

A Letter from St. James

Mill Creek Hundred

June 2012

RECTOR's RAMBLINGS . . . Sizzling into Summer

It's been hot around here lately, I mean *summertime* hot, and it's still officially springtime. According to *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, the summer solstice does not occur until June 20th at 7:09PM, so we might be in for more than our share of days of excessive heat. It's a good thing that our church is air-conditioned! There's a lot more going on to talk about, however, besides the weather.

June is a month of new beginnings. It is first and foremost a time of graduations. Six of our young people are completing their high school educations and will soon be headed off to new ventures. We also have two adults receiving undergraduate degrees and one who is receiving her master's degree. Our congratulations go out to each one for their achievements. Photos and information on the graduates can be found inside the newsletter.

The month of June will also mark at least five baptisms at St. James'. It is an odd year when I don't have at least one wedding to officiate, so it is a joyful prospect to be requested to baptize so many children! When the current Book of Common Prayer urged the Church away from private baptisms to making them a part of the regular gatherings and worship of the congregation, it brought to the fore the visible reminder of the sacrament through which each one of us became united to Christ. Even if we do not always know well the children being baptized we open our arms and hearts in welcome as God, through Holy Spirit, brings them into a life of grace and faith.

Finally, this month we begin our 90-Day Bible Challenge. Fifty people have signed on to challenge themselves to read the entire Bible cover-to-cover by the end of August. I am overwhelmed by the response and will be praying for all of us to find enlightenment in this even as we are stretched to find the time and the energy necessary to finish the task. I will even be trying something new: an online blog of the experience. Check it out at <http://frjim90daybibleblog.blogspot.com> or aim your smartphone at the QR Code in the upper right corner of this paragraph.



-- Bloggings, Blessings and Peace, Fr. Jim Bimbi

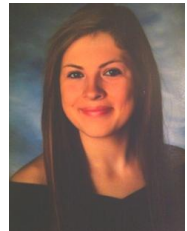


High School



Karley Ann Cernos is a graduate of Alexis I. DuPont High School. She has played softball for 8 years starting with t-ball. She has also been on Varsity playing for Coach Banner for all 4 of her high school years. She is getting ready to compete with her team for the state tournament this year. She plans on attending Wilmington University after graduation where she plans to continue playing softball. She is employed in the family business K&D Lawn Service.

Kelsey Nicole Hall is graduating from McKean high school. She will be attending Del Tech in the fall and majoring in elementary education. She received the FCCLA gold medal and will represent Delaware in the National competition in Orlando FL. this summer. Kelsey managed the Lacrosse team and cross country team during her years at McKean.



Melissa Ann Idell will be graduating from St. Mark's High School of Wilmington in June. She will attend West Virginia University where she will pursue a degree in Pre-Sport and Exercise Psychology. Melissa's interests include gymnastics, swimming and someday traveling abroad. Melissa has been a competitive gymnast since the age of 6 achieving state and national recognition. She will be competing on the WVU Women's Gymnastics Team, currently ranked No. 21, following the NCAA 2012 Regional Championships. Melissa has been a lifelong member of St.

James, enjoyed involvement with the youth group and over the past several years has served as an acolyte.

Ariana Sage Niehaus is graduating from Avon Grove High School and will attend East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina this fall where she plans to major in Art Education. Her hard work and participation in numerous athletic and student organizations awarded her scholarships from multiple sources, including an award from both her high school as well as a substantial academic stipend from East Carolina. Her active participation in Vacation Bible School helped her to recognize her love of children and teaching. Coupled with her natural artistic talents and intensively creative nature will she is certain to become an excellent teacher.





James Frederic White, son of Margaret (Sam) and Fred White, and brother of Emma White, graduated from the Delaware Military Academy (DMA) on June 7, 2012. While at DMA, James earned the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade. At the end of his junior year, James received the VFW's Leadership Award. As a senior, he was the school's Armory Officer and the Captain of the Marksmanship Team; James also marched in the Color Guard and Drill Teams. Before DMA, James attended Skyline Middle School and Linden Hill Elementary School.

Between his Junior and Senior years, James enlisted in the United States Marine Corps through its Delayed Entry Program, which minimized the time period between his graduating from high school and the start of his military training. He heads to Boot Camp at Parris Island, SC on July 9, 2012.

Zachary Patterson will be graduating from Newark High School and attending the University of North Carolina Wilmington in the fall and studying Biology.



COLLEGE & FURTHER DEGREES



Christine Carrow will graduate in May from the University of Delaware with a nursing degree and a job offer at Union Hospital in Elkton.

Rebecca A Perry

I have been a member of the St. James parish family since birth. My mother and father have always encouraged and supported my spiritual life which included going to Sunday school, acolyte duty, working at the annual turkey dinner, and in recent years you would occasionally find me with Mom-Mom Perry at the Bazaar Workshop!



I am proud to share that this past December I graduated with a B.S. Degree from Bluefield College (Virginia) in Interdisciplinary Studies with Teacher Licensure, grades Kindergarten through 6th. Full-time teaching assignments are tough to come by in the middle of a school year, but I continue to strengthen and broaden my classroom experience with substitute teaching assignments, and I am also a tutor at Sylvan Learning Center. I am very excited about my future as an educator, and I look forward to my experiences with the youngsters of today by encouraging them to see their possibilities of tomorrow!

Sister Julian Wilson will graduate from Spring Arbor University in Spring Arbor, Michigan with a Master's degree in Spiritual Formation and Leadership. A chaplain at Christiana Hospital and in charge of formation for Anamchara Fellowship, Sister Julian is already making good use of her education, but she is eager to become more involved at St. James now that her studies are completed.



HELP WANTED! Are you a good coordinator?

We are looking for someone to chair our annual turkey dinner. Last year's chair Jerry Clark is updating the procedure manual and will be happy to talk to the new chair about the event. Talk to Father Jim or call the office if you are willing to serve. You'll get lots of help from others in the parish. This year's dinner will be held on November 3, 2012.

If you have questions about the **Tercentennial Quilt** or you would like to **sign up for a star**, please see Fran Mayhew in the Parish House lobby. She plans to be available on most Sundays after each Worship Service.



Recognition and documentation of "**Loved Ones**" who have been affiliated with Saint James' Mill Creek Hundred but have moved out of the area or been laid to rest; as well as those who have been baptized, confirmed or married here can also be recorded at the same time. This information will be gathered until December, 2012.



As SMACA goes on hiatus for the summer, we thank our leaders, Valerie Bragg, Carolyn Joynt and Cynde Bimbi and their helpers, Cindy Fauerbach, Sister BJ Brown, Kate Hoppenjans, Chelsea Leach, David Niehaus, Sam White & Father Jim for giving of themselves to help our youth learn of God's love and our traditions.



Bring your checkbooks on Sunday to purchase a Delaware Episcopal license plate. We will have applications, assist in completing the application and place the check and application in the mail for you. A simple way to evangelize and show your pride as an Episcopalian!





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 16-JULY 20 9AM – Noon

Children 3 years old and up. 12 and over can serve as junior counselors. Cost is \$10 for the week (*scholarships available*).

Register early so that we know how much to order. The kids always have a great time! Tracey McCracken is coordinating the program for us. If you can volunteer to help, call her or Genia in the office. There

will be crafts, games, Bible stories, music, and snacks. *A registration form is included with this newsletter. If you don't have a child or grandchild who can use it, consider passing it on to a friend or neighbor. A great time will be had by all!*



The Opus One Vocal Jazz Ensemble presents *The Great American Songbook*- an evening of the great songwriters of the 20th Century!

Including the music of Gershwin, Porter, Berlin, Arlen, Kern and more...with The Opus One Jazz Trio and friends, plus a special performance of "Rhapsody in Blue" for piano and trumpet! Saturday

June 16th 2012 7p.m. Trinity Episcopal Church 1108 N. Adams St. Wilmington DE 19801.

Tickets \$10, Children under 12 FREE. **A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Friendship House of Wilmington.** Bring that special "Dad" in your life for a Father's Day Weekend Treat!"

Food Shelf and Sundry Closet -- Donations may be made any week during the month. The following are in short supply: jelly, tuna, canned meat, fruit in easy-open containers, spaghetti, Chef Boyardee pasta, single rolls of toilet paper. Items with easy-open lids are helpful. Please be sure to check expiration dates. Thank you for your donations to the food closet.

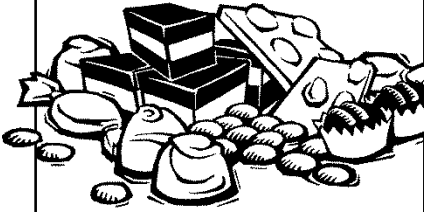


We host Family Promise the week of June 24th.

Once again the families will be able to use classrooms as bedrooms. If you can serve as an overnight host or dinner provider, speak with Jennifer Idell, Susan Winward or sign-up in the Parish Hall. This is a most rewarding ministry for both those who serve and those who are served.

"Sweet CARD"

Make this Father's Day card using some of your dad's favorite candy.



What you need:

- Wrapped candy or candy bars
- Poster board or large piece of cardboard
- Markers
- Clear tape

What you do:

1. With an adult, purchase a variety of candy.
2. Using poster board and markers, create a poem or letter for your dad. Include the candy name(s) in your message. For a Snickers bar, you can write, "I love to snicker at your jokes!" For an Almond Joy, you can write, "Wishing you lots of joy this Father's Day!"
3. Tape the candy to your giant card and present it to your dad on Father's Day.



★ A FATHER'S ★ INSTRUCTION

★ Although babies don't come with instructions, ★
God tells parents how to raise their children.

Directions: Fill in the blanks with letters, using the number grid to find the correct coordinates. The first number goes across, and the second one goes down.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	a	L	d	i	j	g	r
2	m	b	o	k	h	u	s
3	e	n	c	x	t	p	f

" ... 2,2 7,1 4,1 2,3 6,1 5,3 5,2 1,3 1,2
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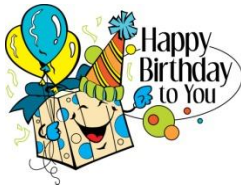
EPHESIANS 6:4, NIV

Answers: "... bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."



June Birthdays

1 st	Barry Coverdale
	Brooke Taylor
4 th	Sandy Cornelia
9 th	Harry Garraway
10 th	Marlene Jackson
	Sara Kalenkoski
14 th	Kevin Heinold
	Millie Spence
17 th	Jonathan Burns
18 th	John Nuss
20 th	Paula Green
	Ally Markham
	Megan Joynt
22 nd	Rebecca Manthorpe
	Steve Coverdale, Jr.
23 rd	Mary Burns
24 th	Cathy Brown
25 th	Erik Hollstein
	Taylor McCracken
	Susan Miller
27 th	Ellen White
28 th	Dolores Hamilton
	Megan Hollstein
30 th	David Hoppenjans



Happy Father's Day!!

♥ June Anniversaries ♥

4 th	Dorothy & Edward Loveland
5 th	Donna & Joseph Valiante
6 th	Tracey and James McCracken
7 th	Michelle & Kevin Minor
8 th	Robin & Cory Brennan
10 th	Sara & Charles Kalenkoski, Jr.
14 th	Cathy & Larry Goldstone
15 th	Valerie & Brian Hall
17 th	Christie & Derrick Hale
	Dorianne & Bill Short
19 th	Sally & Raymond Logue
20 th	Jenny & Bruce Vrana
21 st	Debby & John Nuss
23 rd	Sue & Paul Haefner
	Kathy & George Elliston
26 th	Kay & Bob Meckelnburg
	Doris & Ralph Stampone
27 th	Laura & Borden Adams
29 th	Eileen & Doug Marvel
30 th	Ginny and Russ Dennis



Our deepest sympathy to Bruce & Jenny Vrana & family on the passing of Bruce's father Charles Vrana on May 10, 2012.

Our deepest sympathy also to Sam & Fred White & family on the passing of Sam's sister, Louise "Peppy" Armstrong on May 14, 2012.

We hold both families in our hearts and prayers.



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Service Times

Sunday- Summer Schedule

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM Family Choral Eucharist

Wednesday

10:00 AM Eucharist & Healing Service
6:15 PM Evening Prayer Service



*Join us on June 10th as we
celebrate our youth!*



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