

# *A Letter from St. James*

*Mill Creek Hundred*

*October 2011*

## ***RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS . . . Fall Harvest and Planting***



Being no different than anyone else, I have lately found myself saying, "Where has the summer gone?" I've heard this from people young and old, retired or still working. The quick passage of time, or at least our perception of its fleeting quality, leaves us shaking our heads and maybe a little weary. It might have something to do with the fading warm temperatures and the sure knowledge that colder months are ahead. There might also be feelings of disappointment for not 'getting around' to this or that – a place we hoped to visit or a home or yard project we planned on completing. Psychologists have a label for this: 'Summer Regrets.' Luckily, as a seasonal malady it's not deadly.

What can help move us out of our summer regrets is to recall all the blessings we have received or shared over the months that have just passed. Having done so, we can then look towards the fall season with the hope of further, but different, blessings. The months of October and November bring not only cooler days and nights, but also beautiful red, yellow, and orange foliage to the trees that surround us. Pumpkins and gourds become part of harvest displays, and we begin to make plans for gatherings with family or friends. It is a time of harvest, but we can overlook the fact that it is also a time for planting.

The average gardener thinks of planting only in the spring, but horticultural experts point out that planting in the fall, when the soil is still relatively warm, allows for root growth to begin, usually right up until the ground becomes frozen. When spring arrives, the roots start a new period of growth or develop more rapidly, giving the plants a head start and making them better prepared to deal with heat and drought.

The physical world has something to teach us about our spiritual lives. We also need to be firmly rooted, to be well-established in our faith and our relationship with God. And the fall months are ripe for planting new activities that will nurture our prayers, worship, and understanding of the Christian faith. I urge you, no matter your age or the stage of your Christian life, to take advantage of both the scheduled services and classes. My prayer is that God will bless your life in new ways, and that the arrival of springtime will be greeted with the hope for a new and bountiful harvest un yourwalk with the Lord.

*- Fr. Jim Bimbi*



Join the Parish Life Committee at 9AM on October 22<sup>nd</sup> for a clean-up and inventory morning. We will be making sure everything is in ready in preparation for our bazaar weekend and turkey dinner. See Jerry Clark if you have questions, or join us on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.



## Meeting of the Tercentennial Planning Group

The St. James' Mill Creek Hundred Tercentennial Planning Group will meet on Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish House. Every member of the Parish is invited to attend. Come and hear about the activities being planned for this special celebration. The Tercentennial Anniversary of the founding of Saint James' Mill Creek Hundred Parish will begin on the Feast Day for Saint James, July 25, 2013, and continue until Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2014. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive the Minutes of this meeting, please send an e-mail address to Fran Mayhew ([mayhew@udel.edu](mailto:mayhew@udel.edu))

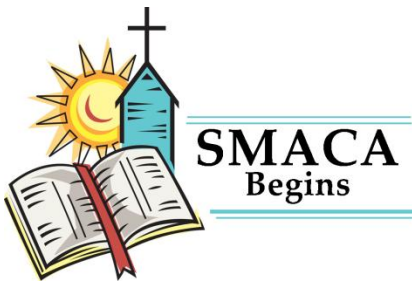


## October 2<sup>nd</sup> – Blessing of the Animals

In remembrance of Saint Francis of Assisi, there will be a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 11:30am in front of the Parish House. Saint Francis tamed a wild wolf, preached to the birds, and warned fish not to bite on any hooks. In a similar vein, we encourage peace among all our brother and sister creatures, and pray for all the animals that are entrusted to our care.

### Blessing of the Animals

Fr. Jim, in his best Saint Francis mode, will attempt to lay hands on and pray for each animal that is brought for a blessing. He has also declared that you are welcome to bring your pet into the church for the 10:15am service as long as it is properly restrained (leash, cage, etc.) and it generally plays well with other members of the animal kingdom. If an actual animated animal is not available, or it is not feasible to bring the animal in your care (sorry, no animals larger than Fr. Jim), then a plush toy animal or even a photo might be brought instead.



The opening day for our SMACA program was September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Working in the lounge with their teachers, our youth created a beautiful frontal for the altar base on the theme “God Provides”.



The frontal was then taken to the church and placed on the altar, We thank our children and their leaders for this wonderful gift.

### **Adult Class – Five parables of Jesus**

Beginning on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Sunday morning Adult Class will look at five of the most familiar Jesus parables. The five-week video and discussion group approach was recommended by Sister BJ Brown, a familiar face around the parish, and also the new director of the Interfaith Resource Center.

Each class will begin with a reading of a parable, followed by the viewing of a short (10-minute) video that presents a story of everyday characters with real problems – struggles that mirror the same ones found in the stories of the Bible. This approach presents an entertaining way to ask questions that are relevant to us today, and to help us discover the God’s truth for our own lives.

Classes begin at 9:15am, after we have gotten our coffee or tea, and the children have headed off to their own classes. Make plans now to attend every week, or whichever weeks work for your schedule, and to come prepared to grow in the Spirit.



Annual  
Bazaar

## **BAZAAR 2011 – Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

The Bazaar Ladies are busy finishing all of their projects for the Bazaar. They have created many new items this year. There will be something for everyone.

### **Bake Shop**

The Bake Shop is looking forward to your donations of baked goods, candy, 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm  
Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, anytime after 7:30am  
**THANK YOU!!!!**

### **Bazaar Luncheon**

The luncheon will be held on Friday, November 4th from 11am to 1pm. Come shop and enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by Sam White.

### **DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP TO HELP**

Sign-Up sheets are posted in the Great Hall in the Parish House. There are many ways you can help make this year's bazaar a success. We need help setting up, cleaning up, and relief workers both days in all of the shops. Kitchen helpers and servers are needed for the luncheon on Friday and the turkey dinner on Saturday. Food donations for the turkey dinner and desserts for the luncheon are also needed. Everyone working together will make this a fun and successful event.

### **Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, Your Help Is Needed**

On Sunday, October 30th, after the 10:15 service, we will be moving all of the craft items from the bazaar room to the various Bazaar Shops. We need your help bringing these items upstairs. This is also a good opportunity to get a peek at the things we have made for the bazaar. *See you October 30<sup>th</sup> ...*



## TURKEY DINNER TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE

We will once again have three seatings for our annual turkey dinner – 3:30 PM, 5:00 PM, and 6:30 PM. Of course take-out is also available. This year's ticket prices are:

Adults: \$12.00

Seniors (Age 65+) \$10.00

Children (Ages 5-10) \$ 6.00

Children under 5 are free but need a reservation so we have space for them at the table.

Take-Out \$12.00

Sign-up sheets are posted in the Great Hall for people to donate and/or cook turkeys. We need 23 turkeys that are 20 – 23 lbs. Other food items that are needed are also listed. In addition to being a major fundraiser for the parish, Bazaar weekend is a wonderful way to get to know our fellow parishioners better. Relieve the workers in the shops so they can have a meal, serve lunch, help in the kitchen with dinner – all are great ways to help put the “fun” in fundraising. Sign-up today.



## CEMETERY CLEANUP MONTH

### October is Cemetery Clean-Up Month

The fall offers cooler temperatures for working outside, and October mornings can be wonderful times for getting a little exercise as well. So, the five Saturdays in October (yes, five) are being designated as clean-up days. This will allow us to work around any bad weather days, and also for people to work around their schedules as well. Come for one, or as many as you like.

Saturday workdays in October will begin at 9:00am and go no later than 11:00am, unless you'd like to stay and work longer. (We certainly don't want to discourage anyone!) The nature of the work to be done is generally in the areas of cutting brush, hauling branches, and pulling vines. There might also be some lighter weeding, and some work such as hammering in the nails that have popped up from the top of the cemetery wall. For any of the work, it would be helpful to bring your own tools.

Kathy Kwiatkowski is the chair of the Cemetery Committee and will on hand to help identify work to be done. For more information, she can be contacted via email at [kathykwiatkowski@msn.com](mailto:kathykwiatkowski@msn.com), or on her cell phone (302) 588-0077.

# COOKIE SMILE

Make these cheerful lollipop cookies to share.

## What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 roll of sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Cookie sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Cellophane treat bags
- Ribbon



## What you do:

1. Freeze the roll of dough.
2. Cut dough into ¼-inch slices.
3. Place slices 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for five minutes.
5. Remove cookies from oven and place a stick into the bottom of each cookie (about 1 inch into the dough).
6. Return cookies to the oven until done, three to five more minutes.
7. After cookies are cool, make a "face" on each one, using frosting and sprinkles.
8. Put cookies into bags and tie with a ribbon. Then give away these edible smiles!

# PUZZLE

## How to give

We can give in a variety of ways, including our money, possessions and time. But God says there's only one attitude to have when we give.

Finish the puzzles by matching the pieces and writing out the letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your ...

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... not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a ...

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Answers: heart to give, cheerful giver

## October Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Robert Vrana  
2<sup>nd</sup> Marsha Cauthen  
Barbara Gove  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jennifer Cormier  
4<sup>th</sup> Brian Sheppard  
6<sup>th</sup> Carina Garcia  
7<sup>th</sup> Barbara Seddon  
Ava Loveless  
8<sup>th</sup> Gail Coverdale  
9<sup>th</sup> Sam Manthorpe  
10<sup>th</sup> Laura Sheppard  
12<sup>th</sup> Aaron Moyer  
Connor Deibert  
16<sup>th</sup> Douglas Marvel  
Richard Aichele  
17<sup>th</sup> Amy Burns  
18<sup>th</sup> Steven Tuhy  
19<sup>th</sup> Madelyn Sandlhauser  
Beth Remedio  
20<sup>th</sup> Elva Coverdale  
22<sup>nd</sup> Alexander Galante  
23<sup>rd</sup> Trevor Dennis  
Alan Cascino  
24<sup>th</sup> Lee Brownell  
27<sup>th</sup> Paul Pomeroy  
Irene Deibert  
28<sup>th</sup> Lee Jessup  
Billy Jennings



## October Anniversaries

3<sup>rd</sup> Perrie & Bob Carrow  
Kate & David Hoppenjans  
8<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth & Kurt Lichtenstein  
10<sup>th</sup> Mary Burns & John Bryans  
Amy & John Taylor  
12<sup>th</sup> Karen & George Shogan  
Laura & Bob Sheppard, Sr.  
17<sup>th</sup> Elva & Barry Coverdale  
19<sup>th</sup> Christine & Robert Haywood  
26<sup>th</sup> Annmarie & Shawn Patterson  
30<sup>th</sup> Jennifer & Darren Cormier



*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.*



Not even Hurricane Irene could keep Aurora Rose Taylor from joining our church family on August 28<sup>th</sup> although her baptism was delayed until 6PM due to the storm. We welcome her into our parish family. Her parents are Amy and John Taylor.



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Service Times

**September 4—8:00 AM & 9:30 AM**

**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



**October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Blessing of  
the Animals**



**Classes for All Ages**

**Sunday mornings at 9 AM**