



A Letter from St. James'

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

April 2019

Bishop Brown Visitation, Sunday, April 7 – One Service @ 9:30 a.m.

Our diocesan bishop, the Rt. Rev. Kevin S. Brown, will be making his annual visitation to our parish on Sunday, April 7. This is always a special occasion in the life of a congregation and so on that day we will gather for one worship service at 9:30a.m., on Sunday, April 7th, to be followed by a reception and informal time for discussion and questions with Bishop Brown. In light of Fr. Bimbi's impending retirement on June 30, it is timely that as many people as possible come together on that day to hear from the Bishop.

Easter Memorials

Making a donation for Easter flowers not only beautifies the church as we rejoice in the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, 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 the Sunday service bulletins through Palm Sunday, April 14. Contributions may be mailed or placed in the offering plate. Please note that they must be received by April 15 in order to be listed in the Easter bulletins. Thank you!



Easter 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, April 14.

This form may also be mailed to St. James Church, 2106 St. James Church Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808, to be received no later than Monday, April 15.

Given in Memory of: _____

Given in Thanksgiving for: _____

Given by: _____

_____ **Phone:** (_____) _____

Parish House Door to Remain Locked on Weekdays

Please be aware that as a result of some recent incidents, the decision has been made to keep **the door of the Parish House locked at all times during the week**. Formerly it had been left open in the mornings during the arrival time of pre-school parents dropping off their children and on other occasions such as Tuesday mornings when the Bazaar Group arrives.

Going forward, please ring the bell for admittance. If you have a key and can let yourself in, **please be sure to lock the door behind you as you enter**, otherwise you leave the door open to others.

Also, recently the door has been found open in the mornings. Please note that sometimes the door does not close properly without being specifically pulled shut. **Please double check that the door is locked and fully closed after you enter or leave the building**. Thank you!

Upcoming Graduates

We would like to recognize our graduates and share this accomplishment with their parish family in May's edition of this newsletter.

If you have someone in your family graduating from high school, college, or any other academic program this year, please provide us with a picture and short write-up about their graduation, accomplishments, and future plans.

Please submit a photo and information to

office@stjamesmillcreek.comcastbiz.net by April 14.



Lenten Book Study, Tuesdays, April 2 and 9, 7:00 p.m.

Our Tuesday night discussion on the recently published book entitled *A Resurrection Shaped Life* continues on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House Lounge, through April 9. Copies of the book are available (\$15) from Sister BJ, who is leading the group discussion.

Mill Creek Ministerium Lenten Program, April 3 and 10, 12:00 Noon

This year's Wednesday Lenten Worship & Soup Luncheons continue at Limestone Presbyterian Church, Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE 19808. The theme for the program is ***"Breaking Down Walls"***. The April schedule is:

- Apr 3 St. John the Beloved Roman Catholic Church — The Rev. Joseph Pierkarski
- Apr 10 St. James' Episcopal, Mill Creek — The Rev. James M. Bimbi

The weekly preacher's congregation is responsible for bringing the soups and breads for the luncheon that follows the 30-minute services. Thanks once again to Carole Leach who will be coordinating our volunteers.

April Prayer Team Service, Sunday, April 14, 11:30 a.m.



**For when two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them. (Matthew 18:20)**

Note Change of Date

On Palm Sunday, April 14 members of the prayer team will hold a short prayer service in the church **following the 2nd service** (focusing on the prayer requests left in the basket in the entrance to the church and other concerns of the parish, community, and world.) Then throughout the month, we will continue collecting prayers at the end of the 2nd service and lifting them up during the week. **All are welcome to participate in these monthly services.**

For those who are not able to come to church or have an immediate prayer need, we invite you to email Sister BJ Brown at: sisterbjbrown@gmail.com.

Bingo Night, Monday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.



**It's Time for Another Fun Filled Bingo Night
You and your friends are invited to
The Eleventh Annual Claudia White Memorial Bingo
Monday, April 15, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
St. James Episcopal Church Parish Hall
2106 St. James Church Road, Wilmington, DE 19808**

**A \$10.00 donation is requested to go toward the
Claudia White Memorial Fund**

Winner Prizes-Door Prizes-50/50 Drawing-Refreshments

R.S.V.P. Nancy Patterson. 239-7649 by Monday, April 8th

**In addition to the \$10.00 donation, we request that you bring nonperishable
food items. These will be donated to a local Food Bank.**

Claudia White was Co-Chair of the St. James' Bazaar for several years. She also organized the first Bingo Night. Claudia loved organizing and attending social events, especially if it was a fund raiser. After Claudia passed away in 2008 the Bazaar Ladies decided to continue Bingo Night in her memory.

All proceeds are donated to the St. James' Claudia White Memorial Fund. Repairs and renovations to the Parish House were very close to Claudia's heart and the money raised is used to maintain the Parish House.

All prizes are donated by the Bazaar Ladies and Claudia's friends. If you have any new or very gently used items you are no longer using, please consider donating them to be used as prizes.

Thank you,

The St. James' Bazaar Ladies

Services and Events of HOLY WEEK

- Sun, April 14:** **8:00am – PALM / PASSION SUNDAY** with Blessing of the Palms reading of the Passion Gospel, and Holy Eucharist.
10:15am – PALM / PASSION SUNDAY with Blessing of the Palms reading of the Passion Gospel, and Holy Eucharist w/music.
- Wed, April 17:** **9:30am – Holy Communion**
10:15am – Bible study in Parish House lounge
- Thu, April 18:** **7:30pm – MAUNDY THURSDAY Liturgy** including the Foot-Washing of the Apostles, Celebration of the Last Supper, and the Stripping and Washing of the Altar
One-Hour Prayer Vigil at the Altar of Repose (Church), beginning at the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday Liturgy. *“Can you wait one hour with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane?”*
- Fri, April 19:** **9:30am – GOOD FRIDAY Liturgy** with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament from Maundy Thursday
12:00pm – GOOD FRIDAY Ecumenical Service at St. James’ of the Churches of the Mill Creek Ministerium
- Sat, April 20:** **9:00am – Holy Saturday Prayer Service** in remembrance of the time Jesus was in the tomb (Church - approx. 15 minutes)
11:00am – Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt (Church Yard)
11:30am – Hot Dog Lunch for all ‘egg hunters’ & families (Parish Hall)

Services of EASTER WEEK

- Sun, April 21:** **8:00am – EASTER MORNING with Music and Hymns (Church)**
10:15am – EASTER MORNING with Full Choral Music (Church)
- Wed, April 24:** **No service or Bible study – Rev. Bimbi on Post-Easter leave**

2019 Annual Meeting of the Parish, April 28



One Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.

Vestry provided Brunch following the service.

The Annual Meeting will begin around 11:00 a.m. and should conclude by 12:15 p.m.

Nominees for Vestry

Five elected positions on the Vestry will need to be filled at the Annual Meeting. Here are the current nominees (nominations will also be taken from the floor on the day of the meeting):

Ed Clark has been a member of St. James' for 52+ years. He has been on the Vestry three or more times and senior warden twice. He was senior warden during a time when we had no priest but used three different priests as supply clergy. He was in the choir for 35+ years and has recently rejoined the choir.

Eileen Marvel is a "cradle" Episcopalian, who has been a member of St. James' since moving to Delaware in 1987. She has supported the parish through many ministries over the years, among them teaching pre-k Sunday school, being a member of the Parish Life and Mission/Outreach committees, serving on the vestry, and being Clerk of the Vestry for a year. In addition, she is currently Laundry Coordinator for Family Promise and sings in the St. James' Choir. She lives in Limestone Gardens with her husband, Doug, and their two cats, Abbey and Bob.

Ian Prescott moved to Delaware right before the year 2000 and his family joined St. James soon after. He grew up in the church, was involved in Sunday school and the Christmas Pageant, and was confirmed at St. James'. In fourth grade, he began to acolyte and did so until he completed 12th grade. He took pride in serving as an acolyte; it was a great experience to be a part of the liturgical team at St. James' for so long. He has worked at the turkey dinner, church cleanups, Family Promise, and other church missions over the years. He really found his faith during his college years; it is something that gives him strength, hope, and calmness. It is definitely a guiding force in his life and you can find him on Sundays seated upstairs across from the choir. He has two parents that have vestry experience and would love to earn the privilege to become the third Prescott to serve. He feels, as a millennial, he can bring a unique perspective and voice to the vestry. 2019 is a tough time for churches as a whole. He feels he can become an asset that positively impacts the church and it would be an honor to give back and serve this great community.

Bruce Vrana has been a member of St. James' for over 30 years, along with his wife Jenny and children Robert and Laura. He has served as an usher and on various committees, and has been elected to the Vestry for 6 two-year terms previously, including eight years as Sr. Warden. He served the Diocese on the Standing Committee for four years, including during the recent Bishop Search. He was recently elected to a six-year term on the Trustees of the Diocese. He is a chemical engineer at DuPont and teaches the senior design course at Penn, his alma mater.

Susan Winward has been a member of St James since the age of 12 when she was finally able to convince her parents to leave the Episcopal church they attended in the City of Wilmington to be able to walk to the neighborhood church and she could join the youth group! During her many years at St James' she has served in multiple capacities including former Senior Warden, Sunday School

Superintendent, Sunday School Teacher, Family Promise Coordinator, and currently she serves as Receiving Treasurer, a member of the Flower Guild, the FAC committee, Usher, and Turkey Dinner volunteer. She has been married to her husband, David, for 30 years and they have a son, Alexander, and she is step-parent to Andrea and David, Jr. They enjoy traveling and spending time at their second home in Lewes. She has been employed for more than 25 years as CEO of a small credit union. She is honored to be considered for a position on the Vestry and welcomes the opportunity to serve.

Ministry Opportunities

Family Promise Volunteers Needed Week of April 21st

April 21st is the start of St. James' first host week for Family Promise this year! This is a wonderful ministry, where we make space in our Parish home and in our hearts to care for families who are homeless.

We are in need of volunteers for:

- Set-up April 20th at 12 noon after the Easter Egg Hunt
- Dinner Hosts
- Overnight Hosts
- Bringing in donations for breakfasts and lunches
- Take-down Sunday April 28th at 8 am

Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall. Please call or text Val Brunson at 302-476-5067 or email at sassycheme@verizon.net if you have any questions. Thanks in advance.

Your Family Promise Coordinators

Val Brunson, Dave Perry, Nancy Prettyman, Eileen Marvel

Volunteer Sunday Morning Nursery Attendants

We are in need of help in our Sunday morning nursery. If you are interested in volunteering to support your church family in this vital way, **please contact Carolyn Joynt at 302-438-3224.**

Ushers for 8:00 a.m. Sunday Services

Our usher corp for the early morning service has dwindled due to people moving away or needing to attend to other needs. We could really use a few new members. The alternative is that adjustments will have to be made in how people are greeted and assisted during the service. **Please talk to Fr. Jim or contact the church office.**



Reserve your dates for 2019

We do not carry over dates for memorials from year to year. Placing flowers on the altar and or supplying the sanctuary candle for the week are wonderful ways of remembering our loved ones who have passed or celebrating important events in our lives.

Call the office and let us know the dates you would like to reserve in 2018! The cost of Altar Flowers for a week is \$46. During Lent we use dried arrangements and the cost is \$23. The cost of the Sanctuary Candle is \$10 for the week.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 st	Andrew Taylor
2 nd	Ariana Niehaus
	Bill Short
3 rd	Tanner Haywood
4 th	Joanna McCauley
5 th	Joan Hontz
7 th	Vincent Salerno
	Darren Cormier
8 th	Shirley Alexander
	Bruce Vrana
9 th	Trevor Adams
	Corrine Metcalfe
11 th	Keiran Haywood
12 th	Emily Malusa
	Mia Taylor
13 th	Sean Joynt
14 th	Carolyn Eldridge
15 th	Chase Haywood
16 th	Sam Malusa
	Haley Short
17 th	Kyle Dennis
	Justin McGee
21 st	Jordan Harrold-Mansk
	Darren Mooney
	Julia Pomeroy
22 nd	Kaitlyn August
23 rd	Richard (Dick) Cornelia
24 th	Debra Nuss
27 th	Raymond Logue
30 th	Andrew McCracken



*If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know. **You** are an important part of our church family.*

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

16 th	Esther & James Insinga
17 th	Bonnie & David Metcalfe
20 th	Marsha & John Wilson IV
25 th	Sue & Dan Strecker
30 th	Susan & Keith St. John

