



THE DOVETALE

St. David's Episcopal Church



2019

Invitation to a Holy Lent

This year, Lent begins on March 6. As always, we will have an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00—please come if you possibly can! At that service, I will invite you, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent.

Lent is one of the most important seasons of the Christian year. It is a time of preparation that gets us ready to acknowledge the brutal events of Holy Week, particularly Christ's death on the cross, and then to celebrate the incredible good news of Easter, that Christ is raised.

Those events stand at the very heart of our faith. And yet they can become so familiar that they cease to shock and amaze us. We begin to take them for granted. Lent is the antidote for this attitude.

One of the duties of Lent is self-examination and repentance. We pause to acknowledge the ways we have turned away from God and to commit ourselves to turning back.

A second duty is fasting and self-denial. What that means in practice will vary from person to person, but all of us should give something up or take something on. The point is not suffering for its own sake. The point is to act in such a way that our attention is drawn back to God. So, for example, I give up sweets and Sudoku. (You will hear me complain about that a LOT. And since one of my goals is a complaint-free

Lent, it is going to cost me!) Ideally, every time I crave sweets or think about completing a Sudoku, I will pause to remember what Christ has done for me. Then, come Easter, I can eat sweets again, return to my puzzles, and generally celebrate God's abundance with renewed gratitude!



A third duty is reading and meditating on God's Holy Word. Join us in reading the New Testament, even if it is just for Lent. Or go to one of our Bible studies—the Men's group on Monday evenings or the parish Bible Study on Fridays at 1:00. It is not exactly the same thing, but come to our Lent Formation Program on "The Way of Love." Or just read

and study on your own. Again the point is to take some time to come to know God better.

If you take Lent seriously, if you strive to have a Holy Lent, you will not enjoy every minute of it. But you will grow a little closer to God. You will know a little more joy. You will experience a little bit of new life. And that is a very good reason to give it a try!!

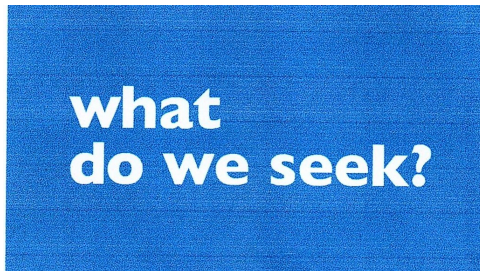
In the name of the One who lived and died among us,
Fr. Harvey

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Lent Formation: The Way of Love

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has invited every Episcopalian to join him in living the Way of Love. Beginning on Sunday, March 17 we'll talk about the different parts of the way of love each week. Our sessions will begin at 11:30 and wrap up by 12:45. For more information on the way of love, check out <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love>. Among other things, you can watch an inspiring short video. Alternatively, grab a copy of Bishop Curry's sermon announcing the program: copies are available in the narthex. Please join us if you can! And help spread the word!



THE WAY OF LOVE

Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

TURN Pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus

LEARN Reflect on Scripture each day, especially Jesus' life and teachings

PRAY Dwell intentionally with God each day

WORSHIP Gather in community weekly to thank, praise, and draw near God

BLESS Share faith and unselfishly give and serve

GO Cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus

REST Receive the gift of God's grace, peace, and restoration

Vestry Update

The Vestry had our annual retreat on Saturday, February 16. We covered a lot of ground, including part of the Way of Love curriculum that is the basis for our Lent Formation program. But one of the more concrete things we did was determine who will oversee which budget line. That list is available on the bulletin board across from the office. Next to it are the permission forms for spending Church money. As you hopefully know, if you spend any of the Church's money, you should get prior permission from the relevant vestry member on the proper form. Thanks!!

Holy Week

The full Holy Week Schedule is still a season (Lent) away. Well before it actually begins, we'll put a schedule for the week in the narthex and on our webpage. But here is a "save the dates" announcement. On Palm Sunday (April 14), we'll have regular services at 8:00 and 10:00, except that they will begin with the procession of Palms. Each weekday during Holy Week, the Agawam Clergy Association sponsors a short ecumenical service at 12:00, followed by lunch, both at Agawam Congregational on Main Street. Our Maundy Thursday service will be April 18 at 7:00. Our principle Good Friday service will be April 19 at 7:00. But Good Friday is a big day. We start with a combined children's Stations of the Cross/Easter Egg Hunt from 10:00 to 12:00, and we will have a less formal Good Friday service in place of our regular healing Eucharist at 12. On Holy Saturday (4/20), we'll have our usual prayer vigil from 10:00 to 4:00. That evening we will join several area Churches in an Easter Vigil at Saint Andrew's. And, of course, our Easter services on April 21 at 8:00 and 10:00. Whew!!

Stations of the Cross

As in past years, we will offer Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent, beginning on March 8. This short, powerful service is a great way to keep focused on the meaning of Lent and Jesus' sacrifice for us. Please join us at 11:30. Stick around for the Eucharist which immediately follows and/or the Bible Study at 1:00!



Shrove Tuesday

Our traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be on—you guessed it!—Shrove Tuesday. That's March 4, the day before Lent begins. Please join us for a festive meal, fun, and fellowship!

Ash Wednesday Service

Our Ash Wednesday Service will be at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6. Please make a special effort to join us for that service. It is one of the most solemn and holy services of the entire Christian year, and the best way to kick off a holy Lent.

Flooring Update

As you probably know, Jo Joubert and the Development Team have been working hard to raise money to replace our rugs. I am thrilled to report that the first stage of their work is about done, and work will begin on the flooring of the narthex and halls in the next few weeks! The work itself should take three days. We are still in the process of figuring out exactly when, and also how disruptive, that will be. Our hope is that we will be able to continue more or less as normal throughout, but we'll keep everyone informed as soon as we know for sure. I'd like to thank, in addition to the Development Team, Bob Rendrick and Ted Zern, who have been handling the negotiations for us.

COMMUNITY SUPPER:

Our next community supper will be on Monday, March 4th at 6PM. We'll be serving garden salad with bread and butter, roast turkey, stuffing, potatoes, vegetable, desserts and beverages. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12 years old. Children under 5 are Free. Reserve your tickets after Sunday services or by calling the church office at 413-786-6133.



Upcoming Youth Events!!

2018-2019

Sunday, March 24	Bowling after church at noon
Friday, April 19	Good Friday/Easter Egg Hunt 10 – 12
Sunday, May 5	Cinco de Mayo Mother's Day Brunch after church
Sunday, June 16	Father's Day Ice Cream Sundaes at coffee hour



YOUTH EVENTS: by Norma Tourcotte

On Sunday, February 10 after the 10:00 a.m. service 16 children participated in our Slime Day event coordinated by Ellen Scott. All kinds of concoctions were made much to the delight of all who participated. Kneading the "ooey gooey" slime into a ball complete with stars, beads and whatever was available added to the excitement. Preschoolers to teenagers had a lot of fun chatting together while mixing their slime. A special thank you to the grownups who provided "helping hands." Thanks Ellen for another fun event!!

Next event is bowling at the Agawam Bowl on Sunday, March 24 beginning at noon. Each child will receive a free string of bowling plus the rental of bowling shoes. It's fun and good exercise!!

Our January Game Day was snowed out but has been rescheduled to: Sunday May 19 from 11:30 to 1:30. Pizza will be served!! Invite a friend and come join in the fun.

Call for Candy – Youth Ministry Event by Norma Tourcotte

Children's Stations of the Cross/Easter Egg Hunt will be held at St. David's on Good Friday, April 19 from 10 a.m. – noon. Children will walk the way of the cross with Fr. Harvey and Anne Berry; a story will be shared, and then the egg hunt will begin! Children may wish to bring a basket or bag to hold their candy. Plastic bags will be available for anyone needing a place to put their gathered eggs.

Once again we are asking for your kindness in donating wrapped candy to fill the eggs. A donation bucket will be provided in the narthex. Thank you one and all. Special thanks to the Noyes family who fill the "thousands" of plastic eggs for us!!

Sunday School Deep Blue Curriculum by Norma Tourcotte

At the end of February our Sunday School children concluded our Winter 2018-2019 units on Celebrating Advent with Your Family, Healing Families and Family Wisdom. They learned about Joseph, Mary and Jesus, Jesus healing a young woman, the healing of ten men, family traditions, family's faith and family proverbs. Lessons focused on the following verses: Luke 1:47 "In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior." Psalm 147:3, "God heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds." Deuteronomy 6:5, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength." The word "BLUE" in the Deep Blue curriculum stands for **B**-Be with God; **L**-Love God and Neighbor; **U**-Understand yourself as a child of God and **E**-Explore faith and the bible. The mission of Deep Blue is to reach, empower and equip children to understand themselves as children of God, explore and deepen their relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and love and serve God and neighbor. Each week our dedicated staff of teachers and co-teachers lead children in a variety of activities which allow the children to enter into "a lived-faith experience ." Children are given an At Home with God devotional to share with their grown-ups. We hope these have been helpful in your conversations with your child.



As noted in the Sunday bulletins, we will be in need of two teachers and a co-teacher next Fall. Each teacher is given a Leader Guide which provides the tools to help engage children and how to interact with them. There is a section "Before you teach" which offers help in preparation by offering an overview and better understanding of the biblical background for the lesson.

A selection of activities is provided addressing different learning styles, age-appropriate ideas and activities that will help children understand the bible lesson. Sometimes the best part is "SNACK TIME" even when your teacher offers you hummus to try! (An alternative snack was provided during that snack time!!) But usually the snack is something simple like: cookies, crackers or fruit and a drink. We hope that God will tug on your heart as you pray about joining the teaching staff at St. David's. Remember you only teach one Sunday a month!

Our Spring session begins in March with teachings on the observance of Lent with your family. Thank you for the privilege of sharing Jesus with your children.

Boissonneault Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now available in the parish office for the Boissonneault Memorial Scholarship, in honor of Albert Boissonneault and Ellie Van Valkenburgh. 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 Boissonneault family will communicate the final decision to the applicant sometime after June 1.

Time and Talent Stewardship

We are still tabulating the results of the Time and Talent Commitments. If you expressed interest in participating in a new (for you) ministry at Saint David's, we'll be in touch soon. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Snow Policy

Whenever Church is closed for weather-related reasons, we will announce the closing on our webpage, as well as 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. As a reminder, during the week, Church will always be closed if Agawam High School closes for the day because of snow. The same goes for the Agawam Library on Saturdays. On Sunday mornings, we have to make that call ourselves. Our full snow policy is posted on the bulletin board by the office. Thanks!



St. David's Complaint Free Lenten Challenge

By Penny Miller



Greetings Fellow Complaint Free Challengers:

I don't know about you, but I have become a little disheartened listening to all the negative news. That thought led me to a question I asked myself, "How much am I adding to that negativity?" And that led me to the memory of a show I watched about a Complaint Free Challenge, which led me to the Internet. I found the website and if you are wearing a purple wristband you will see it etched on the wristband.

The Challenge is the brainchild of Will Bowen, a lead minister at Christ Church Unity in Kansas City, Missouri, and I think it's a good one.

Will's idea is to complete 21 "consecutive" days "Complaint Free." You do this by transferring the wristband to the opposite wrist when you catch yourself complaining. If you can go 21 days consecutively without transferring the wristband to the other wrist, you have succeeded. The website states that this can take from 4 to 8 months. Our challenge is only 40 days and your goal is to see how many consecutive days you can go without complaining. Don't forget the penalty for each complaint.

Here is a reminder of some of the rules:

When you catch yourself complaining, gossiping or criticizing, give yourself a penalty, a monetary one and it is left up to you to determine the amount.

If you hear someone else who is wearing a purple wristband complain, it's okay to point it out to them; BUT if you do give yourself a penalty first, this is one of those "Plank in your own eye" moments.

Stay with it, don't give up – see how many consecutive days you can go without complaining.

Remember this advice from Will Bowen: "It's like a 24-hour meditation as we train our minds to become more and more aware of what's coming out of our mouths. As we do that we diligently, patiently, persistently and playfully reign in the negativity, transforming our lives in the process.

By changing your words, you reshape the way you think. You become a happier person."

We did this last year and had over 35 St. David's parishioners participating in the Challenge. This is a difficult discipline so don't be discouraged.

I am happy you are joining this Challenge with us and encourage you to complete it.

Wish you peace

Parish Life by Susan Amabile

March 1st is St. David's Day and a coffee hour celebration will take place on Sunday March 3rd. Daffodils and the St. David's flag will be displayed Sunday and at the community supper Monday March 4th. Shrove Tuesday is the following day and will honor St. David. Larry and Mary are cooking a stack of pancakes and sausage. Bev Lawson is making a Mardi Gras Kings Cake. Who will get the piece of cake with the baby?



March 23rd is the St. David's Chili Cook Off. Primarily for us having fun but you can bring family and friends. A buffet will be served in addition to the chili. Taste and taste some more of great chili, including Fr Harvey's Vegetarian chili, Chrissy Tourcotte-White's White Chicken chili. Jo Joubert is making her yummy pasta for the buffet. Other entrants Bob R, Joe F, Sue and Jude. Ellen Scott is making Corn Bread.

If you want to either show us your favorite chili or come as a guest please, please SIGN UP FOR THE CHILI COOK OFF IN THE NARTHEX. THE MORE THE MERRIER!!! IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE A PRETTY ACCURATE COUNT. If anyone is interested in helping out or baking a dessert for the event please let me know . Thanks Susan

Wine making by Fr. Harvey Hill

This quirky new ministry has begun! A small crew gathered at Jim Shields' house for fellowship and to make communion wine. Hopefully we will all get a taste in the relatively near future! If you are interested in joining this ministry, please let me know!



Wine bottles needed: by Jim Shields

As noted by Fr. Harvey, our wine making ministry is off and running, with the first batch merrily bubbling away. We need wine bottles for the finished product, so if you can save your green wine bottles, that would be most appreciated. You can put them in the same wicker basket that the non-perishable goods go in, by the entrance doors. Thank you! Jim Shields.

Senior Farm Shares for Lent

Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture (CISA) has supported local farms for many years, in part by encouraging consumers to buy food directly from farmers through programs like farm shares. People with farm shares pay a certain amount of money to a farmer up front, and then receive vegetables or other farm products every week or so for a season. Recently CISA began subsidizing farm shares for needy seniors, and they are asking Churches for help. One share costs \$125.

Every year for Lent I give up some foods. Last year and this year, I am also aiming for a "complaint-free" Lent. I plan to donate the money I save on food, and the money I pay when I complain, to the senior farm share program. If others do the same and we pool our donation, I am sure we can support at least one farm share. You can also donate directly to CISA, of course. But if you would like to be part of a Saint David's contribution, please let Jim Shields know. Thanks!

On the Energy Front. by Jim Shields.

The Diocese has a goal to have all churches undergo an energy audit by Oct. 2019, to demonstrate our collective support of Creation Care and energy waste reduction. St. David's had an energy audit performed a month ago, and we did very well, primarily because of the relatively young age of our building and facilities, and our switch to LED lighting. This, then, is a good time to remind all St. David's members to get your free home energy audit if you haven't yet done so. By doing so and following through on some or all of the recommended improvements, you will save money while saving energy, be more comfortable in your home, and feel good about doing something to further the cause of caring for God's precious Creation.

Ener G Save: Call 413-279-9141 to schedule your free audit, and also receive a free low flow shower head, LED bulbs, programmable thermostat, and door and window sealing. The utility company may then be contacted to upgrade other identified areas, such as insulation, and heating/cooling/hot water units, all available with applicable discounts/rebates.

Fleming Infrared Diagnostics: 978-776-3072. They offer a whole-house infrared scan (for a fee) which dramatically shows temperature differences in your house, and points to problem areas in insulation and air sealing. You receive a comprehensive report outlining energy waste areas and solutions that they can provide.

Mass Save: They still offer free home energy audits with instant upgrades (like Ener G Save), and rebates/discounts for any additional work that may be recommended.

Business is booming for these and other Green-oriented businesses, and for good reason. If you need any help navigating through any of this, please contact me. Now is the time for all of us to join the green team movement, and this is a great place to start.



“Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home”

Lent is a time for us to be more reflective about how we live. That makes Lent an excellent time to think about our role in creation care. Our Diocese is part of a Pilot Program called “Sustaining Earth, Our Island Home,” which should be rolled out some time in March. The idea is to answer a few questions on a web-based app which will help you to evaluate your carbon footprint and offer suggestions about easy ways to reduce it and save money at the same time. We'll provide more information as it becomes available. Together we really can make a difference!

Church without Walls

Our February Church without walls was a little less dramatic than in January. Eight of us from Saint David's joined twelve from the Church without walls congregation for a short service. The group was quieter than usual. But it was interesting to look around during our discussion of the Gospel reading. Many were clearly not focused. But a few were fully engaged. Our topic was the way shame can prevent us from hearing Christ's call. My guess is, those who were paying attention heard what they needed to hear. Afterwards we distributed lunches to everyone. As an added bonus this week, we were able to give Martha a blanket made by Denise Noyes and dedicated on our altar. Martha will give the blanket to someone who badly needs it. As always, thanks to everyone who makes this ministry possible. It is part of how we walk “the way of love”!

. Priest Sabbatical

Plans are moving forward for my three-month sabbatical next summer. Sabbaticals give priests a chance to rest, to engage in projects they could not otherwise complete, and to connect with God in a more intentional and intensive way than is normally possible during ordinary parish ministry. My application identified three goals: (1) paddle the northern half of the Connecticut River as a kind of two-week retreat; (2) complete a book on the Apostle Paul that I started several years ago; and (3) think with Bishop Scruton about new ministry goals for Saint David's. I will be gone from May 20 until August 18.

We are blessed to have retired priests in our parish who have agreed to cover most of the Sundays I am away. We'll also have a few lay-led services of Morning Prayer. I am profoundly grateful to everyone for filling in, and to the vestry for their support!

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, 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

This is a practice brought to us from Saint Christopher's. On March 3, I will invite everyone to write their name, address, and a prayer request on a slip of paper, and to leave it in a basket. After the service, everyone who has put in a prayer request will draw one. (If you would like to participate but can't be in Church on March 3, let Father Harvey know and he'll draw for you. Each participant will then pray for their "prayer partner" every day during Lent. Finally, on Easter, each participant will send an Easter Card to his or her prayer partner offering God's blessings on that person. This is a great way to support each other as a community of faith. Please join us!

Contemplative Prayer and Lectio Divina

My hope is that we can have a session of contemplative prayer on the first Sunday of every month during the program year. In March, that will be the third. Our practice is "Lectio Divina," 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? We begin at 11:45, and wrap up by 12:30. Contemplative prayer is a wonderful way to connect with God. Please join us!!



Parish Bible Study

We finally finished Genesis!! In the middle of February, we began Exodus, the second book of the Bible. It tells the story of the escape of the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt, as well as the first part of their wandering in the desert. About halfway through the book the Hebrews arrive at Mount Sinai, where God gives them the law through Moses. This story is as central to the Old Testament as the Gospel story is to the New. Please join us on Fridays at 1:00. Most weeks we also have yummy treats, but probably not during Lent. Ah well. Even without treats, we always have a good time!

DOVETALE Deadline by Esther Nunn

The deadline for the April Dovetale
is March 20, 2019.

Please submit your articles early to estar00@winning.com. Thanks

Praying at Home by Fr. Harvey Hill

During Lent, we are invited to spend a little extra time in prayer. To help with that, we will put forms in the narthex for Lenten versions of Morning Prayer (about 15 minutes) and Compline (about 5 minutes). Morning Prayer follows a set cycle of Bible readings; that schedule is also available in the narthex. Morning Prayer and Compline are two parts of the “Daily Office” from the Prayerbook. (The other parts are Noonday Prayers and Evening Prayer.) I encourage you to give one of them a try during the remainder of Lent. They have become the anchors of my own daily prayer life and really help to keep me on track.
Fr. Harvey Hill

Planning a Celebration of Life by Fr. Harvey Hill

After a couple of years in which we had no funerals, we had a handful last year. Planning the details of a service immediately after watching a loved one die can be hard. For that reason, I invite you to consider planning your celebration of life (aka funeral) even if you plan to live many more years. I have taken my own advice and completed mine, which I certainly hope will not be relevant anytime soon! There is a form in the narthex to get you started, and we can meet to talk about it anytime. That conversation is less grim than it might sound(!), and your family will surely be happy to know your preferences. We can keep a copy of your plans on file at the Church, though you should share them with our family as well.

Living Wills, Health Care Proxies, and More. by Fr. Harvey Hill

Last Spring, we had a session on preparing for serious illness and the end of life. We reviewed Health Care Proxies, the MOLST form, funeral planning, and an emergency contact list. Saint David’s will keep copies of any of those completed forms for any parishioner who so desires. Blank versions of each form are available in the narthex for anyone who missed our session, and I am happy to chat with you about them if that would be helpful. Preparing for the worst can be a little unnerving, but it is a huge help to your family and friends, and it can also help the Church offer more effective support as needed.

Testimonies by Fr. Harvey Hill

As part of the follow-up to last year’s, our Diocese is encouraging all parishes to work on how we share our stories of faith. To that end, the vestry reminded me that parishioners at Saint David’s used to offer occasional testimonies during Sunday worship. An alternative is to write something out for inclusion in the Dovetale or on our webpage. The written versions shouldn’t be more than about a page. We’d love to have five or ten testimonies on the webpage—something about the place of God in your life and perhaps how membership at Saint David’s helps. If you are willing to give it a shot, please talk to me. Thanks!!

Agawam Easter Project

As we have done for the last couple of years, we will provide Easter baskets to needy children in Agawam. The wonderful Zerns continue to coordinate this project and will give more guidance after they have met with the Town Nurse. But the basic idea remains the same as always. We will get the names of appropriate children from the Nurse, identified by gender and age. Participants will create an Easter basket for one or more of the children. Finally, someone will deliver the baskets to the Town Nurse for distribution to the children’s families sometime before Easter. The Zerns will be travelling immediately before Easter, so we will be looking for volunteers to transport the baskets to the Nurse. If you are willing to handle the transportation, please let the Zerns or Father Harvey know. Thanks! And happy Easter!!!



Healing Eucharist

We continue to offer our healing service every Friday at 12:00. In addition to the readings assigned for the day, an informal, conversational sermon about the saint of the day, and Eucharist, participants can receive special healing prayers and an anointing with holy oil. After the service, stick around for Bible Study if you like. Please join us, and help spread the word!

Prayer Cycles

Two prayer cycles are available in the narthex near the mail slots: the nations of the world; and the people and ministries of Saint David's. (If you notice people or ministries missing from our Parish Prayer Cycle, please let me know!) I use both, and they have become a wonderful part of my prayer life. It takes just a few minutes each day, and over the course of a month, I pray by name for every nation in the world, and every member and ministry here at Saint David's. I encourage you to give it a try. We can all use more prayers on our behalf!!!!

I should add that we were making available the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer as well. This year they changed their format. Instead of praying for a Church and a ministry each day on a three-month rotation, they have gone to a Sunday-only cycle. We therefore list the appropriate Church and Diocesan ministry in our bulletin each week. The Churches are listed alphabetically by town. Since we are in Agawam, we were the very first Church everyone prayed for this year!

Fr. Harvey

Reading the New Testament

Our parish is reading the New Testament this year. To make it through to the end, we need to read just one chapter each weekday. To encourage broad participation, I am including the specific chapters for each week in my weekly e-mails, as well as a link to helpful introductory videos for each book. I hope as many of you as possible will join in this effort!!

As a supplement to our readings, some of us gather each month to chat. Those conversations are quite informal—we just talk about whatever has struck us in the books we have recently finished. In March, we will gather on Tuesday, the 12th at 2:00. Please help spread the word. And get reading!!



Flowers and the Altar Candle

Most weeks, the flowers and/or the altar candles are given to the glory of God and in honor of someone important to us. If you would like to remember, honor, or give thanks for someone, please complete the 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. Thanks

Prayer Shawls

We have a good supply of prayer shawls in the office. They were made with love and in prayer, then blessed on the altar, so that they can comfort those who might need a little boost. Feel free to take one for yourself or to give to someone in need. Just leave a note that you took it and for whom. Thanks to those who dedicate their time and talent to this ministry!!

Discretionary Fund by Fr. Harvey Hill

This is just a reminder that I have a small discretionary fund which is intended to give people a little financial boost when necessary. If you get in a bind, please talk to me. I should add that our conversation and any help from my discretionary fund will be fully confidential

DO YOU HAVE A ROOM FOR RENT? For someone who would like companionship and/or a little extra money, parishioner Sandy Hamel is looking for a room to rent. She hopes to move as soon as possible. If you have something available or know someone who does, please contact her at 413-219-0747.



MARCH 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Healing Serv. Noon Bible Study 1PM	2 Leadership Day, at the Log Cabin 8:30-3:30
3 RITE I 8AM RITE II 10AM Contempl Pray 11:45	4 Community Supper 6PM	5 OA 9:30AM PRAISE TEAM 1PM Shrove Tuesday Pancakes 5:30	6 GRANDPARENT' PLAY GROUP 9:30AM Ash Wednesday Service 7PM	7 OA 10:00AM SHUGART'S 6-7	8 Stations/Cross 11:30 Healing Serv. Noon Bible Study 1PM	9
10 RITE I 8AM RITE II 10AM Church W/ Walls 12	11 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7PM SHUGART'S 6-8	12 OA 9:30AM PRAISE TEAM 1PM New Testament Converse 2PM	13 GRANDPARENT' PLAY GROUP 9:30AM	14 OA 10:00AM SHUGART'S 6-7	15 Stations/Cross 11:30 Healing Serv. Noon Bible Study 1PM	16
17 RITE I 8AM RITE II 10AM Way /Love 11:45	18 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7PM SHUGART'S 6-8	19 OA 9:30AM PRAISE TEAM 1PM Vestry 7PM	20 GRANDPARENT' PLAY GROUP 9:30AM	21 OA 10:00AM SHUGART'S 6-7	22 Stations/Cross 11:30 Healing Serv. Noon Bible Study 1PM	23 Chili Cook-Off 5:00
24 RITE I 8AM RITE II 10AM Way /Love 11:45 Bowling 12	25 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7PM SHUGART'S 6-8	26 OA 9:30AM PRAISE TEAM 1PM	27 GRANDPARENT' PLAY GROUP 9:30AM	28 OA 10:00AM SHUGART'S 6-7	29 Stations/Cross 11:30 Healing Serv. Noon Bible Study 1PM	30



Silence in the face of evil is itself evil.
God will not hold us guiltless.
Not to speak is to speak.
Not to act is to act.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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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.