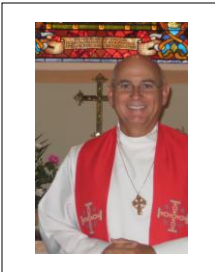


A Letter from St. James

Mill Creek Hundred

November 2011

RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS. . . Giving Thanks in all Things



This month I begin my written remarks by giving thanks to God for the ninety-four years of life that was bestowed upon Alice, my mother. Her death last month was not a tragic one, although we who knew her grieve her passing. To say that she had more to do in this life would be imposing upon the generosity of our Creator. Each of her days, just like each of ours, was a free gift given in love. I humbly accept the gift that each of her days were to me and her family.

I also offer my thanks for the outpouring of support that Cynde, I, and my entire family received from the St. James community. Your cards, casseroles, and kind words meant more to us than you might have imagined. Everything helped in one way or another to feed our souls and bodies. You were, indeed, ministers to us in every possible way. It was an incarnated reminder that we are one in the Body of Christ and the royal priesthood of all believers.

The month of November regularly brings me other things for which to give thanks to God. This year, three of these are the annual Fall Bazaar, the Commemoration of All Saints, and our national Day of Thanksgiving. The Fall Bazaar on Nov 4-5 (with its accompanying Luncheon and Turkey Dinner) brings an outpouring of involvement and good cheer from so many members and friends of our parish church. While at times physically exhausting, it is spiritually uplifting to observe and be part of such a long-standing tradition.

The Commemoration of All Saints will be held on Sunday, Nov 6, at both of our morning services. In remembering the saints of God in ages past, we also hold close to us members of our family or circle of friends who have lived among us, but whom we see no more. If you desire, bring a photo or memento of these special people to church with you so that we all might offer our thanks with you as you recall what they meant to your life.

And finally, on Thursday, Nov 24, we as a people and nation observe Thanksgiving Day. For Cynde and me this year will be quite different for some family members will be missing and others will be busy with travel or other obligations. We will, no doubt, feel a sense of loss, but not of being lost – for we know that God has been good to us. For that alone, our hearts are forever grateful.

- Fr. Jim Bimbi



ST. JAMES ANNUAL BAZAAR & TURKEY DINNER

Friday, November 4th – 10 AM – 3 PM
Saturday, November 5th – 10 AM – 7 PM

Bazaar Preview

Prior to the Bazaar some of the items will be on display in the Parish House. They are in the glass case in the foyer. We hope you will have time to stop by and see them. The ladies have been very creative again this year.

Calling all Bakers and Goodie Makers...

The Bazaar Bake Shop needs your donations of homemade baked goods, candy, and preserves. We are counting on you to make this year another success. Your delicious donations are the reason the Bake Shop always sells out of everything.

Your homemade items may be dropped off at the Parish House at the following times:

Thursday, November 3rd, 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Friday, November 4th, 8:00am – 2:30pm Saturday, November 5th, 8:00am – 12:00pm

BAZAAR SHOPS

Something for Everyone

Bring your friends & family members for a day of shopping and good food.

Silent Auction - “Thank You” Jack Parker for another beautiful framed cross-stitch picture.

Christmas Shop - Everything you need for the holidays; ornaments, wreaths, wall hangings, Santas, snowmen, angels, etc.

Petal Alley - Beautiful arrangements & wreaths; we have seasonal pieces and new decorative items.

One Fine Yarn - The best handmade items you will find anywhere. The ladies have been busy quilting, knitting, crocheting and sewing.

Craftily Yours - This is the perfect shop for that special gift. The selection includes hand painted items, gift baskets, cross-stitch, many new hand crafted jewelry items, and much more.

ABC - You will find everything for the children; knitted and crocheted afghans, sweaters and hats. There are books and stuffed animals too.

The Bake Shop - We have everything for the sweet tooth. Pies, cakes, cookies, breads, preserves, and candy. This is the tastiest corner of the bazaar.

The Raffle Table - You will be pleased with the items we have this year. Don't forget to stop at the Raffle Table in the hallway.



Our Turkey Dinner seatings are at 3:30, 5 and 6:30.

As usual, the 5 & 6:30 seatings have sold out.

Take-out and a limited number of 3:30 tickets are available.



BAZAAR LUNCHEON
November 4, 2011 – 11AM – 1PM

Menu Meals

**Pulled Pork on Roll
with Cole Slaw and Chips \$6.00**

**Chicken Salad on Romaine
with Broccoli Salad and Corn Muffin \$6.00**

**Father Jim’s Vegetable Soup
with Corn Muffin \$4.00**

a la carte

Pulled Pork\$4.00
Chicken Salad \$4.00
Smucker’s Uncrustable \$2.00
Cole Slaw \$1.50
Broccoli Salad\$1.50
Chips \$0.75
Roll \$0.50

Drinks

Soda/Water \$1.00
Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite

Desserts

Assorted Pies, Cakes, Brownies\$2.00

Please plan to be part of the fun! Donations of funds, desserts, and, most importantly, your time, are most sincerely welcomed!

Sam White – Cook
Fr. Jim Bimbi – Cook

Come, Join the fun!



Celebrating “Stewardship Sunday” with Food and Thanksgiving Join us for Sunday Brunch in the Parish House November 20th at 9:00AM

As a church community we come together to share God’s love. We also serve one another as living examples of God’s grace and redemption in the world. It is we who speak the divine words of reconciliation, and offer our comfort to the sick. We are God’s hands, reaching out to the needy and those who are disheartened.

All of this is possible because we are first a community that remembers to give thanks to God. Offering ourselves to each other and the community is only possible because we know the source of our life and being, the means of our salvation. It is these things that motivate us in our participation at St. James and in our giving to its mission and work.

In celebration of the opportunity we have to give our lives and our money to this parish, come and partake of a Sunday Brunch provided by your Wardens and Vestry. It all starts at 9:00AM of November 20th . Come and be a part of the joy!

ST. JAMES CHURCH MILL CREEK VESTRY MEETING MINUTES October 10, 2011

PRESENT: Bruce Vrana; Elinor Knodel; Kathy Kwiatkowski; Steve Prescott; Fr Jim Bimbi; Sam White; Marsha Cauthen;

ABSENT: Cindy Fauerbach; Gail Zimmerman; Jennifer Idell; Carolyn Joynt

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Vestry of St. James Church Mill Creek was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Senior Warden, Bruce Vrana. Fr. Jim led the group in prayer. Fr. Jim led a brief discussion of the Vestry’s book study, Leadership and Listening.

AGENDA: Approved as presented

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Approved as presented.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Sam White presented the Treasurer’s Report. St. James received a payment in the amount of \$19,000.00 as reimbursement for termite damage repairs.

YTD Revenue	\$156,611.69
YTD Expenses	<u>\$183,236.94</u>
	(\$26,625.25)

OLD BUSINESS:

Organist Search Committee: Bruce reported that the committee is conducting interviews.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Delaware Civil Unions Law:** The Vestry reviewed and discussed a letter from the Bishop regarding the Diocese’s policy regarding civil unions.

2. **Family Promise:** Fr. Jim reported on events that occurred during St. James' last hosting week. In the near future, there will be a meeting of all St. James' Family Promise coordinators and volunteers.
3. **Rector's Report:** The Worship Life Ministry Team met with Fr. Jim on October 9, 2011. Due to the lack of a full-time music director and organist, St. James will hold two services on Christmas Eve this year – 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. The Bishop visits St. James on Sunday, January 8, 2012.
4. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Property:** Kathy attends Property Committee meetings. Parishioners are volunteering to help with cemetery cleanup on Saturday mornings in October.
 - b. **Finance:** Steve and the FAC are preparing to meet to discuss the 2012 operating budget. A vestry mini-meeting will be held on October 23rd after the 10:15 am service to discuss the Fall Stewardship Campaign.
 - c. **Tercentennial:** This group met in early October.

There being no further business, the Vestry meeting was concluded at 9:20 pm with the Order for Compline.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Marsha G. Cauthen
 Clerk of the Vestry

PARISH LIFE DAY
 November 19, 2011
 8:30 AM – 3:15 PM
 Registration Deadline – November 6th
 Workshops – Worship
 Meet with fellow Episcopalians
 from around the state.

Nov. 6th is All Saints' Sunday when we celebrate “the communion of saints.” All faithful Christians — those already in heaven and those living for God on earth — are counted among this communion. Join Us.



This year's Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be held at Marshalton United Methodist Church on Thanksgiving Eve (11/23) at 7PM.



Until November 30th, donors have the opportunity to have their gifts doubled thanks to a Matching Gift challenge which will match gifts dollar-for-dollar up to \$500,000. You can give, online, by mail or by phone & funds will go to the Global needs Fund for worldwide programs to alleviate hunger, promote health, create economic opportunities and overcome disasters. You can give by check, phone or online and have your donation matched.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, November 20th between services (9AM). Come early for the 10:15 or stay after the 8AM and break bread with other members of our parish family as we celebrate the many gifts God has given us and pledge ourselves and our money to the Lord.

SIGN OF THANKFULNESS

Create this festive sign, which will serve as a yearlong reminder to be grateful.

What you need:

- Hole punch
- Large piece of cardboard or cardstock
- Twine
- Twigs
- Glue
- Acorns, leaves (real or silk) and raffia

What you do:

1. Punch two holes in the top of the cardboard.
2. Thread twine through the holes and tie it in a knot (for hanging).
3. Using twigs, spell out "Be Thankful," "Thank God" or a similar phrase about gratitude. Glue the twigs onto the cardboard.
4. Decorate the sign by gluing on acorns, leaves and raffia.
5. Hang up your sign. Whenever you see it, think of something for which you're grateful to God.



PUZZLE

Give Praise

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

1. Give Take Grab	2. peanut praise pear	3. temple house Lord	4. proclaim past present	5. name boy led	6. ruin destroy make
7. pine acorn known	8. train nations bus	9. done donut muffin	10. Sing Sleep Yawn	11. she him girl	12. sun praise moon
13. tell fast slow	14. red all blue	15. horrible dreadful wonderful	16. acts sisters aunts		

" _____ to the _____, _____ his _____ ;
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____ .
 _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of _____ his
 _____ ." PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. Lord, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make, 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts
 Give praise to the Lord; proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, NIV)

November Birthdays

- 1st Shannon Mooney
2nd Claude White
4th Leah Burns
Brent Hall
5th Mark McGee
7th Kelsey Hall
Christopher Jessup
8th Jacqueline Gillespie
9th Tyler Cormier
11th Holly Barnes
Will Patterson
12th Shawn Patterson, Jr.
14th Kate Brewer
15th Ed Clark
16th Judy Taylor
17th Kathy Kwiatkowski
18th Jerry Clark
20th Matthew Aichele
21st Helen Hickam
22nd George Sukeena
23rd Scott Miller
Robert Gannett
24th Joan Swider
25th Jim Burns
26th Susan Mooney
Michael Patterson
Laci Burris
27th The Rev. Marvin Hummel
28th Julia Bradbury
30th Joan Chesnut



November Anniversaries

- 10th Jerry & Ed Clark
11th Mell & Manny DelleDonne
20th Lisa & Mark McGee
23rd Evelyn & Claude White
24th Helen & Frank Hickam
27th Catherine & Paul Pomeroy
29th Kathy & Randy Dill



If your birthday or anniversary or those of a family member are missing, please call the office and let us know. You are an important part of our parish family.



Our deepest sympathy to Fr. Jim, Cynde and family on the death of his mother, Alice Bimbi. Alice passed away on October 21st and whose memorial service was here at St. James on October 26th. She will be missed by her many friends in our parish family.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to Jackson and Valerie Bragg on the death of his father on October 25th.

THANKSGIVING HOLY EUCHARIST

Thursday, November 24 9AM
Before the football and the turkey, join Fr. Bimbi in a service of Thanksgiving and Holy Communion at 9AM.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!



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Service Times

Sunday

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist

9:00 AM Christian Education for all ages

10:15 AM Family Choral Eucharist

Wednesday

10:00 AM Eucharist & Healing Service

6:15 PM Evening Prayer Service



Annual
Bazaar

FRIDAY, November 4th

Bazaar 10AM – 3 PM

Luncheon 11AM – 1PM

SATURDAY, November 5

Bazaar 10AM – 7 PM

Turkey Dinner 3:30, 5 & 6:30

plus take-out

November 6th - 8 AM & 10:15 AM

We remember those who went
before us.



Sunday, November 20th
Stewardship Brunch 9AM



Thanksgiving –
November 24
9 AM