



Weekly e-Epistle

from

St. James' Mill Creek
Wilmington, Delaware

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**This Week: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
October 28, 2018**

**Sunday Service Times
8:00am & 10:15am**

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A Word from Fr. Jim: "Beggar"

A blind beggar was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Mark 10:46c-47)

What drives a person to become a beggar? It is easy to dismiss those who beg for donations at street corners as people without motivation to work, or worse, just running a scam. Putting those mental impulses aside, do we - can we - ever really know what life has wrought that would leave individuals with no other option than to depend on the meager gifts of pocket change that we might offer? The beggar that Jesus encountered was blind, which might explain his need to depend on others, but what he asked from Jesus was not coins. He asked to be shown mercy; to be seen as a person with value, solely on the basis of the humanity he shared with all the other children of God. We may not have to beg for money, but we are all beggars who need the mercy of God in order to be whole, and with that in mind perhaps we might look at others around us with more charity of understanding and generosity.

THE BAZAAR LADIES NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Friday, October 26th, 4-7pm

- **Move furniture out of the Lounge**
- **Take items off the walls in the hallway**
- **Bring items up from the basement**
- **Hang lattices in the shops & hallway**
- **Set tables up in the shops**

Sunday, October 28th, after the 10:15am service

- **All the items the ladies have made for the Bazaar need to be brought**

Tercentennial Campaign funds needed to get Diocesan Match down to \$20,000

The last time we wrote you, we said we needed \$30,000 to get to the \$50,000 Diocesan match. We are now down to \$20,000 which includes pledges that are still outstanding. 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. If you are not sure if you have a balance, we will be contacting those with outstanding balances very soon.

As most of you already know, the new tax laws may mean that you are no longer able to itemize deductions. However, retirees age 70-1/2 can take advantage of using IRA funds to transfer money to the charities they support using Qualified Charitable Distributions and having it count as part of their IRA Required Minimum Distribution. This can lower your taxable income even if you don't itemize. This strategy can be used for either the Capital Campaign or the Annual Fund at St. James' (or any other fund you may wish to support). Consult your advisor for more information.

Thank you for your support and for considering St. James' in your charitable gift plans.

2018 Bazaar Announcements

Bazaar Bake Shop

The Bake Shop is looking forward to your donations of baked goods, candies, and preserves. Your delicious homemade items are always a favorite with all our customers each year. Please plan to bring your baked goods, jellies, jams, pickles, candies, etc. to the Parish House at the following times:

Thursday, November 1	5:30 pm - 7:30pm
Friday, November 2	8:00 am - 2:30pm
Saturday, November 3	8:00 am - 12:00pm

Quilt Raffle

Jerry Clark has hand stitched a beautiful Queen Size Quilt and 2 Pillow Shams. They will be on display in the Parish House after both services. **Chances will be available for \$1.00 each, 6/\$5.00 or 15/\$10.00.**

Don't Forget to Sign Up to Help

Please stop by the Parish House to see how you can help make this year's Bazaar a success. Contact Shirley Alexander (738-5331) or Nancy Patterson (239-7649) if you have any questions.

2018 BAZAAR LUNCHEON

Friday, November 2nd, from 11am to 1pm.
Come shop and enjoy a delicious lunch

What's cooking? [Click here for the menu.](#)

TURKEY DINNER --- Saturday, November 3rd

Signup sheets are posted in the Parish Hall so please sign up for a task that your talent may draw you to and/or a donation of items needed. Also, monetary donations to purchase non-donated items are greatly appreciated. We look forward to making this

year the best year yet!

Seating for the dinner is limited. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available on Sunday after services, in the office Tuesdays-Thursdays 9am to 2pm, or online at www.td2018.eventbrite.com. Credit/debit card payment is an option. Card and online purchases will incur an additional fee per ticket.

Seating Times: 4:00pm, 5:30pm, and 7:00pm

\$15 - ADULTS and TAKE-OUT Orders

\$14 - SENIORS (65 and over) - dining room seating only

\$ 8 - CHILDREN (5-10), under 5 free

Upcoming Services and Events

Click on a month below for the appropriate Servers' Schedules

OCTOBER NOVEMBER

SUNDAY, October 28 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

- 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 4)
- 9:05 a.m. - Christian Education
- 10:15 a.m. - **HOLY BAPTISM & EUCHARIST with music in Church**
- 11:30 a.m. - Baptism Reception in Parish House for Elise Makayla Snyder

Wednesday, October 31

- 9:30 a.m. - **HOLY EUCHARIST in Church**
- No Bible Study this week - Bazaar set-up in process

Friday, November 2

- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00pm **BAZAAR SHOPS and WHITE ELEPHANT ROOM**
- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00pm Luncheon - No reservations necessary

Saturday, November 3

- 10:00 a.m. - 7:00pm **BAZAAR SHOPS and WHITE ELEPHANT ROOM**
- 4:00, 5:30 and 7:00pm - Turkey Dinner - Advanced tickets/reserved seating

**BEFORE GOING TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT
SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR**

SUNDAY, November 4 - All Saints Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. - **HOLY EUCHARIST in Church**
- 9:00 a.m. - Nursery available in Parish House
- 9:05 a.m. - Christian Education
- 10:15 a.m. - **HOLY EUCHARIST with music in Church**
- 11:30 a.m. - Hospitality in Parish House

Wednesday, November 7

- 9:30 a.m. - **Holy Eucharist in Church**
- 10:15 a.m. - "The Path" Bible Study (Chapter 5) in Parish House lounge

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