



St. David's Episcopal Church

MARCH DOVETALE

2024

MISSION STATEMENT:

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to love and serve God and community, committing ourselves to lives of joyful worship, prayer, and the teaching of Scripture.

HOLY WEEK

You can find all the details about Holy Week in this issue of the Dovetale. Here I just want to emphasize the importance of Holy Week in particular.

Holy Week was the nucleus of the entire Christian year. First there was Easter. Then Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the rest of Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday. Next came Lent as a season of preparation for Holy Week. Finally, the rest of the Christian year was filled in. The entire Christian year matters. But Holy Week was the start of it all.

Part of the work of Holy Week is properly done at home. Try to take a little extra time for prayer that week. Reflect on your life with God, where you stand now and where you would like to be. Ask God's help in taking another step forward on your Christian journey.

Some of that work is best done with each other. We offer a lot of options at Saint David's, and we co-sponsor events at other area Churches as well. Gathering with brothers and sisters in Christ is important.

I encourage you to make a particular effort to attend the three services at the core of Holy Week: Maundy Thursday; Good Friday; and Easter Sunday. Those three services encapsulate in miniature the entire gospel story. We hear the story of the first time Christians gathered around the table to celebrate the Eucharist. We hear again the awful events of Christ's death. Finally, we hear the good news of great joy that Christ has risen, that Christ is alive, that Christ has defeated sin and death, and opened the way for us to experience eternal life.

On that first Easter morning, everything changed. This Easter will not be so dramatic as that very first one. But we will worship with great joy. We will drop the confession of sin, and bring back the alleluias. Afterwards we can indulge ourselves for the day—guilt-free!—in whatever we have given up for Lent.

Do your best to be part of the celebration. Bring family and friends with you. But also do the work of preparation in the remaining time leading up to that day. It will be worth it!!

In the name of the One who died and rose again,

Fr. Harvey

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday—March 24 this year. The entire week is a time for focusing on Christ, but the next big service is Maundy Thursday (March 28) at 5:30. Then Good Friday (March 29), which begins with a children's combination Stations of the Cross and Egg Hunt from 10:00 to 12:00. Next up is a traditional Good Friday Service at noon. At 4:45 we'll walk the Stations of the Cross. And our main Good Friday service will be that evening at 5:30. On Saturday (March 30), we'll have a Prayer Vigil from 10:00 to 4:00, and then join the good people at Saint Mark's, East Longmeadow for an Easter Vigil at 7:00. And of course, Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:00 on Easter Sunday. I encourage everyone to take advantage of these opportunities as much as you can. And particularly on Easter morning, bring friends or family with you to worship!

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS/EASTER EGG HUNT:

On Good Friday (3/29), we'll have our traditional children's event from 10:00 to 12:00. It starts with crafts and a story. Then we have a special Children's version of Stations of the Cross. The event ends with a massive Easter Egg Hunt. This event is free and open to the public. In the lead-up to the day itself, we'll be asking for candy donations. Individually wrapped candies and no peanuts/peanut butter. Thankfully Denise Noyes and her family have again agreed to handle the egg stuffing!!

EASTER FLOWERS: by Fr. Harvey

Most weeks, the flowers and/or the altar candles are given to the glory of God and in honor of someone important to us. But on Easter, as on Christmas, we like to go big! If you would like to remember, honor, or give thanks for someone, please complete the special Easter flowers form (available in the narthex), attach a check for the relevant amount, and return it to the office or put it in the collection plate.

COMPLAINT-FREE LENT:

This is another wonderful Lent option. The basic idea is to wear a purple bracelet that reminds us not to complain. Every time we do complain despite the reminder, we put aside a little money. At the end of Lent, we donate the collected money to a good cause. Those who have participated in past years will remember how helpful this practice can be. But I warn anyone who hasn't participated before: don't commit to putting aside much money for each complaint. It can really add up!! For those who want to pay for their complaints through Saint David's, please make out a check with complaint challenge in the subject line. We'll send whatever complaint money we collect to Communities Involved in Sustaining Agriculture (CISA), as we have done in past years. Please join the "fun"!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

We'll walk the Stations of the Cross every Friday in March. On the 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd, we'll walk the Stations at 11:15, prior to our Healing Eucharist. On Good Friday (3.29), we'll walk them at 4:45. The service takes about thirty minutes, and is a wonderful way to focus your Lenten journey. Please join us!

LENT MADNESS:

Based loosely on the NCAA basketball tournament, this online devotion pits saints against one another in a bracket as voters choose their favorites throughout the penitential season of Lent. Here's how to participate: on the weekdays of Lent, beginning on February 15, information is posted at www.lentmadness.org about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. If you're looking for a Lenten discipline that is fun, educational, occasionally goofy, and always joyful, join the Lent Madness journey. Lent needn't be all doom and gloom. After all, what could be more joyful than a season specifically set aside to get closer to Jesus Christ?

LENT PRAYER PARTNERS:

Participants pray for their partner every day during Lent, and then send an Easter Card to their partner offering God's blessings on that person. This is a great way to support each other as a community of faith. If you would like to participate and are not already doing so, please let Fr. Harvey know.

LENT FORMATION PROGRAM:

Our Lent formation program is based on the Stations of the Cross. During Lent, we walk the Stations every Friday, using the very attractive, hand-carved Stations we inherited from Saint Christophers. On Sundays at 11:30, we'll gather to discuss two of the Stations. We'll look at the Biblical passage and prayer associated with each Station, as well as an image of it. Then we'll discuss how it connects to our lives and what it can teach us about keeping a holy Lent. Please join us for any or all of the sessions!

BLESSING BASKET SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTREACH: by Norma Turcotte

Blessing Basket Sunday School Outreach Dear Friends, During the month of March our Sunday school class will collect items to create a Blessing Basket as part of our Community Outreach theme. A Blessing Basket will be given to our friends who need a "hand up." As we learn how God blesses us, we will talk about tangible ways we can bless others through simple gifts, such as a blessing basket. We are asking our church community to participate in this event as well. We will focus on collecting underwear and socks for men, women and children. As we create the blessing basket, children will explore how simple everyday items we may take for granted are actually treasured blessings. Thank you for your participation in blessing others. The Sunday School Staff.

FRIDAY EVENTS: by Fr. Harvey

On Fridays we have a Healing Eucharist at noon, Bible Study at 1:00, and Contemplative Prayer at 2:30. For Lent, we've added Stations of the Cross at 11:15. All four are in person, but you can also join the Bible Study and Contemplative Prayer by Zoom. All four will meet every Friday in March, except that Good Friday is its own thing. Please join us!

THE CHOSEN: by Fr. Harvey

The Chosen is an ongoing series telling the story of Jesus and his disciples available for free on YouTube. The series aims to stay close to Scripture as much as possible, while also offering a considerably expanded back-story for the disciples and many of the people healed by Jesus. The result is a fresh telling of the story. So far the series has run three seasons of something like eight episodes each, with four more seasons to come. We'll continue to work our way through season one at our next watch party on Tuesday March 19 at 6:00. Please join us!

AGAWAM EASTER PROJECT:

Hopefully by the time you read this, or soon thereafter, we'll have a list of names from the Town Nurse of area children who would appreciate an Easter basket. The idea is that people take a name and fill a basket with items appropriate to the age and gender of the child. We'll return the baskets to the Town Nurse, who will distribute them to the right families. This is a really wonderful way to celebrate Easter, benefit the community, and share a little good news. If you have questions, please contact Dixie Lauzon, Lin Paquette or Valerie Clapp.



SAFE CHURCH TRAININGS

The Rev. Tanya Wallace, our Diocesan Safe Church Officer, will be leading Safe Church training on the following dates via Zoom. You can register by clicking on the date of your choice below. There is no cost to you; Saint David's will be billed. Thank you for helping to keep our churches safe!

Tuesday, March 5 - 5:00-8:00 p.m., Volunteers

Thursday, March 21 - 5:00-8:00 p.m., Volunteers

INVITATION TO LECTORS: by Fr. Harvey

It occurred to me that lectors (aka readers) might enjoy a chance to talk together about the readings for the following Sunday. Something like that would hopefully make the experience of reading more meaningful. If you are interested, please let me know. If there is interest, we'll find a convenient time to make it happen.

I should perhaps add that, if we do go forward with a lectionary-based Bible Study, others would be welcome to join, of course.

PRAYER CYCLES: by Fr. Harvey

The 2024 prayer cycles are available in the narthex near the mail slots. The list of nations did not change, and is already there. I updated the Parish Prayer Cycle, and it's there, too. My goal is to include every parishioner and ministry at Saint David's. If you use it, please let me know if I have missed anyone or anything!! If you are not already doing so, I encourage you to give one or both of the prayer cycles a try. We can all use more prayers on our behalf!!!!

PRAYER SHAWLS :

This is a great time to make, use, or give someone a prayer shawl. If you have one to be dedicated, let Father Harvey know, and he can include a prayer of dedication as part of our Sunday service. If you would like to pick one up from the Church, please let the office know, and we'll try to make appropriate arrangements. Prayer shawls can be a great comfort to people who need a little boost. Thanks to everyone who participates in this wonderful ministry!!!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

If you or someone you know in the parish is not receiving a birthday card, please fill out a birthday greetings form found on the back table in the narthex, and deposit it in the Birthday Registry Box. Same for anniversaries! Thanks to Pat Wolos for her work sending birthday greetings on behalf of all of us!

In March St. David's Birthdays that I know of are:

March 2nd - Dianne Landon

March 6th Anne Berry

March 10th Diane Seaver

March 11th Dan Paquette

March 12th Jen Barna

March 14th Carol Fabrycki



TAX RECEIPTS:

Giving Statements are on the way! But if you need yours in the immediate future, please contact Ted Zern directly.



TUESDAY CONVERSATIONS: by Fr. Harvey

A group of us meet roughly every other Tuesday at 4:15 on Zoom to discuss a chapter of Richard Rohr's Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality

Our next date will be Tuesday, March 19th, when we'll continue with chapter eight. Please talk to me if you would like more information about the book or our sessions. We'd love to have you!

PRISON BIBLE STUDY: by Fr. Harvey

This ministry continues to go well. Deacon Terry and friends lead it on the first Mondays of the month. Penny Miller, Mary Moore, and I lead it on the fourth Mondays—the 22nd this month. Other Churches and even a Jewish Cantor lead the sessions on the remaining Mondays.

We are not allowed to give gifts to the inmates, but please let me know if you can think of ways to involve people from the parish in this ministry. One possibility is sending cards or letters. If anyone is interested, I'll check with the prison administration to figure out how that could work. Thanks!

VETERANS LUNCHS: by Fr. Harvey

Our February meal was another success, although I had to miss it because I was down with COVID. Sigh. I'm committed to making it in March! That meal will be on the 5th. March lunch will be a turkey dinner with all the fixings.

All veterans eat free. Everyone else is welcome to come help. Please help spread the word! Thanks!

I also want to let folks know that, thanks to the generosity of many people and the great generosity of Karen Hoppock, we have raised enough money to cover the costs of all veterans meals for the remainder of the year! I am grateful to everyone who responded to our appeal!

CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS: by Fr. Harvey

I also missed our February Church without Walls because of Covid. But Terry led the service, and all went well. It really is a great comfort to know that Terry can step in whenever I have a problem, and that so many laypeople always rally around! Our March Church without Walls will be Sunday, March 3. In addition to the service and lunches, we have a good supply of warm clothes to offer the people who join us. Thanks as always to everyone who makes this ministry possible!

DISCRETIONARY FUNDS: by Father Harvey

This is my regular reminder that I have a small discretionary fund which is intended to give people a little financial boost when necessary. Deacon Terry does too. If you get in a bind, please talk to one of us. I should add those conversations and any help people receive from either discretionary fund will be fully confidential.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE PLANNING WORKSHEET:

This is just a reminder that we have forms in the narthex for planning a celebration of life (aka funeral). It can be really helpful to family members if you plan your service in advance. And the conversation can be surprisingly rewarding! Please speak to Fr. Harvey if you would like any help. We also have available Health Care Proxy Forms and Power of Attorney Forms.

SAINT DAVID'S CALENDAR: by Fr. Harvey

You can now find every event scheduled at Saint David's, as well as every Saint David's event scheduled other places, on the calendar on our webpage. Take a look at it if you haven't already done so (<https://www.stdavidsagawam.org/calendar.html>). It's impressive! To add something to the calendar, please first check if the space and time you want are open. Then email our calendar keepers at saintdavidsMA@gmail.com to make your request. It will be official when you hear back from them.

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SNOW POLICY

Now that winter is here, you will see this article for the next couple of months. The Church will always be closed if Agawam High School closes for the day because of snow. On Sunday mornings, we have to make that call ourselves. When Church is closed, notice will appear on our webpage and on television stations 3, 6, 40, and 22. All meetings are presumed to be cancelled, including any meetings by outside groups that rent the Church property. In we cancel in-person services on Sunday morning, we will still livestream or zoom a service at 10:00. Our full snow policy is posted on the bulletin board by the office. Thanks!

DELOPMENT COMMITTEE: by Jo, Ellen & Virginia

It was decided that the Spring Fling will be postponed until May 4th. The members felt that it was not a good time to have the event. That it should be closer to Mother's Day and graduations. Everyone agreed that the same procedure would be followed as with the fall bazaar.

Ellen and Lin St. David's Table
Dixie and Val and anyone who wants to help on Baked Goods
Kitchen Bob & Crew
Lunch tickets Lynn and John
Vendors Dina
Coffee Cart Sandy and Michelle
Bank Dina
50/50 Jo (Beth has a commitment)
Money Tree (scratch tickets) Jo
Basket Raffle Kim

BOOK CLUB: by Linda Seabury

The St David's Women's Book Club met Sunday, February 25, at 11:15, after the 10:00 church service.

We discussed the book, "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay.

The next book that we are reading is "West With Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge.

This book is part adventure, part historical saga and part coming of age love story. "West With Giraffes" explores what it means to be changed by the grace of animals, the kindness of strangers, the passing of time and a story told before it's too late. The giraffe's names are Marmalade and Mustardseed.

All the women of St David's Church are invited to attend the book club meetings. We average between 8 to 14 members per meeting.

The next book club meeting is Sunday, April 8th. Even if you have not read the suggested book, you are most welcome to join us for fellowship with other women in our church. If you have any further questions, please contact me.

COFFEE HOUR: by Dina Joubert-Lavoie

Coffee Hour is a time for our Church members to meet and greet each other. The hostess and hosts do a great job providing us with treats.

I am posting a list of who currently has volunteered to do Coffee Hour.

Joanne freeman does the first week of the month.

(Joanne will not be doing July, August or September)

The second week of the month is done by Dina Joubert.

The third week of the month is done by Pat Wolos.

The 4th week of the month is done by Dixie Lauzon.

If there is a fifth week it is done by Jo Joubert.

We are always looking for ideas to give the coffee hour variety. If there is anyone who is willing to host the second Sunday of the month coffee hour please see Dina.

MARCH 4TH DINNER:

March 4th will be our Turkey Dinner with all the fixings. Tickets are available.

The sign up sheet and volunteer sheet will also be ready for your viewing. Could really use some help in Kitchen for clean up. Please sign up IF you are planning to attend. This is helpful for the accurate purchase of supplies for cooking.

As always thanking the volunteers in advance for your help.

REIMBURSEMENTS: by Helene Robbins, Treasurer

Across from the office are forms for receiving reimbursements for expenses people incur on behalf of Saint David's, as well as a list of which vestry member is in charge of which budget line. You can also see who is in charge of which budget area on our webpage at <https://www.stdavidsagawam.org/leadership.html>. As always, if you need to spend the Church's money, please complete the form and get the signature of the relevant vestry person.

COMING SOON A NEW LOOK FOR DOVETALE: by Jo Joubert

Every now and then we need something new to perk our interests. Not long ago I witnessed someone picking up a Dovetale in the Narthex, giving it a quick glance and commenting "Oh same old stuff". And dropping it in the basket by the door. So hopefully I can perk the interest a little.

Starting this month we will feature a Ministry each month. Mary Moore has been kind enough to help me out with this. Mary will pick a Ministry and either interview the individual that is in charge of it or Mary may write it herself. It will be written for all of us to refresh ourselves with the purpose and policy of the Ministry. This month Mary has submitted all about the Wine Ministry that she oversees. Also, Susan Amabile has submitted her Caregivers Ministry for us to read.

We will also be featuring a new article on "Why St. David's". A Church member will be asked to tell us why they have joined St. David's and what keeps them here. Who will be April's "Why St. David's"

WHY ST. DAVID'S by Jo Joubert

I grew up on a farm in a small town in Northern Maine. My mother was born and raised in Boston. Her family were all belonged to the Episcopal Church. When she moved to Maine she continued with her Episcopal faith. Every Sunday was church day. Dinner was at the dinning room table and I was expected to be there on time. Also my Mother always thanked God for the food.

When I graduated from high school and moved away, I took a "vacation" from Sunday church attendance, Until I met my husband, Paul. He was fresh out of the miliary but was planning to stay in the reserves. He wanted to stay in the area so that he could serve at Westover.

Paul was devote Catholic and asked me to go to the Catholic church.

I lived in Agawam and Paul lived in Indian Orchard, so we joined St. John's Catholic church in Agawam. Fr. Shannon was the priest there, and we really liked him so we were married at St. John's.

We bought a house in Southwick and joined Lady of the Lake. That is where Traci, Paul jr., and Martin were born and baptized. We sold and moved closer to Paul's job in Springfield. Joined Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church where Marie and Dina were Baptized.

Paul changed jobs again so we moved again and joined St. Thomas in West Springfield. The priests there not pleasant. I was told because I was Irish and Paul French & Native American were a mixed marriage and belonged at the Church on Main St. Needless to say that was the end of St. Thomas.

By this time I was not pleased with the way things were in the Catholic Church. To much problem with child abuse. So we stopped going to Church.

Then we had down sized and bought a house in Feeding Hills. We both missed going to Church but were not interested in following the Catholic way. One day we were driving by St. Davids on the way home and saw the sign that a Santa Breakfast was being held and everyone was welcome. Paul and I thought that our granddaughter, Michelle might like to see Santa. I called the Church and signed up for us to come to the breakfast.

The day of the breakfast we entered the Narthex and Carol Miller was sitting at a table, signing guests in. We had brought some canned goods for the basket, Carol thanked us and asked if we had ever been to St. David's before. We told her no, we just happened to see the Santa Breakfast sign and decided to bring our granddaughter. Carol was very pleasant and engaged me in discussion about St. David's. She talked about the community dinners and what a great priest was at St. David's.

About a month later I decided to go to the 10 0'clock service. My daughter Dina came with me and we sat in the back of the church. I have to say the first experience was not to welcoming. I was uncomfortable and couldn't get out fast enough . So Paul said lets go to the 8 o'clock service we did attend the 8 O'clock and enjoyed it. When we were leaving a gentleman came running after us as we went out the door and introduced himself and thanked us for coming to "his" church. That man became a dear friend, his name was Ted Kopyscinski, (RIP) Because of Ted we met with Fr. Harvey and joined St. David's. Paul is gone now, but he always said that Fr. Harvey was the reason he agreed to join St. David's. I too say "Fr. Harvey, you are a wonderful Priest." Enjoy your sermons and especially your down to earth sense of humor. So I guess I will stay here and hang out with all the GREAT MEMBERS OF ST. DAVID'S.

Wine Ministry by Mary Moore

Our Wine Ministry started somewhat by accident. We inherited some equipment and the kit with the ingredients for making a 5 gallon batch of red wine from a group at one of the other area Episcopal churches. Paul Fontaine and Jim Shields were interested in making the wine, and I joined them because I already had more than 20 years of wine-making under my belt. Our first batch of communion wine led to another, then another, and eventually to over 100 bottles from the additional kits that we had bought.

Covid and the ensuing remote Sunday services meant no need for church wine temporarily, turning our surplus into a glut. What to do with all that extra wine? The solution was to have an outdoor wine tasting at a private residence, following all the covid precautions. If anyone wanted a bottle to bring home, there were suggested donations, all of which went to Saint David's. That first wine tasting has now become an annual event, with bottles of various wines available year round too. And we are back to providing all the communion wine.

Our present crew consists of Lin and Dan Paquette and Mary Moore. We make mostly standard wines such as Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, and Riesling. Nothing fancy. Around Thanksgiving and Christmas, we will sometimes make a dessert wine, depending on the availability of the kits. We also handle the cleaning, sanitizing, filling,

all equipment, labor, and wine kits are provided by the members of this ministry. There is a suggested donation for a bottle of wine, but for anyone on a low fixed income, we ask that you donate what you feel comfortable with. 100% of the money we collect goes directly into the church's general fund. If you want wine but can't reach one of us, you can call the church office

@ (413) 786-6133. Not all wines are available at all times, but generally speaking, there is at least one type of red, and one type of white wine on hand



CAREGIVERS

The people of Saint David's have a long tradition of supporting each other in times of need. This year, we reorganized this generosity into a more regular ministry under the leadership of Susan Amabile.

The mission of Caregivers is simple: to help fellow parishioners who could use a hand. Often the help will be practical, things like a meal when people are not in a position to cook, or a ride for people who cannot drive. Other times the help will be simple encouragement, something like a puzzle book or the daily newspaper. Always the message will be "we're from Saint David's, and we hope you are doing well."

If you are willing to offer fellow parishioners occasional help in any of these ways, please let Susan know. We would love to have a handful of names of people who are willing to offer rides, run local errands, and/or provide meals when people need that. If we get several volunteers for each kind of help, no helper will be overburdened, and people who can use a little help will get the help they need.

We also need to know when parishioners could use the support of the Caregivers.

If you would like help with something, or if you know someone who might, please let Susan know that, too.

Together we can support each other. And that's a big part of being a Church family!



CREATION CARE KIDS' CORNER by Mary Moore

Springtime Scavenger Hunt

The first day of spring is in March, usually on the 20th or 21st, but sometimes on the 19th or the 22nd.

Activity - See how many of these signs of spring you can find.

1. A bird gathering nesting material
2. Geese flying overhead in a v-formation
3. A butterfly
4. A flock of robins
5. A bird that went south for the winter, such as a red-winged blackbird or a turkey vulture
6. A baby squirrel
7. A chipmunk
8. A turtle
9. A crocus (low to the ground flowers that you might see in someone's yard)
10. A cluster of red maple buds about to burst open into tiny red flowers

CREATION CARE CORNER: by JIM SHIELDS

A recent UMASS study crunched 30 years of data and found that the nation's wealthiest 10% are responsible for 40% of the nation's total greenhouse gas emissions, and the wealthiest 1% are responsible for 15% to 17% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions. These figures give insight into the way income and investments obscure emissions responsibility. For example, 15 days of income for a top 0.1% household generates as much carbon pollution as a lifetime of income for a household in the bottom 10%.

These researchers also found that in general, white non-Hispanic households had the highest emissions-based income, while Black households had the lowest. They also identified "super emitters" with extremely high emissions intensity. These are almost exclusively among the top 0.1% of U.S. households, which are overrepresented in the fields of finance, real estate and insurance, manufacturing, and mining and quarrying. To combat the problem, the study's authors suggested "that policymakers adopt taxes focused on shareholders and the carbon intensity of investment incomes in order to equitably meet the goal of keeping the global temperature to 1.5 degrees C of warming. This would incentivize the Americans who are driving and profiting the most from climate change to decarbonize their industries and investments. Imagine how quickly corporate executives, board members and large shareholders would decarbonize their industries if we made it in their financial interest to do so". I highly doubt this will ever happen, but it shines a light on the carbon problem and is something to chew on.

Beth and son Daniel Kronlund were received at the Service on February 18th.



Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to our recent confirmands, as well as people received into the Episcopal Church or renewing their baptismal covenant!! The confirmands are Ella Bouchard, Kilee and Kaylin Barna, Michelle Torres, and Tyler LaCamera. Beth and son Daniel Kronlund were received. And Mary Moore renewed her baptismal covenant.

Coffee Hour was hosted by Pat Wolos, Mary Fleury and Ellen Scott. A awesome Costco Cake was served along with some very tasty treats. Thank you ladies for your work.

It all happened when our Bishop was with us for his official visitation on Sunday, February 18. After the service, Bishop Fisher met with the vestry, where he had only good things to say about Saint David's. Thanks for everyone who helped to make the day special!



3 confirmed young ladies who have grown up at St. David's. Congratulations., Kilee, Kaylin Barna, & Ella Bouchard.



BOOK OF NAMES:

Sue O'Hare is home and on the mend. Dina Joubert-Lavoie, with Sue's encouragement, will be updating the *Book Of Names*. Please, fill out the slips located on the round table in back of church and place it in the box. E-mail: Dinajoubert1271@gmail.com. Phone #: 413-374-4448 We encourage everyone to fill out a slip or e-mail Dina with your family information. Thank you

EASTER BUNNY:

Where did the Easter bunny come from? The Bible makes no mention of a long-eared, short-tailed creature who delivers decorated eggs to well-behaved children on Easter Sunday; nevertheless, the Easter bunny has become a prominent symbol of Christianity's most important holiday. The exact origins of this mythical mammal are unclear, but rabbits, known to be prolific procreators, are an ancient symbol of fertility and new life.

According to some sources, the Easter bunny first arrived in America in the 1700s with German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania and transported their tradition of an egg-laying hare called "Osterhase" or "Oschter Haws." Their children made nests in which this creature could lay its colored eggs. Eventually, the custom spread across the United States and the fabled rabbit's Easter morning deliveries expanded to include chocolate and other types of candy and gifts, while decorated baskets replaced nests. Additionally, children often left out carrots for the bunny in case he got hungry from all his hopping.

Did you know? The largest Easter egg ever made was over 25 feet high and weighed over 8,000 pounds. It was built out of chocolate and marshmallow and supported by an internal steel frame.

CAN DO THIS AT HOME WITH THE CHILDREN



MARCH CALENDAR

Our Weekly Events

Sunday: Services at 8:00 and 10:00;

Sunday School at 10:00 (except 2/25)

Monday: Men's Bible study at 7:00

Friday: Healing Eucharist at 12:00

Bible Study at 1:00 (in person and Zoom)

Contemplative Prayer at 2:30 (in person and Zoom)

M-F: Compline at 8:00 PM (on Zoom)

Th-F: Morning Prayer at 8:00 AM (on Facebook)

Our Special Events:

Saturday, March 2: Vestry Retreat from 9:00-1:00

Sunday, March 3: Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting at 11:15

Sunday, March 3: Church without Walls at 12:00 at the Parish Cupboard

Monday, March 4: Community Supper at 6:00

Monday, March 4: Prison Bible Study at the WCCC at 7:00

Tuesday, March 5: Veterans Lunch at 11:30

Wednesday, March 6: Prayer Shawl Ministry at 2:00

Sunday, March 10: Lent Formation at 11:30: Discuss Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 17: Lent Formation at 11:30: Discuss Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 19: Tuesday Discussion Group at 4:15 on Google Meets

Tuesday, March 19: The Chosen Watch Party and Conversation at 6:00

Wednesday, March 20: Vestry at 7:00

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday Services at 8:00 and 10:00

Sunday, March 24: Lent Formation at 11:30: Discuss Stations of the Cross

Monday, March 25: Prison Bible Study at the WCCC at 7:00

Tuesday, March 26 at 11:00: Eucharist & Renewal of Clergy Ordination Vows, at the Cathedral

Thursday, March 28: Maundy Thursday Service at 5:30

Friday, March 29: Children's Stations/ Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00- 12:00

Friday, March 29: Good Friday Service at 12:00 and 5:30

Friday, March 29: Stations of the Cross at 4:45 pm

Saturday, March 30: Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil, 10:00-4:00

Saturday, March 30: Easter Vigil at 7:00 at Saint Mark's, East Longmeadow

Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday Services at 8:00 and 10:00

Regular Rentals

Mondays from 6:30-8:30 PM: OA

Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 AM: OA

Saturdays from 7:00 to 9:00 PM: Al-Anon Meeting

Saturdays from 7:00 to 8:30 PM: Narcotics Anonymous

All events are listed on the calendar on our webpage (<https://www.stdavidsagawam.org/calendar.html>). To reserve space for an event, please first check if the space and time you want are open. Then email our calendar keepers at saintdavidsMA@gmail.com. It will be official when you hear back from them.



A rock in bad hands killed Abel.

A rock in good hands killed Goliath

It's not about the rocks.

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