



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

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**This Week: The 2nd Sunday of Easter  
Services at 8:00am & 10:15am**

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**A Word from Fr. Jim**

The Easter services last Sunday were filled with joy and a spirit of thankfulness. I spoke of the risen Jesus telling his disciples to meet him in Galilee, the primary location of his earthly ministry. What Jesus calls us to do is to identify our own 'Galilee' and to minister to the people we find there. This week the disciples are still in Jerusalem needing Christ's assurance to help them believe all they had seen and heard. Come along as we ponder what it is that we need to receive from God that will set us on the path to a deeper faith.

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**Baptism at 10:15am Service**

Evie Rome Kingsley, daughter of Amy and Floyd Kingsley, will be welcomed into the Body of Christ through the sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 10:15am service. A reception for Evie and her parents will be held in the Parish House immediately following the service.

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**Prayer Team Meets this Sunday**

Members of the Prayer Team will hold a short prayer service at 11:30am in the Church, focusing on the prayer requests left in the basket in the entrance of the Church as well as

other concerns of the congregation, community, and the world. All are welcome to participate in this monthly service - *usually* held on the 1st Sunday of every month.

On every other Sunday of the month the Prayer Team will continue collecting the prayer requests left in the basket and holding those concerns up throughout the week. For those who are not able to come to church or have an immediate prayer need, you are invited to email Sister BJ Brown at: [sisterbjbrown@gmail.com](mailto:sisterbjbrown@gmail.com).

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## **We Can Use Your Help at 9:00am on April 14<sup>th</sup>**

### **SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY**

The Property Committee is planning a major churchyard clean-up on Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00am. We will also be conducting a clean-out of the lower level of the Parish House and will have a dumpster on hand to facilitate hauling stuff away.

We definitely can use your help in this endeavor for a few hours on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Sunday, April 22nd - Bishop's Visitation**

**The Rt. Rev. Kevin S. Brown, XI Bishop of Delaware, will be making his first official visit to St. James' Mill Creek on Sunday, April 22nd. Our new bishop will be the Celebrant and Preacher at both morning services, 8:00am and 10:15am. There will also be time after each of the services to spend some informal time in the Parish House with Bishop Brown. Let's all plan to attend on the 22nd and to welcome him to one of the very special churches in the diocese.**

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## **Financial Update**

The total financial pledging for 2018 from our members came in at \$122,000 from 62 individual pledges. This compares with 2017's totals of \$139,000 from 72 pledges. While the average pledge for each year is nearly the same at roughly \$1900, the reduced number of pledges leaves the church facing a budget deficit of \$20,000 or more this year. Your vestry remains committed to minimizing expenses as much as possible; this situation, however, may very well wind up with the church being in the red for the year after 2 years of having small budget surpluses.

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## Sunday, April 29th - Annual Parish Meeting

- Ministry and Committee Reports for Annual Report are due **NOW**.
- ONE SERVICE only at 9:00am on April 29th
- Information on candidates for the Vestry will be distributed by April 15th

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## Upcoming Services and Events

### *Sun, April 8th - Second Sunday of Easter*

- 8:00am - Holy Eucharist in Church
- 9-11:45am - Nursery Care available in Parish House
- 10:15am - Holy Eucharist with Music - Baptism of Evie Rome Kingsley

### *Mon, April 9th*

- 6:30pm - Vestry Meeting

### *Tue, April 10th*

- 9:00am - Weekly Bazaar Workshop

### *Wed, April 11th*

- 9:30am - Holy Eucharist in Church
- 10:15am - Bible Study in Parish House lounge

### *Sat, April 14th*

- 9:00am - Clean-Up Day (see notice above)

### *Sun, April 15th - Third Sunday of Easter*

- 8:00am - Holy Eucharist in Church
- 9-11:45am - Nursery Care available in Parish House
- 10:15am - Holy Eucharist with Music in Church

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