

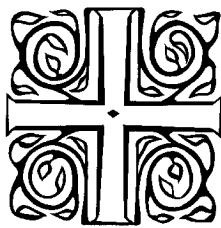
Glad Tidings! St. David's Parish

A Community of disciples passing on God's love to all



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AN EASTER CONFIDENCE



The sea change that occurs from Lent to Easter is part of what makes these two seasons so profound.

What begins with a cross on our foreheads and seemingly ends with a cross on Calvary finds an unexpected and joyful continuation in the last place one would think to look for new life – a cemetery! This irony is a paradox which beckons our attention and if contemplated to its inevitable conclusion reveals an important element of the divine economy that has implications for us today.

The modern-day prophets of chaos and doom warn of a seemingly inescapable and horrible future. They tell us that the world teeters on the brink of disaster from economy to ecology. Without denying the gravity of the challenges before us, we can say without equivocation that dead ends are not always what they seem. Moreover, we know that new life can, and does come from the unlikeliest of places. These truths free us from the paralyzing grip of fear and anxiety and give us an Easter confidence which enables us to proclaim the Good News of New Life in Christ not only with our lips but in our lives.

-Fr. Brad ✚



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COME ENJOY THE RICHNESS OF HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY– APRIL 5 (8 and 10:15) This is a day of irony and dichotomy. At the beginning of the service we welcome this new messiah into Jerusalem with shouts and cheers. By the end of the service we reflect on his betrayal and giving up of his own life for us.



MAUNDY THURSDAY– APRIL 9 (7 pm) This service is all about the Love of our Lord for us. On this day he institutes the Lord's Supper and then is quickly handed over to the authorities. We strip the altar of all adornments at the end of this service. A guest instrumentalist will join us to make this service a special time for all.



GOOD FRIDAY– APRIL 10 (7 pm) On this day we make room for silence, for sorrow, for sacrifice, for love. A dramatic reading of the Passion story is a focal point of this service, as well as prayers for all in this fallen world. This is a day that asks for the mercy we all need.



HOLY SATURDAY– APRIL 11 (7 pm) This is a special night! We gather to tell the story of our people and God's redemptive acts around the fire in the darkness. We renew our baptismal covenant and celebrate the coming of Easter with bells and singing. Forget other vigils you've been to. Nobody does this service like St. David's!

The last week of Jesus' earthly life are filled with sorrow, injustice, and hatred... but also beauty, love, and grace. He was betrayed, jailed, interrogated, abused, killed... He also spent tender moments with his disciples showing them the way of love by instituting the Lord's Supper, a gift of love from our Lord, and then, finally, giving his life freely for all.

Please consider making time to commemorate this holiest of weeks with your family here at St. David's. Childcare is provided on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The Great Vigil of Easter is a family service.

INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY WITH PIZZA AND BINGO!

Mark the date of Sunday, May 3! First we will celebrate Intergenerational Sunday at the 10:15 am service with youth of all ages participating in the service. Our Rite 13 kids are completing their two-year program this spring, and so they will give a presentation to the congregation of what they have experienced during this journey.



After church that day, the Rite 13 youth and the Middlers Sunday School class will sponsor another Bingo &

Pizza Event. Come join us for games of bingo, and lunch on a

slice of pizza and soda! Pizza, drinks and bingo cards will all sell for \$1/ea. Start saving your dollar bills now! Prizes will be given out to bingo game winners. All proceeds will benefit Nets for Life, a program which supplies mosquito netting to families in Africa for the prevention of malaria.

Malaria claims the lives of 3,000 children a day in sub-Saharan Africa (one child dies every 30 sec.) Most susceptible to the disease are the youngest children and pregnant women. Malaria can be prevented at a cost of \$12 per mosquito net. In many cases a whole family can sleep under one net, so \$12 is providing protection for a number of individuals.

Episcopal Relief and Development is co-sponsoring this program, and it fulfills one of our national church's MDGs, (Millenium Development Goals) and is also being promoted by our diocese. If you cannot attend the Bingo & Pizza event, you can also contribute a donation to the children's effort. Linda Owens and Pat Van-Catledge will accept donations on behalf of the groups – contact Linda (302.529.1141) or Pat (302.475.2775).

YOUTH GROUP OUTING IN THE WORKS!!!

The St. David's Youth Group is planning an outing on April 25th. Plans are still being solidified, but a Paint Ball outing is in the works. Jeff Cook will have more details soon. Be sure to check with him for further details!

UTO THANK OFFERING

The UTO Thank Offering ingathering will be on Sunday, April 19th. Be sure to gather your coins while there's time and "get them to the church on time!"



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS FROM MARCH

- ◆ The Building & Grounds have scheduled workdays for March 28th and April 4th.
- ◆ The Buildings & Grounds committee is investigating the possible replacement of the windows in the Parish Hall and are in the process of getting estimates.
- ◆ The Vestry continues to plan for the Annual Meeting.



NOMINEES FOR ELECTION

Here is the latest list of candidates for the three vacant Vestry positions. The slate of nominees was still being formed at the time of publication.

They are, in alphabetical order:

DeeDee Cook	Janet Walton
Jane Noble Harvey	Marcia Wight

-Steve Leishman
Chairman, Nominating Committee



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The Church Office
will be closed on
Good Friday (April 10th) and
Easter Monday (April 13th).

ST. DAVID'S DAY SCHOOL—APRIL 2009

What's on the April calendar?

- 2 First Aid Class, 6:30 – 9:30*
- 7 CPR Class, 6:30 – 9:30*
- Good Friday – All Programs Closed
- 13 – 17 Easter Vacation,
Preschool Closed,
Extended Care Open
- 20 – 24 Week of the Young Child
- 23,24 Spring Clothing Drive
- 24 P.T.P.A. Meeting, 9:10
MAESA Board Meeting

Chapel Dates: April 2, 8, 16, 23, 29 – all at 9:05. Join us!

*These two very important classes will be conducted here every month – and each month 3 (three) people may attend FREE OF CHARGE! If you are interested, please call the school office (475-3747) and we will get you registered! CPR is a life-saving skill (and the certification is good for two years). First Aid certification is good for three years.

We'll be busy this month – docents from Winterthur are visiting, a music teacher from Wilmington Music School will be here, Hugh Hanley (a children's musician from Boston) is playing for us and at the end of the month we take our annual trip to Coverdale Farm!!!

Camp 2009 registration is underway. Information is available on our page on the web-site and in the school office. Back again this year is MAD SCIENCE – which was really great for the campers last year! So, tell your friends and neighbors that we are one of only a handful of camps that are available and appropriate for young preschoolers!

Limited spaces remain for the fall, especially in our Tuesday-Thursday 3 year old class for the 2009 – 2010 school year. Call now!

Happy Easter!

Janet D. Leishman,
Early Childhood
Administrator

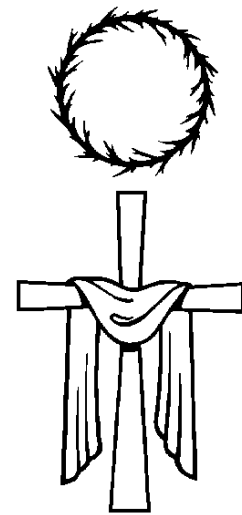




Words of Wisdom

"Too many people want to have Easter without Calvary."

—L.P. Jacks



MAUNDY (?) THURSDAY

What is Maundy Thursday, the Thursday of Holy Week all about? The word "Maundy" is an anglicized version of the Latin word *mandatum*, which means commandment.

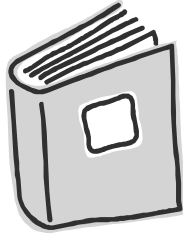
At the Last Supper, Jesus gave his friends a new commandment. He told the disciples, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (John 13:34, NRSV).

As Christians gather to eat and share Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, we should make a special effort to express our love and respect for one another. Let us seek out that love that is not easy, that is elusive...difficult.



4TH ANNUAL LIAM JAMES KANE BOOK DRIVE

We, the Kane Family, in combination with the St. David's Church Outreach Committee will once again honor Liam's memory by gathering as many NEW books as possible for sick children to enjoy! We will deliver all the collected books to children in need at nearby A.I. Dupont Children's hospital and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP).



Liam was a parishioner of St. David's until his sad passing, at age 5, on November 19, 2005 following a heroic 19-month battle with a rare pediatric cancer - neuroblastoma. An amazing child and cherished son, he taught all of us adults so many life lessons - *lessons way beyond his age and childhood innocence* - for example; lessons such as how much a

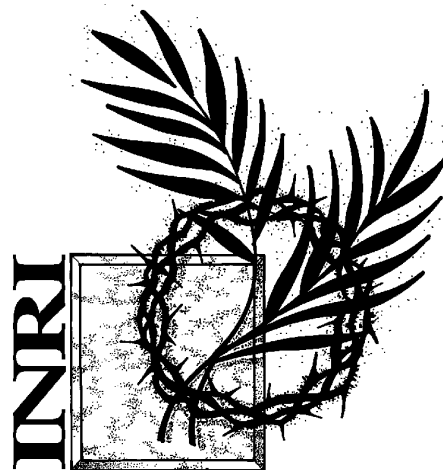
small, simple gift of a book can have such a positive impact on a child's life.

Books are important to every child's life. To a sick child, a book can be a wonderful distraction; a moment to forget his or her harsh reality, pain, fear, and anxiety these young children endure. A book can bring hope and laughter - the most powerful medicine of all. Liam found great escape in the many stories we read to him during his fight. Thank you for supporting us in helping these innocent children to dream, hope, laugh and spend irreplaceable time with their loved ones!

DUE DATES: Large bins will be placed in the hallway during two upcoming church services - Sunday, May 3rd and Sunday, May 10th. Please place all books into the large bins for future distribution to sick kids. The books must be new & in ziploc bags.

INRI EXPLANATION

The letters "INRI" are initials for the Latin title that Pontius Pilate had written over the head of Jesus Christ on the cross (John 19:19). Latin was the official language of the Roman Empire. The words were "*Jesus Nazarens Rex Iudaeorum*." Latin uses "I" instead of the English "J", and "V" instead of "U" (i.e., *Jesus Nazarens Rex Iudaeorum*). The English translation is "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews."



WE WELCOME...

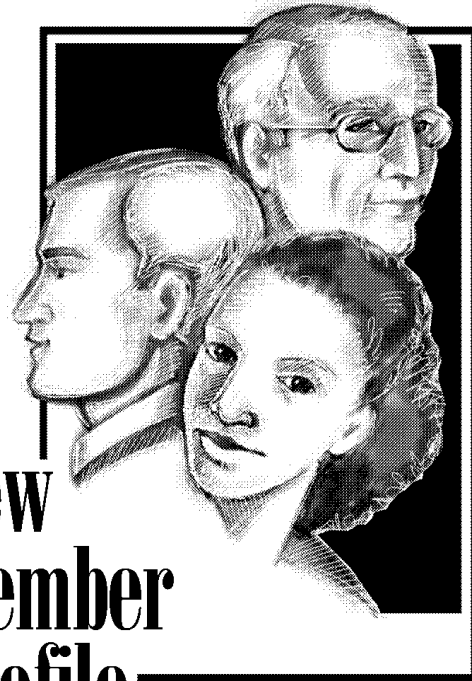
...CHRIS AND JULIA GRAHAM!

Julia works at ING Direct in Procurement (aka Finance dept). In fact, she moved to DE for this job. She really likes to cook. They live near Booth's corner and she likes to choose from the fresh produce available there and mushrooms fresh from the farm and experiment. Julia is originally from Louisville, Kentucky, but has lived in a variety of places throughout her lifetime. Her family still lives in the bluegrass state.

Chris is a former firefighter and now works for the Gift of Life* donor program. He coordinates tissue and organ donations at Hospitals on the East Coast. His long term goal is to teach college level business. Chris is finishing his MBA, which does not leave much time for anything else. Chris has lived in SE Pennsylvania all his life.

After moving to the area around two years ago they started looking around for a church home. They wanted an Episcopal church because it seemed less formal, rigid, and more comfortable. Julia was raised Episcopalian and Chris was raised in the Roman Catholic church. They went through premarital counseling with Brad and were married in October 2008 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in MD.

They like to sail; usually on the Eastern shore of Maryland close to where they were married. The ocean and the shore



New Member Profile

have always had meaning for this couple. They met in Cape May NJ. Chris' friend was dating Julia's cousin and that is how they met. In fact, Chris proposed to Julia at the top of a light house!

They have two dogs that like to be taken for walks. (They originally went to get one small dog and ended up with two large dogs.) They also have a cat who is not happy with the dogs.

They are glad to be members and thank the friendly people of St. David's parish for making them feel so welcome.

*More information about Gift of Life is available at: www.donors1.org/

Summer Day Camp 2009



Great for preschoolers!

Themed Weeks - including arts & crafts, cooking, nature & science fun!

- I Fruit of the Spirit Chapel Series!
- I Water Activities!
- I Cool t-shirt included in registration fee!
- I Snacks Provided!

Full Day or Half Day!

Pick the schedule that meets your family's needs!

Call, email or write for more Information or Registration Forms

Back this year – **Mad Scientist Week!**

Contact St. David's Day School

302.475.3747

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STEWARDSHIP OF THE SABBATH

Adherence to the Sabbath (from the Hebrew, a day of rest) has been attested since the 8th Century BCE, and traditional observance probably extends well before that. Its observance also has been marked by cycles alternating between severity and laxity up to the present day. In the Christian tradition, the Sabbath moved from Saturday, the seventh day of the week, to Sunday, the first, as that was the day of the Resurrection of

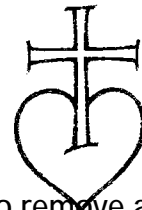
Our Lord and of the Coming of the Holy Spirit. At its core, however, the Sabbath remains a day to be set aside for the worship of God and as a day of calm after the week's work. Are we good stewards of that day, and of ourselves, our family, friends, and church on that day?

— The Stewardship Committee

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ST. DAVID'S PRAYER LIST

Beth Root	Barbara McVay	Christine Smelker	Linda Bradford
Stewart Taub	Steve White	Carolyn Schiavoni	Aaron Leedberg Family
Helen Bleakney	Carol Thomas	Charles C. Ashton	Rob Pallan
Bill Bayless	Nicholas Brady	Andrea Zoladkiewicz	<i>Deceased</i>
Bill Waid	Marie Marshall	Susan Jones	Alice Wyland
Jean Wheeler	Shirley Hubbard	Ed Smentkowski	Charles Marranca
Pat Dowdy	Steven Greer Jr.	Sam Bell Family	Richard Windett
Joe Bonvetti	John Van-	Nicholas Macedo	
Jack Casey	Catledge	Family	
Grace Ellen Clark		Tom Yohe	



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.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY		PARISH ANNIVERSARIES
1 Anna Marie Gwinn Scott Himelein Betsey Von Dreele	17 Jean McClelland	4 Fern & Alexander Bunting
3 Alex Cook	18 Lori Wilson	5 Nancy & David Walsh
5 Jackie Wilson	19 Grace Ellen Clark	14 Jim & Janet Walton
6 Chandra Allred	22 Kathleen Koch	16 Merritt & Renee Tilley
7 Jacob Owens	Renee Tilley	
8 Kelly Rhodunda	Nancy Walsh	
10 John Quillen	23 Laura Goeller	
11 Brad Hinton	26 Amanda Marchioni	
Doreen Turner	27 Jane Gibson	
13 Paige Bennett	28 Amy Myers	
16 Deb West	29 Chuck Conner	
	Bruce Owens	



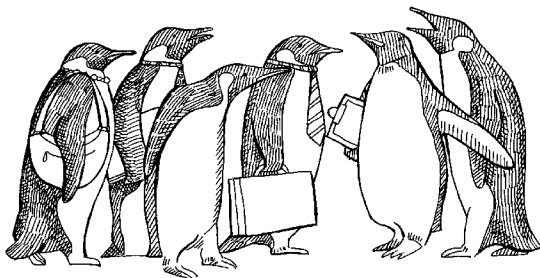
ANNUAL MEETING

April 26th

We will all meet together to do the business of the church, hear special reports, celebrate years of faithful service, and join together to feast at a Potluck Dinner. Yum!

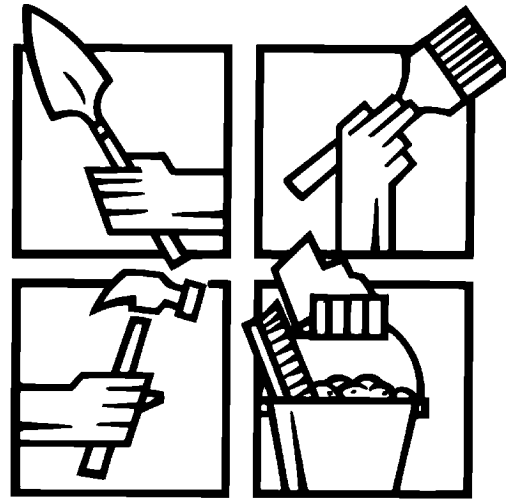
Remember, there will only be one service that day at 9 am so that we can join together as one whole congregation.

Immediately following the service, we will all gather down in the Parish Hall for the Annual Meeting.



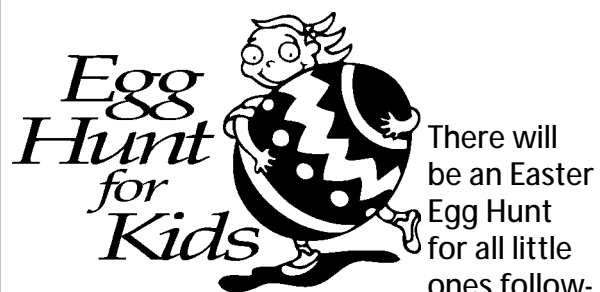
CLOTHING DRIVE

The Clothing Bank of Delaware will be collecting new and lightly-worn clothing on April 26th before and after the ONE service on that day! Please make sure clothes are clean and in good condition. Many thanks.



WORK DAY

The second of two work days will be this Saturday (April 4th) from 9 am—1 pm. There are many tasks requiring a host of skill levels, so don't be modest. Come on out and lend a hand to prepare the church for Holy Week and Easter.



There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for all little ones following the 10:15 service on Easter Day. Children should gather in the Parish Hall for egg hunting instructions!

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EARTH DAY SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING
Wednesday, April 22nd at 7:00 pm

We will gather to praise God for his work in the creation of this earth, our island home.

We will pray and praise, learn and sing a fun new song, as well as give thanks for this planet where we live.

We will ask for guidance so that we may be good

stewards of this planet, so that it may continue to be a blessing to those who come after us... our children.

