christmas, and rightfully so for we couldn't possibly put everything together at the last minute. However, it is our spiritual preparation during Advent that will truly get us ready for the coming celebration. Why not try this: As you wrap a present, say a prayer for the person who will receive it. While you decorate your tree, pause to give thanks for the security of your home. When you are baking up your holiday goodies, think of the joy they will bring to others. This may be a busy time of year, but let us be mindful in all that we do that we are preparing for the greatest gift of all - Jesus Christ - our savior and redeemer.

### This Sunday at 9:00am Stewardship Celebration Breakfast

To celebrate all that we have to offer from what God has blessed us with, the Vestry will host a free breakfast for everyone in the parish on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to join them at 9:00am in the Parish House for a little pre-Christmas joy, feasting, and fellowship.

**DECEMBER NEWSLETTER**



### *A Letter from St. James'*

*The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church  
in Mill Creek Hundred, Wilmington, Delaware  
December 2018*

#### **December 9th at 9:00am – Stewardship Celebration Breakfast**

The 2018 Pledge Campaign officially ended on November 30<sup>th</sup>, but additional pledges are still being sought. Even so, to celebrate all that we have to offer from what God has blessed us with, the Vestry and the Journey Team will host a free breakfast for everyone in the parish on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to join them at 9:00am in the Parish House for a little pre-Christmas joy, feasting, and fellowship.

#### **Christmas Memorials**



Making a donation for Christmas flowers not only beautifies the church as we rejoice in the birth of our Savior, this is a fitting way to remember loved ones who have passed on and/or to celebrate the people and events in our lives.

Below you will find a form for your use in making a memorial contribution. Envelopes will also be inserted in our Sunday service bulletins for the first three Sundays in December. Contributions may be mailed or placed in the offering plate. Please note that they must be received by December 16<sup>th</sup> to be listed in the Christmas bulletins. Thank you!

#### *Christmas Flower Memorials*

Please PRINT the information below, then place this form and your donation in an envelope and drop it in the offering plate by Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Envelopes may also be mailed to St. James Church, 2106 St. James Church Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, to be received no later than Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Given in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given in Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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The December 2018 Newsletter is attached to this e-Epistle, and includes an article on the November Bazaar, and information on upcoming worship, ministry, and fellowship events.

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## **Tercentennial Capital Campaign**

We are *SO CLOSE* to reaching our goal of \$300,000 for the Tercentennial Campaign. If we can reach our goal by the end of December the Diocese will kick in another \$50,000!!! If you still have a pledge balance, please finish those payments by the middle of December so we can report to the Diocese that we have met our goal. Only monies in hand will count toward the \$300,000 goal.

## **Upcoming Services and Events**

[Click on the month below for the Servers' Schedules](#)

### DECEMBER

#### *SUNDAY, December 9 - Second Sunday of Advent*

- **8:00 a.m. - HOLY EUCHARIST in Church**
- **9:00 a.m. - Nursery available in Parish House**
- **9:00 a.m. - Stewardship Celebration Brunch**
- **10:15 a.m. - HOLY EUCHARIST with music in Church**
- **11:30 a.m. - Hospitality in Parish House**

#### *Monday, December 10*

- **6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting**

#### *Wednesday, December 12*

- **9:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer Service in Church**
- **No Bible study this week**

#### *Saturday, December 15*

- **6:00a.m. to ?? - Youth Trip to New York City**

#### *SUNDAY, December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent*

- **8:00 a.m. - HOLY EUCHARIST in Church**
- **9:00 a.m. - Nursery available in Parish House**
- **9:05 a.m. - "The Path" Bible Study (Chapter 9 & 10)**
- **9:05 a.m. - Christian Education**
- **10:15 a.m. - HOLY EUCHARIST with music in Church**
- **11:30 a.m. - Hospitality in Parish House**

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