



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

Issued: August 8, 2018
Feast of St. James the Apostle

This Week: 12th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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

First, a joke: There once was a young man who believed he was called to be a monk. The abbot told him he would have to observe a strict rule of complete silence. Every five years, however, each monk was allowed to speak two words to the abbot. The young man agreed and moved into the monastery. When five years had passed he went to the abbot, who asked him what two words he wanted to speak. The man said, "Bed hard." Five more years went by, and this time when he spoke his two words to the abbot he said, "Food lousy." Finally, after five more years he walked in to the abbot's office and said, "I quit!" The abbot said, "I'm not surprised. All you've done is complain since you got here."

While there are legitimately times to raise objections over something we feel is not right, to complain expresses more than disagreement - it expresses annoyance. If someone comes to me and says he or she wants to complain about something my guard immediately goes up. Dealing with complaints takes a lot of personal energy, and it's easy to lose focus on what is precisely the issue at hand.

Jesus faced his share of complaints during his earthly ministry, and in this Sunday's reading ([John 6:35, 41-51](#)) the complaining comes from those who think they already know everything about him. They know his family and where he grew up. How could he be anything greater than his origins? Where he is truly from, however, is something they have not yet comprehended or accepted. Jesus' declaration, "I am the bread of life that came down from heaven", sets them to complaining even though they have seen the signs of God's presence in his words and actions. What will it take for them - what will it take for us - to truly embrace Jesus as the heaven-sent Son of God?

FAMILY PROMISE Volunteers Needed Week of August 12

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 still in need of volunteers for:

- Set-up after the 9:30 am service
- Dinner Hosts for Saturday night

Please call or text Val Brunson at 302-476-5067 or [email Val](#) if you would like to be a dinner host or if you have any questions.

Thanks in advance, from your Family Promise Coordinators:

Val Brunson, Dave Perry, Nancy Prettyman, Eileen Marvel, Jennifer Idell, and Susan Winward

Benefit to help END Alzheimer's

"Russ's Angels" to host 5th Annual Fund Raiser

- **What:** Flap Jack Breakfast (with eggs)
- **When:** Saturday September 8 -- 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- **Where:** Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill
4301 Kirkwood HWY
Wilmington, DE 19808
- **Tickets:** \$13 a person (payment in cash or check)

There will also be a Basket Raffle and 50/50 Raffle

To buy tickets or for more information contact:

Margaret Russ, Russ's Angels Team Captain
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443-945-7230

AUGUST 16 DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Articles and announcements for the next edition of the parish newsletter should be submitted to the church office by August 16. They may be dropped off to Lola or submitted by [email](#). Questions? Call 302.994.1584

In the coming weeks be looking for an invitation to LEARN, one of the Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life, by joining Fr. Jim 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.

Upcoming Services and Events

Click on a month below for the appropriate Servers' Schedules

AUGUST

Sunday, August 12 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

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

- 11:00 a.m. - SET UP for FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK
- 6:00 p.m. - Family Promise Dinner and Overnight Hosting

Monday, August 13

- 6:00 p.m. - Family Promise Dinner and Overnight Hosting
- 6:30 p.m. - Monthly Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, August 14

- 9:00 a.m. - Weekly Bazaar Workshop
- 6:00 p.m. - Family Promise Dinner and Overnight Hosting

Wednesday, Aug 15

- 9:30 a.m. - HOLY EUCHARIST in Church
- 10:15 a.m. - Bible Study in Parish House lounge
- 6:00 p.m. - Family Promise Dinner and Overnight

Thursday, Aug 16

- 6:00 p.m. - Family Promise Dinner and Overnight

Friday, Aug 17

- 6:00 p.m. - Family Promise Dinner and Overnight

Saturday, Aug 18

- 6:00 p.m. - Family Promise Dinner and Overnight

Sunday, August 19 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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