



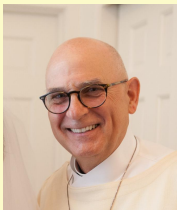
Weekly e-Epistle from St. James' Mill Creek Wilmington, Delaware

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This Week: Celebrating St. James the Apostle **SUMMER SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES**

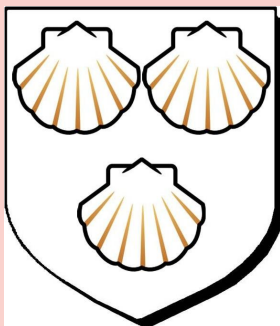
8:00am & 9:30am

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A Word from Fr. Jim: "*Pilgrimage*"

Last Sunday our Bible lessons placed before us Amos and John the Baptist, prophets of different times and circumstances. As you know, prophets and their messages are not usually received gracefully in their own time as the godly words they speak are often meant to upset the status quo and challenge perceptions and assumptions. This week we remember our parish's namesake, Saint James, the first of Jesus' apostles to die a martyr's death. Both prophets and martyrs are called to be courageous in the face of opposition to the religious journeys that God has set them on. We might not be called upon to embark on those particular types of journeys, but every Christian is called to engage in a spiritual journey, a *pilgrimage*, of searching for deeper meaning, understanding, and relevance of Jesus Christ for their lives. This can also be a courageous act, for it means being open to the Holy Spirit to guide us to encounter spiritual and actual places we might have never imagined before.



The Patron Saint of our Parish is the Apostle James the Greater. We will observe the Feast Day of Saint James this Sunday, July 22nd. **As he was a martyr, it would be appropriate to wear something RED.**

Following the 9:30am service all are invited to join together for a picnic. Fried Chicken, sub sandwiches, and drinks will be provided. If you are able, you can bring a side dish, salad, or dessert.

Two of the symbols used for Saint James the Apostle are a sword and a seashell. Last year people were invited to bring a seashell or two as we contemplated the various meanings of sea shells in Christian art, and their symbolism in terms of spiritual pilgrimages. This year we are being invited to come prepared on July 22nd to write down short answers to the follow three questions:

- 1) When it was that you first came to St. James' Mill Creek?
- 2) Who brought you here and/or how did you find this parish?
- 3) Why did you stay?

You might think of these questions in terms of a pilgrimage: when did it begin, who were your traveling companions, and what did you find for yourself at the destination? So plan to come on July 22nd and share your journey with your fellow pilgrims.

EMMANUEL DINING ROOM MINISTRY

Our summer lunch dates are July 31st and August 31st

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: Mon, July 30th, and Thurs, August 30th, 9am to about 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: Tues, July 31 and Fri, August 31st

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 thanks,

Pat Minor, Ginny Dennis, Gail Coverdale, and Cindy Fauerbach

Back to School – Adopt-A-Family – Please Help!

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 Sunday or next, or sent to the Parish Office by July, 30. Thank you!

FAMILY PROMISE at ST. JAMES'

Next Host Week begins August 12th

August 12th 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 [email Val](mailto:Val) 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 5th 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 [email Val](#) 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 [email Val](#). 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

Sun, July 22nd - Feast of St. James the Aposlte

- **8:00am** - HOLY EUCHARIST in Church
- **9:30am** - HOLY EUCHARIST with music in Church
- **11:00am** - PARISH PICNIC

Tue, July 24th

- **9:00am** - Weekly Bazaar Workshop

Wed, July 25th

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

Sun, July 29th - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Mon, July 30th

- **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)

Wed, Aug 1st

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

Sun, Aug 5th - 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)

Tue, Aug 7th

- **9:00am** - Weekly Bazaar Workshop

Wed, Aug 8th

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

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