



St. David's Episcopal Church

MARCH DOVETALE

2021

Mission Statement

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

Holy Week

Although we are still near the beginning of Lent, Holy Week actually begins this month. Shocking! Palm Sunday is March 28.

We are still working on the details for how we can celebrate Holy Week as a parish. One way or another, we'll make palms available before Palm Sunday, and hopefully figure out a safe way to have some kind of virtual procession.

The big services during Holy Week itself are Maundy Thursday (4/1) and Good Friday (4/2). We'll livestream them at 5:00. (*Note the new time.*) Here, too, we'll need to spend time between now and then figuring out appropriate ways to honor the holy days even in pandemic conditions.

The Diocese is putting together an Easter Vigil for Saturday(4/3) night. More on that as the information becomes available.

We'll celebrate on Easter morning with a livestreamed service at 9:00. But we'll move back into the parking lot that day for a drive-in service along the lines of what we were doing last fall. It's not the same as being together in Church. But it will be great to be together in the best way we safely can.

Even in this pandemic, we will have a Holy Week, thanks to technology and the creativity and dedication of many gifted people. But the best news of all is that the holiness of Holy Week doesn't depend on us. The holiness of Holy Week comes from the events we commemorate that week (and every week!): Christ died for us and Christ rose again, defeating sin and evil and death on our behalf.

That means that, no matter what is happening in the world, we can take comfort and find joy in Christ through whom we were created, by whom we are redeemed, and into whose family we have been adopted. Thanks be to God! (It's premature, but that's OK) Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Fr. Harvey

Friday Bible Study at 1:00

The Friday Bible Study continues to meet on Zoom each week at 1:00. We are now into Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, which turns out to be remarkably relevant to us today. Please join us! And spread the word!

Communion During a Pandemic

Even though we aren't worshipping together in person at this point, we want to make sure that people have access to Holy Communion. Immediately following the 9:00 Sunday service, we leave consecrated wafers on a table in the narthex for at least thirty minutes for people to pick up. You can also pick up consecrated wafers during the week on Wednesdays from 11:00 to 1:00, Thursdays from 11:00 to 12:30, and Fridays from 11:00 to 3:00. It is a good idea to call before you come, just to be on the safe side.

Another option is to have someone drop the consecrated hosts off at your house on Wednesdays or Fridays. If you would like that, please contact the office or let Fr. Harvey know.

No matter how you get it, try to consume the sacrament as close to the worship service as possible. So, if you pick it up immediately following the service, consume it right away. If you pick it up during the week, wait until the next service and then consume it just after the prayer of consecration. If possible, have someone else give you the host while saying the words, "The body of Christ, the bread of heaven."

Finally, we will continue to say the Prayer for Spiritual Communion during the livestreamed services for those who are not able to have a physical wafer.

Communion Wine

Since we resumed Communion as an option, we have been limited to the consecrated bread. But the Bishop allows us to experiment with the wine too if we can figure out ways to do it safely. Bob Rendrick told us about a practice from the Lefebvre's Florida Church. They put a single drop of wine on the wafers before consecration. The priest consecrates the wafers and the wine as usual during the service. And people can know that when they get a consecrated wafer, it also has just a bit of dried but consecrated wine. Thanks to wonderful Carol Fabrycki, we're giving it a shot. So know that if you receive a consecrated wafer from Saint David's, you are actually receiving the wine as well. Thanks to everyone involved in making this happen!

Church Directory

Wonderful Penny Miller has been hard at work on a new print version of the Book of Names. A few weeks ago, she e-mailed everyone the information she has. If you haven't already done so, please take a look at your entry and send her any corrections. Please remember that we also have a password-protected online directory on our webpage. (Contact Father Harvey if you need the password.) If your information changes, let Fr. Harvey and/or Laurie Littlefield know so that we can keep it current. Thanks!!

Springfield Church Without Walls

This month will be our second time at the Springfield Church without Walls at Court Square. They offer free lunches, with a prayer and short message. Our contribution is fifty snacks; other Churches provide the rest of the meal. You can contribute snacks by dropping them off in the tub we set out for the Parish Cupboard, labelling them CWW. If you are interested in helping to provide the snacks, please be in touch with Deacon Terry. And a big thanks to Terry for his leadership in this new ministry!

Reading the Gospel of Mark

Instead of reading the entire New Testament as have done in recent years, this year we are focusing just on the Gospel of Mark, which is the source for most of our Sunday Gospel readings. To help us, we are using a kind of commentary by Michael Casey called *Fully Human, Fully Divine*. In March we plan to meet twice, both on Zoom on Tuesdays at 4:15. The dates are March 2 and March 23. Please join us!! All are welcome!!

Maintaining our Flower Gardens

Our practice for the last few years has been to put out a chart of our various garden plots and invite people to volunteer to maintain one or more. That has gotten considerably more complicated this year! But we still want to maintain our grounds, both for the larger community and for our own members. Among other things, the beautiful flowers are a wonderful frame for our outdoor labyrinth. If you were not involved in our gardens last year but would like to volunteer this year, please let Father Harvey know. If you were involved, we are hoping you will consider continuing with your plot(!). But if that is not possible, please let Father Harvey know that, too. Thanks!!

Virtual Pastoral Care

During the cold weather, when we all spend more time inside, it is more important than ever that we be sensitive to each other's needs. Isolation can be as harmful as the covid-19 virus, and it is likely to increase as the winter wears on. Please stay in touch with your brothers and sisters at Saint David's. Reach out by phone or e-mail or in whatever other way seems appropriate. And if you are struggling, emotionally, financially, or logistically, please let Fr. Harvey know. He should be able to connect you with parishioners who are ready to help.

Daily Prayer

We (Saint David's) continue to offer Morning Prayer every weekday at 8:00. Deacon Terry leads it on Mondays and Fridays, and Father Harvey leads it on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Saint Mark's offers Compline or something similar at 8:00 every weekday evening except Wednesdays. Please take advantage of these services as you are able. And please spread the word!

Prayer Cycles

We have put out updated versions of our two monthly prayer cycles, both of which are available in the narthex and on our homepage under the "Worship" tab. One lists all the nations of the world, and the other lists the people and the ministries of Saint David's. Please take a look particularly at the list of our people and ministries. We want to make sure to include everyone!

We recently began using the Parish Prayer Cycle in our services. On Sundays, we include the people for the day in the Prayers of the People. During the week, Deacon Terry and I use them in Morning Prayer as well. That way we pray for each person or family by name each month.

Please give the prayer cycles a try if you are not already doing so. It takes just a few minutes each day, and over the course of a month, you pray by name for every nation in the world, and every member and ministry here at Saint David's. We could all use more prayers these days!

Prayer Requests

Back in the good old days, by which I mean early last year!, we listed prayer requests in the bulletin each week. We can't do that now. If you would like us to include a prayer request in the prayers of the people on Sundays or in Morning Prayer during the week, please let Fr. Harvey know. We also have an online prayer chain. To put a prayer request on it, please contact Father Harvey or Kathy Glista. Do the same if you'd like to receive the prayer requests. If you are requesting prayers for someone other than yourself, please first confirm that the person would like to be on the list. And don't forget thanksgivings. It's good to offer those, too!!

Prayers in the Church Building, by Fr. Harvey

One of the things the Bishop allows, indeed encourages!, us to do is open our building for times of private prayer. Lent is a particularly good time for private prayer in a holy place. We have also put up the Stations of the Cross and put a form for walking the Stations near the entrance so that you can walk them yourself if you like.

But we can't simply open up the building because we don't want people to unintentionally gather. If you are interested in some private time in the sanctuary, let me know. One easy option is Fridays between 11:00 and 3:00, when I am there anyway, the Church is unlocked, and nothing is happening in the sanctuary. Other times are possible, too. But please don't just come unannounced. Let me know in advance what time(s) you would like so that I can make sure you have the sanctuary to yourself.

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, and that is a lot of us these days! Thanks to everyone who participates in this wonderful ministry!!!

Discretionary Fund, 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. So does Deacon Terry. If you get in a bind, please talk to one of us. I should add that those conversations and any help from either discretionary fund will be fully confidential.

Stations of the Cross

For the last several years, we have walked the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. As for so many things, we had to get creative about the Stations this year. We tried a Zoom version of the Stations, and it worked really well. We are therefore once again “walking” the Stations every Friday during Lent. This year the time is 12:00. Please join us!!

Contemplative Prayer and Lectio Divina

“Lectio Divina” is a prayerful reading of a Bible passage, interspersed with short periods of silence. The basic question we ask ourselves is, what is God saying to me through this passage? At least as long as our building remains closed, we plan to offer contemplative prayer on Zoom every Friday at 2:30. 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 season of Lent. Here’s how to participate: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at <http://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

Many of us are already praying each day for our Lent Prayer Partners. But it’s not too late to get in on the action if you like. Just contact Fr. Harvey and he’ll work on finding a partner for you. You then pray for your partner every day during the remainder of Lent. Then on Easter, send an Easter Card to your prayer partner offering God’s blessings on that person. This is a great way to support each other as a community of faith especially when we can’t be together. Please join us!

Complaint-Free Lent

This was a wonderful discipline brought to us a few years ago by Penny Miller. 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!! The purple bracelets are available in the narthex throughout Lent (while supplies last). We can also mail one to you. Please join the “fun”!

Lent Formation

This year we are teaming up with other Episcopal Churches in the area to offer two series. On Sundays at 4:00 is “Episcopal 101,” an introduction and review of what it means to be an Episcopalian Christian. On Wednesdays at 5:30 is “Tackling Evil: Why Love Always Wins.” Both are on Zoom, with different priests leading each session. The series have already begun, but each session can also stand alone, so folks are welcome to join anytime. Contact Fr. Harvey if you need the log-in information.

Lent Swag

We have a handful of things on a table in the Church narthex to help folks have a holy Lent. Some have already been mentioned in other articles in this issue of the *Dovetale*, and a few haven't. This is just a list. Let Fr. Harvey know if you would like more information about any of them. If you would like something but are not able to pick it up, please contact the Church office and we'll mail it to you. We have purple "complaint bracelets, special Lent forms for Morning Prayer (with a list of the proper readings for each day) and Compline; special Lent devotionals. That's in addition to the regular devotionals (Forward Day by Day and Daily Bread) as well as consecrated Communion wafers.

Beloved Community: Bending Towards Justice, by Fr. Harvey

Some of you may have seen the recent PBS two-part series on the Black Church. I haven't seen it yet, but I hear it was great. The Beloved Community Team of the Diocese liked it enough that they are sponsoring a discussion of each episode in March. I'll let everyone know when that will happen as well as how to view the episodes for free on YouTube. If you are interested, please join us!

Bement/Waterfield Educational Grants

Our Diocese offers a small College Scholarship for students who are active in an Episcopal Church in the Diocese. If you know someone who is qualified, please make them aware of this excellent opportunity. For more information, see <https://www.diocesewma.org/grant-opportunities/bement-grants-bement-waterfield-educational-grants/>.

Boissonneault Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now available for the Boissonneault Memorial Scholarship, in honor of Albert Boissonneault and Ellie Van Valkenburgh. To receive one, please contact the Church office and we'll mail it to you. To be eligible, the applicant must be a graduating senior from high school, accepted at a four-year college, and a confirmed member of Saint David's for at least five years. Completed applications should be submitted to the parish office by May 15. The Boissonnaeult family will communicate the final decision to the applicant sometime after June 1.

Technology Update, by Fr. Harvey

Life is always more complicated than I expect, and that most definitely includes our technology upgrades. As I reported last month, the vestry approved the purchase of new equipment to improve our livestreaming capabilities. We had what we thought was everything, and two people came out to do the installation. They got a lot done, but we it turned out we needed to purchase a little more, as well as to exchange a television screen that arrived broken. We made a new round of orders, and the two remaining items are supposed to arrive on March 1 (Saint David's Day!) Soon thereafter, the men will come back out to finish the installation, and we should be good to go.

I'd like to add a note of thanksgiving to Bob Rendrick and Larry Dutton, who have already been huge helps in the installation process, and also to Kathy Glista who has done a lot to get our new office computer up and running and has also agreed to take the lead in figuring out how to run the new tech when it is ready!

Reimbursements

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>. Please note that the budget line assignments recently changed as the new vestry has settled in. Continuing vestry members remain in charge of the same lines they oversaw last year.

Creation Care -Climate Crisis

by Mary Moore

It is easy to ignore or even deny a problem exists if it doesn't seem to affect you much, and so it seems is the case with the climate change crisis we are currently facing. We are running out of time to rein in the increases in global temperatures before irreparable harm is done. The critical number is no more than a 2 degree Celsius increase; the target (from the Paris Accord) is no more than a 1.5 degree Celsius increase. At the current rate of global warming, that 1.5 degree increase could come as early as 2030, but more likely by 2040. But many of us do not appreciate the urgency involved in working on solutions because simply put, we have not personally suffered too much.

The last 7 years, 2014 - 2020, were the hottest years on record. Such climate change wreaks havoc with weather patterns, causing an increase in droughts and flooding, as well as a higher number of and more severe hurricanes. Last year, hurricane and wild fire records were broken, causing 90 million dollars worth of damage in the United States alone. But because the impact of these disasters does not hit home directly for many of us, it is easy for us to become apathetic about working towards a solution. Yes, we had a mild drought in the area last summer, but none of us starved because of it. We still had food available from non-drought places, maybe a little more expensive, but nevertheless readily available at the grocery store. Other people died because of drought.

What can we do? At a Creation Care Justice Network meeting in January 2021, we (prayed and) discussed just that. Here are some of the ideas that were generated:

- Although there are secular organizations working on the climate crisis, the Church has the unique responsibility of being the moral voice. We need to be grounded spiritually and understand that we are connected to creation/nature.
- We need to understand that the climate crisis is real and get that message across to others.
- We need to be aware of how the poorer members of society are the ones who suffer overwhelmingly from climate change. They are negatively impacted much more than we are, economically, environmentally, and health-wise.
- The time for talking is over. We need to take action now!
- While individual actions are laudable (and should be continued), we need broad, collective actions, political and otherwise. See the links at the end of this article for church organizations that can provide more information on this.
- We cannot be afraid of confrontation. This may be hard for Christians, but there is such a thing as "holy discomfort."

To get the Diocesan Creation Care newsletter: <revivingcreation.org> There will be a menu across the top of the page. If you want the newsletter emailed to you, click on "newsletter". This will bring to another page. Once here, you can click on "sign up" at the bottom of the page. The next page will ask for your name, email address, and church.

Another resource is Interfaith Power and Light, Massachusetts chapter. The link for that is <www.massipl.org/welcome>

Wine-Making Ministry

This ministry/fund raiser continues! If you would like a bottle of homemade wine, please contact Mary Moore. The suggested donation is \$10, and the varieties available (while supplies last!) are: Cabernet Sauvignon; Chardonnay; Malbec; Blueberry; and dry and sweet meads. All proceeds go to support our mission and ministries. Thanks to Mary for leading this effort, with occasional help from a wine-making crew

Creation Care Kid's Corner - Plant Buds, by Mary Moore

A tree or shrub will produce buds by the end of autumn, even though the buds are not meant to open until the following spring or summer. Inside each bud is a complete baby leaf or baby flower. If you look closely, the buds are covered in scales. Those are to protect what is inside from the harsh winter conditions such as cold temperatures. Once the weather warms up in the spring, the buds get plumper as they are getting ready to open. Buds come in lots of different shapes, sizes, and colors. Your job is to find different ones!

Activity - Buds Scavenger Hunt

Looking at trees and bushes, find buds that are -

Round or roundish

pointy

brown or reddish brown

red

green or yellowish green

in clumps of 4 or more

in pairs

fuzzy (try to find a peach tree or a magnolia tree)

Gratitude Scavenger Hunt

Find the following:

1. Something that makes you happy
 2. Something to give to someone else to make him/her smile
 3. One thing you love to smell
 4. One thing that you enjoy looking at
 5. Something that is your favorite color
 6. Something you are thankful for in nature
 7. Something that you can use to make a gift for someone
- Something that is useful for you

RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL OBSERVANCE

- Saint Patrick is known as the Apostle of Ireland, who brought Christianity to Ireland.
 - According to Irish lore, the day could have been St. Maewyn's Day because it was Patrick's birth name before he adopted Patricius after becoming a priest.
 - Many Catholic churches move the date of the Feast of Saint Patrick if March 17 falls during Holy Week.
 - In 1737, the Feast of Saint Patrick was first celebrated in the United States by Irish immigrants. By 1762, New York City held the first official parade and, over time, it's become one of the world's largest St. Patrick's Day parades.
 - Since 1962, the Chicago River is dyed kelly green during the celebration. Forty tons of dye is dumped into the river which changes color for four to five hours.
 - The shamrock is Ireland's national flower. It is also one of the main symbols of St. Patrick, which represents the Holy Trinity. The three-leafed plant is often used as a badge.
 - It's a common mistake to confuse a four-leaf clover and a shamrock. The four-leaf clover is considered lucky because they're generally hard to find.
- A popular pastime of St. Patrick's Day is for adults to drink green beer. Around the world, millions of pints of beer are consumed on St. Patrick's Day, amounting to more than \$245 million!

What is Saint Patrick's Day really about?

St. Patrick's Day is about **celebrating the life of a Christian Bishop**, Patrick, who converted the pagan nation of Ireland to the Catholic faith. Ironically, Patrick wasn't even Irish. He was kidnapped and sold into slavery in Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day is a cultural and religious celebration that happens annually on 17 March to mark the death date of the most commonly-recognized patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick. It is also a public holiday in the Republic of Ireland, Newfoundland, and Labrador and Montserrat. The color green, pots of gold, shamrock, and leprechaun are often associated with the celebration.

- St. Patrick's Day is an annual feast day celebrating the patron saint the day is named after. It is a national holiday of Ireland and is usually celebrated on March 17.
- It has become a popular holiday in the United States. People wear green and eat corned beef and cabbage.
- It is believed St. Patrick, a Roman-Britain-born Christian missionary, was born in the late fourth century and is credited with bringing Christianity to the Irish people.
- It is also believed St. Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland. However, post-glacial Ireland never actually had snakes. Many believe that the term "snakes" referred to the serpent symbolism of the Druids of that time and place. Today, there are no snakes to be found!
- Most people, whether they are Irish or not, wear green on this day. One of the Irish traditions is to pinch anyone who is not wearing green on St. Patrick's Day.
- Irish immigrants began observing the holiday in Boston in 1737 and the first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in New York City in 1766.
- Corned beef and cabbage are traditional foods eaten on this holiday. The shamrock, pots of gold, and leprechauns are also associated with St. Patrick's Day. The shamrock was worn as a badge on the lapel. Three is Ireland's magic number and the three leaves that make up the shamrock are supposed to bring good luck. They also represent the Holy Trinity in the Christian religion.
- The leprechaun is a small Irish fairy. He is dressed like a shoemaker, with pointed shoes and a hat. He also wears a leather apron. Leprechauns are supposed to be unfriendly little men who live alone in the forest, spending all of their time making shoes and guarding their treasures.
- If someone catches a leprechaun, he will be forced to tell where he hides all his pots of gold. However, the leprechaun must be watched at all times. If his captor looks away, the leprechaun will vanish along with his treasure.

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WOOPIE PIES

1 roll (16.5 oz) Pillsbury™ refrigerated sugar cookie dough

2 eggs

½ cup plus 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour

½ teaspoon green gel food color

1 cup cream cheese creamy ready-to-spread frosting (from 16-oz container)

Heat oven to 350°F. Line 2 large cookie sheets with cooking parchment paper. Let cookie dough stand at room temperature 10 minutes to soften.

In large bowl, break up cookie dough. Add eggs, flour and green food color. (DO NOT EAT RAW COOKIE DOUGH AFTER COMBINING WITH FLOUR AND EGGS.) Beat with electric mixer on medium speed about 30 seconds or until well blended. Place mixture in decorating bag fitted with tip, or place in resealable plastic food-storage bag and cut off 1 corner. Pipe batter into 1 ¼-inch circles 1 inch apart on cookie sheets.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until cookies are set and spring back when touched. Cool 2 minutes on cookie sheets. Remove to cooling racks to cool completely, about 30 minutes.

To make 1 whoopie pie, pipe frosting between 2 cookies.



Expert Tips

Give these whoopie pies extra-special flavor by filling them with your favorite homemade cream cheese frosting!

FUN FACT OF MARCH

- March 1: National Peanut Butter Lover's Day, Fun Facts About Names Day
- March 2: Dr. Seuss's Birthday, National Read Across America Day
- March 3: World Wildlife Day
- March 4: National Hug a G.I. Day, National Grammar Day, World Obesity Day, World Book Day
- March 5: Employee Appreciation Day, National Day of Unplugging* (first Friday of every March)
- March 6: National Dentist's Day
- March 7: National Cereal Day
- March 8: International Women's Day
- March 10: National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, National Oreo Cookie Day
- March 11: Johnny Appleseed Day
- March 12: Plant a Flower Day
- March 13: National K-9 Veterans Day, Genealogy Day
- March 14: National Pie Day, Learn About Butterflies Day, National Potato Chip Day
- March 15: The Ides of March
- March 16: Freedom of Information Day, National Artichoke Day, National Panda Day
- March 17: St. Patrick's Day
- March 18: Supreme Sacrifice Day, National Biodiesel Day, Incredible Kid Day* (third Thursday of every March)
- March 19: National Poultry Day
- March 20: Equinox Earth Day, First Day of Spring*, International Day of Happiness
- March 21: National Teenager Day, International Day of Forests, World Down Syndrome Day, World Poetry Day
- March 22: World Water Day
- March 23: World Meteorology Day, National Puppy Day, American Diabetes Alert Day
- March 24: World Tuberculosis Day, National Cocktail Day
- March 25: Tolkien Reading Day, International Waffle Day
- March 26: Make Up Your Own Holiday Day, National Spinach Day
- March 28: Respect Your Cat Day
- March 29: National Mom and Pop Business Owners Day
- March 30: I am in Control Day, Take a Walk in the Park Day, National Doctors' Day
- March 31: World Backup Day

March has two birthstones, not unlike some of other months. Aquamarine is the first birthstone for the month, which symbolizes youth, health, and peace. Bloodstone, which looks very different from aquamarine, is a type of quartz known for its fiery flecks of red, representing strength and stealth.



“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”

Romans 12:18

*HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY
TO ALL*

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