

Glad Tidings!



Saint David's ...a community of disciples passing on God's love to all.

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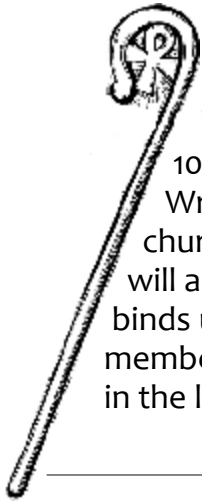
HAVE THE LENT OF YOUR LIFE

The 40 days of Lent are an especially appropriate time to consider the life we have in God. Specifically, we are encouraged to consider the ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus and the ways in which his example may lead us to become more and more human. He is THE exemplar of what it means to live fully in God. By reading, praying and meditating on God's Holy Word, by engaging in acts of service and charity, by participation in the life of the Christian Community we are better able to plumb the depths and learn more about the life God intends for us to live. Here are some offerings to help you on your way:

- ✦ Tuesday Morning Book Group:
The Wisdom Jesus
- ✦ Tuesday Night Soup and Study Group:
The Prodigal Son
- ✦ Sunday Morning Experiential
Prayer Group
- ✦ The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available
by appointment with the Rector.

Individual prayer and meditation materials will also be placed in the lobby/narthex (Forward Day by Day, daily Bible reading lists, etc.). An engaging Lent will make Easter all the more meaningful. So go ahead, "Have the Lent of Your Life."

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BISHOP'S ANNUAL VISITATION FEBRUARY 5TH

The Rt. Rev. Wayne P. Wright, the Bishop of Delaware, will make his annual visitation to the parish on Sunday, February 5th at the 10:15 service to preach and to celebrate the Eucharist. Bishop Wright will be officially receiving new members into Episcopal church and confirming several of our youth. On this special day, we will also be reaffirming our baptismal covenant...the covenant that binds us together in relationship with each other and with Christ. Each member should make every effort to be present at this important event in the life of the Church.

227TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The diocese gathers once a year to conduct business and enjoy fellowship with many lay and ordained leaders of the Body of Christ here in Delaware.

This year it will be held on February 10-11, 2012 in Dover, Delaware. This year's theme is "Hope & Perseverance."

The convention begins Friday, February 10, with a 2:00 pm New Delegate Orientation and 2:30 pm Registration and Hospitality. Convention continues on Saturday, February 11 at 7:30 am and ends at 3:30 pm. The banquet address on Friday evening will be given by a dynamic speaker, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Curry, eleventh Bishop of North Carolina.

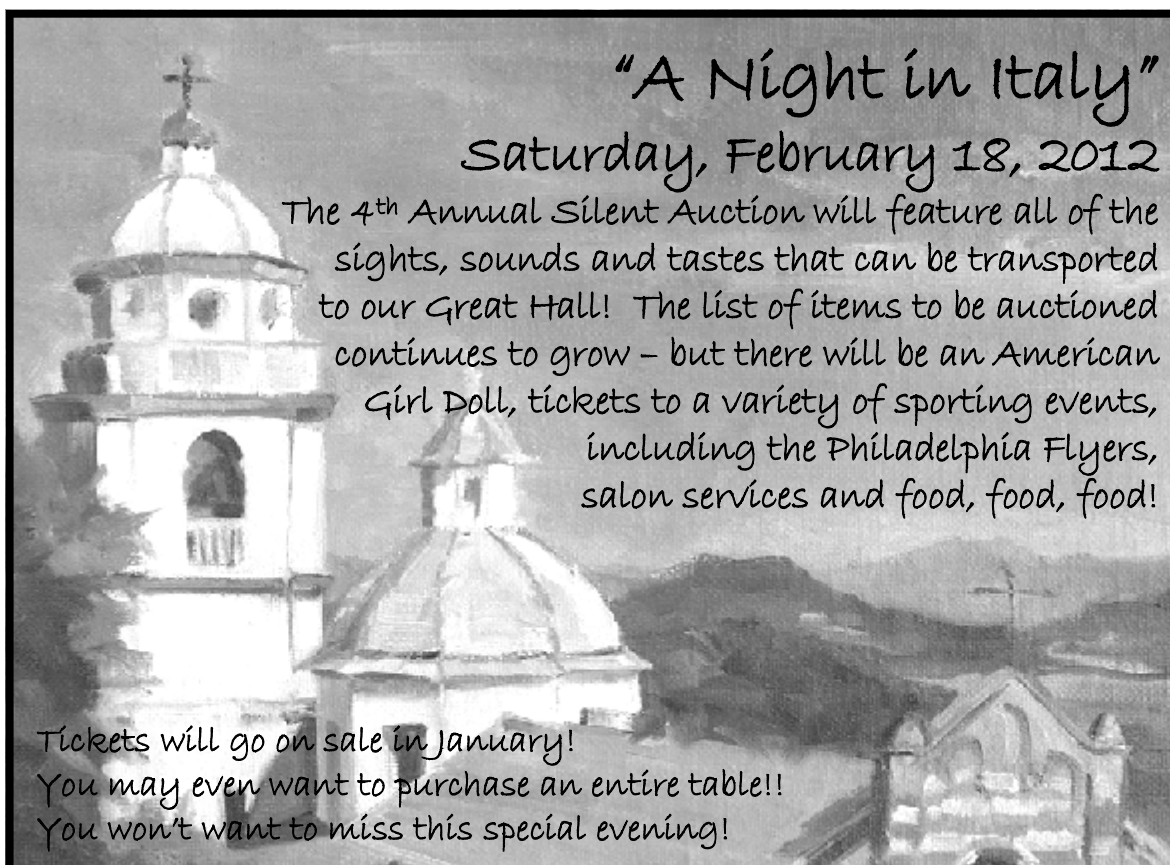
Why a February Convention?

The annual Diocesan Convention passed the following resolution in March, 2010: "BE IT RESOLVED that the 225th Diocesan Convention urges the Bishop and the

Diocesan Council to refrain from scheduling the Annual Diocesan Convention during the season of Lent except in time of extreme and profound urgency."

The 2012 Delegates from Saint David's are: Deana Cook, Ed Grygo, and Fr. Brad Hinton. Alex Cook and April Starkey are the alternates. Please remember all delegates and the convention in your prayers as they meet to do the business of the church.





"A Night in Italy"
Saturday, February 18, 2012
 The 4th Annual Silent Auction will feature all of the sights, sounds and tastes that can be transported to our Great Hall! The list of items to be auctioned continues to grow – but there will be an American Girl Doll, tickets to a variety of sporting events, including the Philadelphia Flyers, salon services and food, food, food!

Tickets will go on sale in January!
 You may even want to purchase an entire table!!
 You won't want to miss this special evening!

BEEF AND BEER FUNDRAISER

to benefit Josh Reynolds

(Joan Reynold's Grandson)

Saturday, February 11, 2010

6:00—10:00 pm

\$25 Adults

\$10 Children (12 & under)

St. David's Episcopal Church

The Great Hall

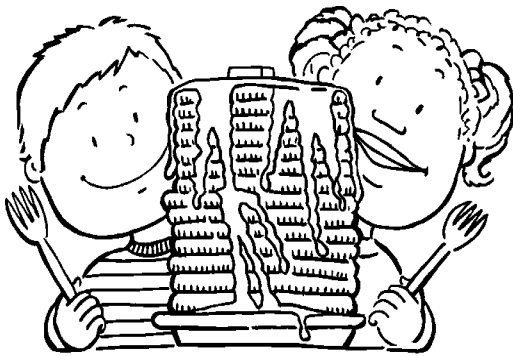
Join us for a great time together with Josh who is facing a lung transplant as a result of living with Cystic Fibrosis. Together, we can show our love and support as Josh and Katie set their sights high on a better quality of life!

Live Music

50/50 Raffle

Silent Auction

Cash & Checks accepted



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

On Tuesday, February 21 from 5-7 pm, the Parish Hall of St. David's will once again be filled with the delicious smell of pancakes and sausage.

All members of the Parish and Day School are warmly invited to a lovely evening of fun, fellowship, and food! Kirby Holloway sausage, pancakes, applesauce, butter, syrup and beverages are part of the deal. Come one, come all. Chil-

dren's entertainment has been arranged and will begin at 5:30 pm.

It is a long-standing tradition at St. David's, that the men of the parish help cook and serve this meal. Any men who would like to join the throngs of faithful men who have served throughout history, please contact Jeff Bennett at 302-563-7295 or email: hondasalesmanager@udpark.com. Take up your spatulas and flip!

WHAT IS A SHROVE?

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shiving, when the faithful confessed their sins to the local priest and received forgiveness before the Lenten season began. As far back as 1000 AD, "to shrive" meant to hear confessions. (Trivia note: the term survives today in the expression "short shrift" or giving little attention to anyone's explanations or excuses).

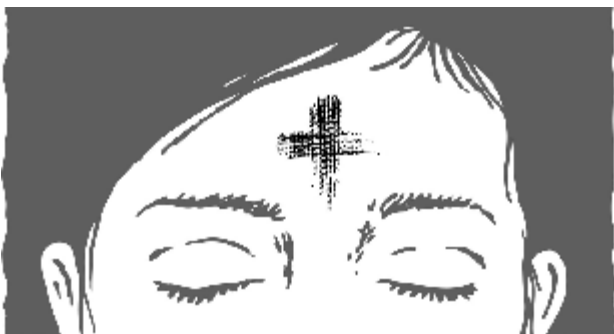
Historically, Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of the 40-day Lenten fasting

period when the faithful were forbidden by the church to consume meat, butter, eggs or milk. However, if a family had a store of these foods they all would go bad by the time the fast ended on Easter Sunday. What to do? Solution: use up the milk, butter and eggs no later than Shrove Tuesday. And so, with the addition of a little flour, the solution quickly presented itself in... pancakes. And lots of 'em!



WHAT IS LENT?

It is forty days of stripping down to the living essentials ✘ It is forty days of facing truth about one's self-indulgent evasions ✘ It is forty days of fellowshiping with Christ in the desert ✘ It is forty days of rejoicing in God's mercy...
...and forgiveness.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

On Wednesday, February 22nd, our faith community will come together to mark the beginning of Lent. We will do this in song & scripture, and by the imposition of ashes, which symbolize our common frailty as humans.

This is a quiet, moving service.
All are invited to attend. 7:00 pm.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS

Lenten Devotional Materials will be available Sunday, February 19th in the Narthex. Check out the selection and decide which devotional booklet speaks to you and your faith life. Many people find these resources an excellent way to focus their thoughts and prayers during this holy time of reflection in preparation for our Lord's Passion and Resurrection.

TUESDAYS IN LENT

During Lent, a band of parishioners gather on Tuesday evenings to break bread together, study some aspect of our Christian Life together, hold discussions on the topic, and finally, worship together in an warm, comfortable setting. This year our topic will be the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

- 6:00-6:30 Soup Supper
 with salad, bread
- 6:30-7:30 Study & Discussion
- 7:30-7:50 Worship & Reflection

Our intimate worship time includes reading God's Word, Prayer, and meditative Songs. Please...come and see.

I PETER B.A.S.I.C.

BIBLE STUDY WRAP-UP

Participants in the I Peter Bible Study will come together (They have been studying in various groups at different times and places.) on Sunday 19th to share their findings what they learned along the way. Class members should watch their email inboxes for more information.



**Brothers and Sisters
in Christ**

**WE WELCOME...
...THE YONCHA FAMILY!**

Have you met “The PUN-isher” yet? That’s Randy Yoncha’s nickname, says his wife, Beth, based on “his great sense of humor” – which includes the generous use of puns. Though you might find Randy on ‘Comedy Central’, he says that you’re more likely to find Beth doing well on ‘Jeopardy’ with her “wide range of knowledge”. We’re glad that we now find both of them at St. David’s!

The Yoncha Family visited several churches in their recent search and decided that St. David’s “felt just right”. They found “people were welcoming – not overbearing, no pressure.” They “enjoy being around all of the children and young families”. “Yes, we do learn from children,” Beth says, quoting from one of Father Brad’s recent sermons. They also really “love Brad’s sermons”.

Beth now works full-time as the receptionist for a local nursing home, Regal Heights Health Care (formerly the Episcopal Church Home). Randy is an Employee Benefits and Business Insurance Broker. Their daughter Anne, 23, is a graduate of Brandywine High and the Univ. of Delaware, and now serves with ‘Teach for America’ in Jacksonville, Florida. Their son David, 16, is currently a junior at Brandywine High.



Beth’s talents include silk painting, gardening and singing. Randy is a fan of all of the Philadelphia sports teams. He likes to take walks (especially with his daughter), and is a former bass player for a rock band. Both parents are very supportive of their son’s sports activities. Randy serves as the parent sponsor for David’s indoor soccer team and has been a umpire for the Little League.

It’s not really surprising that St. David’s “feels like home” to the Yoncha Family. Beth was baptized here when worship services were held in the Great Hall (before the current sanctuary was added). And both Anne and David attended St. David’s Day School. So, their recent arrival here is actually a happy homecoming. Welcome home, Yoncha Family!

**WE WELCOME...
... CALLIE MANION!**

Sometimes when you live in a place for a while and then return for a visit, you find that it has changed and is not as desirable as it used to be. But other times, you return and are pleasantly surprised to find the place has grown in the best possible way.

The latter situation is what greeted Callie Manion when she returned to St. David's last spring, to take a Safe Church class. For 15 years, Callie had taught three-year olds at St. David's Day School, but she hadn't been back for some time. (She was hired by Phyllis Connor, former Director, and current member of the parish). Callie loved the Day School. "It was a wonderful place to work," she says. "The teachers were very professional. There was a loving atmosphere for the children, and the staff loved and supported each other."

But back then St. David's Day School seemed to be quite distinct from St. David's Church, Callie says, even though the Day School was established as an outreach program by the church. The hope was that they would be viewed as one, but she didn't feel they were. Now Callie senses they have a unified relationship, which makes her happy. She believes it's important that Janet Leishman, our Day School Director, is a member of the parish; that Fr. Brad is "child-oriented;" that "Glad Tidings" has



articles about both the church and day school; and that the Day School Board, which includes church members, has promoted the broader vision.

There are other things Callie likes about St. David's, too. She says the people are "tremendously friendly and helpful." She also likes Brad's sermons, particularly "the way he delivers them and how he speaks right to you."

Drawing on her talent for crafts that was useful when she was teaching, Callie enjoys rubber-stamping. She takes pride in creating her own Christmas and birthday cards, and attends a multi-day "Stamp Camp" every summer to get new ideas. Callie lives with her husband, Frank; daughter, Kate; granddaughter, Kaylynn (10 yrs old and a St. David's Day School alumna), a dog, a cat and a hamster. An adult son, Ched, lives nearby. Welcome to the church side of St. David's Church and Day School!

WE WELCOME... ...THE WELSH FAMILY!

Sean Welsh, 8, and his younger brother, Ryan, 6, are former students of St. David's Day School. So, when their parents, Mike and Aileen, were looking for a church a couple of years ago, St. David's seemed like a good place to start.

They found that the holiday services at St. David's "felt very welcoming". It seemed to be "a special community of people", "a good environment for kids and families." Aileen says, "Everyone is genuine at St. David's". The Welsh's also found the Sunday School program to be "meaningful" and "comfortable". They describe it as "a great environment" where "children are learning the religious things we think are important". Now, Aileen is part of the teaching team at St. David's, with the Middlers Group. She says, "Sunday School here is a great place for teachers to learn too!"

Aileen's positive evaluation also reflects her experience as a former teacher. She currently teaches math on in-service days and serves as a consultant with a textbook company. Mike works as an engineer for the EPA in Philadelphia. He enjoys sharing his lifelong love of building with Legos with Sean and Ryan.

Members of the Welsh Family enjoy working on puzzles and playing games



together. They are BIG Phillies fans who like going to the games and have decorated the boys' bedrooms with a Phillies theme. Their summer fun includes going to the Delaware beaches.

Mike enjoys working around the yard. Aileen says that he's "really handy around the house". She has fun shopping for bargains, sewing (embroidery and making curtains) and doing crafts. She also enjoys cooking; Mike's favorites include her chicken and rice with gravy.

Sean and Ryan like to play sports and visit local museums. Their favorites include the Franklin Institute, the Philadelphia Museum of Natural History, the Delaware Museum of Natural History and the new Children's Museum. Time for family and friends is a priority for the Welsh's. Aileen's sister lives nearby with her four children – all of whom attended St. David's Day School.

We rejoice that their experience at St. David's Day School has led the Welsh Family to St. David's Church! Welcome – again!

WE WELCOME... ...THE WILSON FAMILY!

Soon after Kate Wilson delivered her first child, Chase, she joined a class for “new moms.” There she met Sandra Frieberg and her newborn son, Arbor. Over time the mothers developed a friendship and set up “play-dates” for their sons. When Kate and her husband, Drew, decided to look for a new church, Kate mentioned it to her friend. Sandra and her husband had just started worshipping at St. David’s and recommended it. So, Kate and Drew followed up on the recommendation, and immediately liked what they found.

The couple found the congregation at St. David’s to be “friendly and warm” and Fr. Brad to be “personable and approachable.” Since Chase was then a year old, another deciding factor was that there were “lots of families with young kids,” said Kate.

Kate, after teaching high school Spanish at Tatnall for eight years, decided to become a tutor when Chase was born. “I can do what I enjoy – teaching - without having to deal with discipline issues,” she says smiling, “and I can still be home with Chase.” She gained fluency in Spanish when she spent a semester abroad, in Spain, while attending UD. There she “immersed” herself in the culture and language, and even attended a bull fight.



Drew also spent a semester abroad while at UD; his semester was spent in Costa Rica. Now he works as a portfolio manager at JP Morgan Chase. A “big Philadelphia sports fan” who follows the 76ers, Phillies and Eagles, he also enjoys playing tennis, basketball and golf. When Drew goes to the driving range to practice, he’s often accompanied by his son. When not golfing with his dad, Chase enjoys “playing” acoustic guitar.

The family has two greyhounds, which they rescued. Previously, Kate was active in the “greyhound community,” and she and her dogs are certified in pet therapy. She enjoyed taking her dogs to retirement homes, explaining that “people who used to have pets love seeing the dogs.” Now that Chase is old enough to go along with her, she’s thinking about volunteering again.

It’s nice when a church community grows by friends inviting friends. We’re glad the Wilsons accepted the invitation of their friends, the Friebergs. Welcome!

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LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Serving at the Altar – Why?

I am a relatively recent Episcopalian – I was confirmed in the Episcopal Church in 1997 while working at Eastern Shore Chapel, an historic church in Virginia Beach, Virginia. I was raised in the United Church of Christ (Congregational) and had worshiped in a variety of churches prior to my “conversion.”

The Importance of Lay Ministry

One thing that struck me during the first times I worshiped in the Episcopal tradition was the participation of the laity. Sure, there were choir members, ushers, and even readers in other denominations. But nowhere had regular folks put on a robe (okay, now I know it is an alb) and tied it with a rope (a cincture), processed in with the clergy and even sat in a special (and sometimes very visible) location! I learned that if I wanted to be a Lay Eucharistic Minister (a LEM), I would have to be trained and then licensed by the diocesan bishop. I also learned that the license had to be renewed, and that each clergy has unique duties for their LEM’s!

It is not a job for the faint of heart or for those who are prone to fainting! The church in Virginia Beach serves a very large military community and it is also a very popular venue for summer weddings – do you know where I am going?

Picture what could happen as the chalice is offered to those Naval aviators in their summer dress whites! And, I once was present when a newly licensed Eucharistic Minister crumpled to the floor with a very full chalice after standing for a longer than normal period of time!

So, Why Serve?

So that having been said, why serve? Why do I serve? It is a chance to offer very tangible symbols of God’s love for us (the body and blood of His Son) to people I know (and some I do not). To look at the faces of young children as they drink and to feel the warmth of the hands of older communicants as they grasp my hands with the cup. I am helping the clergy by performing routine tasks (checking for lit candles, returning prayer books, microphones and chasubles to proper places, for example) so that they can focus on pastoral duties. I have served as a LEM in three parishes.

It is not a difficult task, but it does require commitment. At St. David’s there are enough LEMs so that the rotation for the 10:15 service is about every 6-8 weeks. For the 8 o’clock service, it is about once a month. I cherish the opportunity to serve in this way. You might as well, so if I have piqued your interest, speak to Father Brad.

-Janet Leishman

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DAY SCHOOL NEWS - FEBRUARY 2012

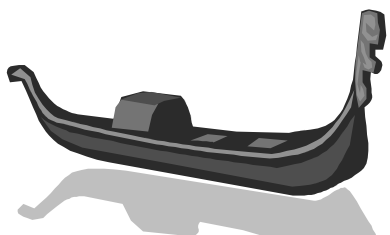
On the Calendar

- 1 Extended Care Family Potluck Supper
- 2 Groundhog Day
Chapel, 9:05
- 8 Chapel, 9:05
PTPA Meeting
- 13-15 CHILD FIND Testing Here
- 14 Happy Valentine's Day
- 16 Chapel, 9:05
- 18 4th Annual Silent Auction, 7-10 pm
- 20 President's Day Holiday
Preschool Closed, Extended Care Open
- 21 Day School Board Meeting, Room 1
- 22 Ash Wednesday
Chapel, 9:05
- 29 Chapel, 9:05



**A Belated
Happy Birthday to
Mr. Fran Lewis**

**Happy Groundhog's
Day from your
Day School!**



"A Night in Italy"

Tickets to "A Night In Italy" – the 4th Annual Silent Auction are available in the school office Monday through Friday, and after each service on Sundays.

Save money – purchase them in advance! You will be glad you did!!

CPR & AED

Classes Offered

Did you know that CPR & AED (infant, child and adult) training and First Aid training are offered monthly to St. David's parishioners at no charge?

Classes are the first Tuesday and first Thursday respectively. Need more information? Want to register?

Call Traci at the school office (302)475-3747.



*A-ticket, A-tasket,
Let's make this basket!*
**Basket Weaving
Workshop**

Grace Episcopal Church

Saturday, March 10, 2012

9 am to 4 pm

Cost: \$40/person

Limited class size—Register Soon!

Call 302-478-9533 or email graceplace3@comcast.net

By the end of the day, you will have the above basket to take home on your arm! Instructor Gail Oliver has led basket weaving classes for many years in the tri-state area. All supplies are included. Bring along a bagged lunch (refrigeration available). Beverage and dessert will be provided. Limited class size, register early!

WORK CAMP PLANS BREWING

Possibilities and Plans are being floated amongst all the Youth Group Leaders and Members. The Summer Work Camp has meant so much to those who have gone in the past. It is an opportunity to be the Hands of Christ and share their time, effort, and simple presence to those in need. And, in giving, they end up receiving. The week being discussed is 7/22-7/28. One of the options being discussed is Belle, WV. The cost would be \$424 per camper/volunteer. It is 7.5 hours away.

Another option would be 7/29-8/4 in Columbus, NJ. This is an hour away. Please keep our Youth Group in your prayers as plans are made that will change lives.



THANKS FROM SAM SIEBER!

I wanted to drop you a line to send my thanks for many things. Thank you for always being a welcoming church when I am home. It is so nice to be able to fit right back in with a church during my time at home. Also, I wanted to thank you for continued support of me in prayer and financially. Prayer and support like yours really is the truest form of support anyone could give me.

Many blessing to you all in the season and hopefully see you all in 2012!

-Sam

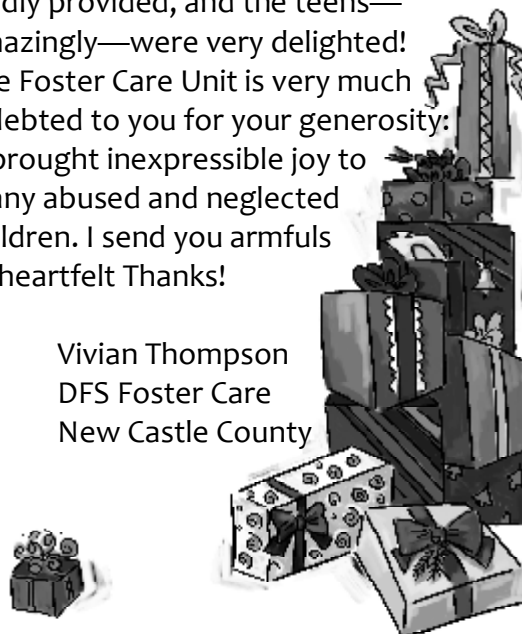


A FOSTER CHILD CHRISTMAS

THANK YOU

Hi! I wanted to let you know our little foster children had a romping great time with the Christmas gifts your church kindly provided, and the teens—amazingly—were very delighted! The Foster Care Unit is very much indebted to you for your generosity: It brought inexpressible joy to many abused and neglected children. I send you armfuls of heartfelt Thanks!

Vivian Thompson
DFS Foster Care
New Castle County



The Great Litany is a special responsive reading of prayers of supplication to God and Christ. In this beautiful prayer, we ask for God's help in resisting temptation, God's mercy in the face of calamity and danger, and God's blessing on our daily lives as well as upon our death to the earthly body. This was the first English language rite prepared by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer after the English Church broke from Rome.

The Great Litany has amazing flexibility of use: it may be said or sung; used standing, kneeling or Processing; it can be used by itself or as part of Morning or Evening Prayer or in preparation for the Holy Eucharist. It is often recited in times of war or natural disaster, as the Litany includes prayers for protection against evil, spiritual harm and natural disasters. Because of its penitential tone, it is especially appropriate to be used during Lent. We will be using The Great Litany at the 10:15 service on the First Sunday in Lent.



Ministry to the fallen

*You are the way and the wayfarers.
And when one of you falls down,
he falls for those behind him,
a caution against the stumbling stone.*

*Ay, and he falls for those ahead of him,
who though faster and surer of foot,
yet removed not the stumbling stone.*

From "The Prophet" by Kahlil Gibran

The Matthean community remembered Jesus as saying that whenever you minister to someone in prison the effort is as if you were ministering directly to Christ (see Matthew 25:31 ff).

If a person wanted to grasp Christian forgiveness and mercy on a deep level, a prison ministry is a good place to start. I know it has changed my spiritual understanding irrevocably. For about 9 years, I have been engaged with a prison ministry with one human being at the state prison in Smyrna. During this course, I have come to grasp how we all share in the fall of one of our own and our responsibility to lift them up.

Steve White has now been incarcerated for 34 years for a violent crime committed when he was 16 years old. I became involved with Steve when a small group of parishioners (*Steve's Team*) banded together to support him when he became eligible for parole 9 years ago. Although Steve was briefly released, he committed a technical violation which resulted in a revocation of his parole. He has served 8 years for that slip.

In a few months Steve will be eligible for parole again. Justice shouts for him to be shown mercy and given an opportunity. Having spent literally his entire adult life in prison, if released, Steve will re-enter society with virtually no financial resources, few possessions and very few people in his life. His social network is small.

Steve's mother has been a long time parishioner and is now ninety. His sole surviving sibling has limited means. Over these many years, Steve's resources in the community have thinned. In the months ahead, I hope that St. David's will rise to the occasion and once again launch "*Steve's Team*" to support this man and his bid for re-entry and his successful transition.

If you would like to learn more about Steve, write a letter, visit him or become involved in some way, contact Tom Yohe at tlyohe@gmail.com.



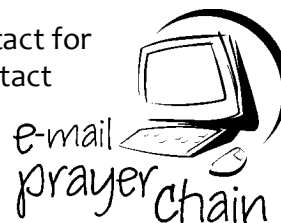
Words of Wisdom

"To love another
person is to see
the face of God."

—Lyrics from *Les Misérables*,
Claude-Michel Schönberg

ST. DAVID'S PRAYER CHAIN

There exists, here at St. David's, a Prayer Chain that one may contact for immediate prayer for any dire or emergency situation. Please contact Sandy Frazer at 302-475-9311 or email: sandyjs@aol.com. She will immediately send the message out to the members of the prayer chain via e-mail. (Isn't technology wonderful!) If you desire to be part of this ministry (one who prays), please speak to Sandy, chair of the Pastoral Care Committee.



FROM THE
CHURCH
OFFICE

The Church Office will be
closed Monday, February 20
in observance of the
Presidents Day Holiday.

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Articles to Glad Tidings! may be submitted via email to stdavidschurchoffice@verizon.net. The deadline is the 15th of the month. Editor reserves the right to edit for content and space.

EDUCATION SUMMIT UPDATE

Nearly twenty folks braved this year's only real snow day (so far!) to discuss the blessing of having so many children in the parish. Specifically, the Saturday morning -gathering was a way to find out what the parents and mentors of our children hope for in terms of Christian Formation experiences.

We discovered many good things are already taking place in the parish: lots of folks willing to participate in leadership/mentoring roles, lots of children with lots of energy, a joyful spirit in the parish community, child-friendly worship, and good facilities with age appropriate materials are just some of what we talked about. As far as improvements go: we also discovered that people need more information about what our children are learning and what our curriculums are intending to convey. Teachers want more class time to finish projects

and would gladly welcome more 'training' for their ministry. A few folks even indicated that they are interested in a dedicated hour for Christian Formation to allow all people a chance to grow in knowledge of God and the be able to worship together too.

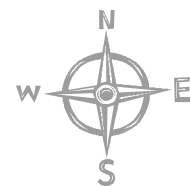
Fr. Brad and Kathy Hanna hope to host another conversation soon. In the meantime, they'll use the information gleaned from this forum to improve our efforts to raise children of faith. If you'd like to know more about our ministries with children or if you would like to participate in this awesome effort, please contact Kathy Hanna: khanna@saintannesschool.org.



STEWARDSHIP FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

*"Cast your bread upon the waters,
for after many days you will find it again."*

~Ecclesiastes 11:1



The image of soggy bread settling slowly to the bottom has never been very appealing, much less instructive. But if we consider that waters can move and distribute their life-giving bounty over a wide area, often finding their way into unseen cracks and crevices, then perhaps this image from a parched land makes more sense. We may not know all of the people whose lives are touched by the ministries at Saint David's, but by our giving, we can touch lives in ways that bring God's word and work to us all. Stewardship supports ministry to all of God's people.

Holy Women, Holy Men



Each of saints we highlight in 2012 represent a different tradition within Christianity. In looking into these lives of witness and action, we get a glimpse of how broad the Kingdom of God really is.

Martin Luther
Theologian, 1546
February 18th

Martin Luther was born November 10, 1483. His intellectual abilities were evident early, and his father planned a career for him in law. Luther's real interest lay elsewhere, however, and in 1505 he entered the local Augustinian monastery. He was ordained a priest April 3, 1507.

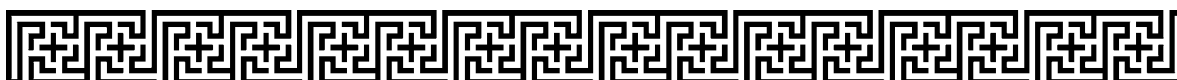
In October 1512 Luther received his doctorate in theology, and shortly afterward he was installed as a professor of biblical studies at the University of Wittenberg. His lectures on the Bible were popular, and within a few years he made the university a center for biblical humanism. As a result of his theological and biblical studies he called into question the practice of selling indulgences. On the eve of All Saints' Day, October 31, 1517, he posted on the door of the castle church in Wittenberg

the notice of an academic debate on indulgences, listing 95 theses for discussion. As the effects of the theses became evident, the Pope called upon the Augustinian order to discipline their member. After a series of meetings, political maneuvers, and attempts at reconciliation, Luther, at a meeting with the papal legate in 1518, refused to recant.

Luther was excommunicated on January 3, 1521. The Emperor Charles V summoned him to the meeting of the Imperial Diet at Worms. There Luther resisted all efforts to make him recant, insisting that he had to be proved in error on the basis of Scripture. The Diet passed an edict calling for the arrest of Luther. Luther's own prince, the Elector Frederick of Saxony, however, had him spirited away and placed for safekeeping in his castle, the Wartburg.

Here Luther translated the New Testament into German and began the translation of the Old Testament. He introduced congregational singing of hymns, composing many himself. He published his large and small catechisms for instruction in the faith.

~Excerpted from
Holy Women Holy Men



WORDS WE USE

Diocese

a geographical area constituted by parishes and is the primary unit of the church. The chief pastor is the bishop.



...IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

John Van-Catledge	Jane Gibson	Grace Thompson	<i>Deceased:</i>
Nicholas Brady	Rhoda Biedemann	John Secrist	Patrick Igo
Steven Greer Jr.	Declan Roberts	Ellie Bumstead	Jane Kavanaugh
Stewart Taub	Millard Wells	Fern Bunting	John Curles
Karin Fang	Tom Yohe	Linda Bradford	Elizabeth Goeller
Sam Bell	Bibby Goeller	Mike Lacey	
Nicholas Macedo	Anita Whiffen	Bob Collins	
Clark Family	Curt Bowen	Bill Wilson	
Karen Bayless	Merritt & Renee Tilley	Noreen Butcher	
Helen Bleakeney	Josh Reynolds		
Tom Juranich	Susan Marengo		
Nico Clothier	Morgan Brown		
Olivia Kirby Thomas	Carol Clark		
Chase Greer	Tommy Zapotocky		



Please call the Church Office to put someone on the Prayer List or to remove a name from the list. Each person on the list remains there for one month unless the office is notified that an additional month is desired. The name is read during Intercessory Prayers in worship the first week of the listing. We remember these people in our prayers and in our hearts.

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	
2	George Schanamann	19	Evan Baddick
4	Oliver Lawrence	21	Mary Lee MacKelcan
	Peter Meisel	23	Steven Weatherman
6	Kevin Kane	24	Vicki Cargill
7	Timothy Marchioni		Nikoletta Pappas
8	Ed Grygo	26	Walter Robbins
	Ryan Merriman	28	Marcia Wight
	Tyler Merriman		
12	Betty Anderson		
14	Gavin Doyle		
17	Kitsey Shehan		
	Nancy Andersen		
	Halina Hoernemann		
	Abigail Rhodunda		
		17	Wray & Jane Britton
		18	Kathleen & Chris Logullo
		19	Jane & Len Bordzol
		20	Mike & Cecilia Brandenburg



WAYSIDE SHRINES

Along European and Latin American roads, especially in Catholic countries, it's common to encounter sculptures of Jesus, Mary or another religious image often set within a little shelter. People have erected these wayside shrines for centuries to mark an important event's location, indicate a parish boundary or help a traveler find the way. They may be at crossroads, on hilltops or along stretches of open road. The shrines allow travelers to pause, offer prayers and turn heart and mind to God.



What places in your life serve as wayside shrines, encouraging you to turn to God? For many Christians, weekly worship is such a place. Daily devotional reading might be a wayside shrine for you. Could the “empty” time, not of your choosing, between jobs or other life experiences be a wayside shrine, inviting you to step off the road and rest, pray and listen to God? When you take up your journey again, heart refreshed, remember that God always walks with you.

ST. VALENTINE'S SACRIFICE

Every February 14, we celebrate the loved ones in our lives with cards, flowers and chocolate. But Valentine's Day has another meaning that's been lost.

First declared a holiday by King Henry VIII of England in 1537, it commemorates the beheading of St. Valentine on February 14, 270 A.D. His crime? Performing wedding ceremonies after Roman Emperor Claudius II had outlawed marriage.

Valentine was martyred for faithfully doing the work God had given him. Although it's good to celebrate love and marriage, let's also remember the courage of a man who gave his life following his convictions.

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ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of St. David's Parish, Brandywine Hundred, Wilmington is scheduled for

Sunday, April 29, 2012.

All members of St. David's are strongly encouraged to attend this business meeting and celebration of our life together here at St. David's Parish. We are blessed with so much love, life, and growth here. Come celebrate with us!



Annual Meeting