



THE DOVETALE

St. David's Episcopal Church



2019

July/August

By the time you read this we will be half way through Fr. Harvey's sabbatical and I think he would be proud of us, our church is just as full as when he is here. I truly believe that having Fr. Scott and Fr. Domenic as part of our congregation who we are already familiar with and count them as our friends has made us comfortable with them and they seem to be comfortable with us. We are very lucky to be in this position and I know you all will join me in thanking them from the bottom of our hearts for making Fr. Harvey's sabbatical as easy as possible on us. Before Fr. Harvey left on sabbatical he asked us to be thinking about new ministry goals for St. David's. He told us that Bishop Scruton advised him not to plan too far in advance because contemporary life changes far too quickly for that. Some of the questions he asked us to think

about were: What feeds my soul? And how can I do more of that? What no longer feeds my soul? And can I drop it? Fr. Harvey will be working on these questions, too. We'll be having a few sessions (pot luck?) to share our thoughts and together decide what changes we might want to make and what we might want to stay the same.



Last, Fr. Harvey asked us to keep him in our prayers. May God bless and keep Fr. Harvey until he returns to us with renewed freshness, and may God bless and keep us, especially Fr. Scott and Fr.

Domenic, until Fr. Harvey returns to our renewed freshness as well.

May God bless you all,
Sue O'Hare

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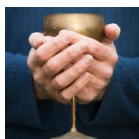


Summer Worship Schedule

Our summer worship schedule; Sundays at 9 AM will continue until Sunday, September 1st. I've heard so many positive comments about the 2 services joining together and how nice it is to see each other and worship together. There are many other churches that also have 1 Sunday service during the summer months. Maybe this is one of those things looking forward that we can discuss with Fr. Harvey during one of the discussion sessions we'll have with him when he returns. We all have different opinions and everyone's opinion counts, so please try to attend one of these sessions and let us all know how you feel or maybe you have a suggestion for something else that we can consider.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

There are many openings for parishioners to reserve altar flowers in loving memory of, in honor of or in thanksgiving for someone special in your life. The cost for altar flowers is \$20. Per Sunday. You can also reserve the Sanctuary candle in loving memory of, in honor of or in thanksgiving for someone special in your life. The cost to reserve the Sanctuary Candle is \$5. Per Sunday. If you write a check, please make the check out to St. David's church with flowers or candle in memo line. Envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex. Please put your envelope in the offering plate or give it to an usher.



Friday Healing Eucharist and Bible Study Summer Break

Friday Healing Eucharist and Bible Study will return on Friday, September 6th. The Healing Eucharist will be at 12 Noon followed by the Bible Study at 1 PM.

Discretionary Fund

Although Father Harvey is away on sabbatical, we know that the complications of life do not take a vacation. In his absence, our wonderful Senior Warden Carol Fabrycki has Stop and Shop gift cards to help as necessary. Any conversations with her and any help folks receive will of course remain fully confidential.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

We would like to acknowledge the newest member of our church family, Carlin Joy Smith, daughter of Chelsea and Kevin Smith, little sister to Kinsley Smith and granddaughter to Fr. Scott and Linda Seabury. Carlin was born on June 8th, at 7 lbs. 5.2 ounces, and 20.5 inches. Carlin is an Irish name for "little champion." Welcome, "Little Champion"!!!

GRADUATES

Congratulations to Benjamin Hill for graduating from Middlebury College. You made us all proud of you. Congrats!!!



Creation Care - Bee Friendly! by Mary Moore

Bees need our help. And we need them - roughly one third of our food supply depends on the existence of bees and other pollinators. Bee keepers and others began to notice a decline in bee populations starting in the late 1990's. Colony Collapse Disorder was wiping out whole hives, and nobody knew why. At present in North America, about one half of the species of bees is in decline with half of those in danger of extinction.

Eventually, a combination of different factors was identified as contributing to the bees' demise: pesticides such as the neonicotinoids, fungicides, parasitic mites, viruses, habitat loss, large single crop farms, and climate change. If you are saying to yourself that the mites and viruses are a natural enemies of the bee, so how is that our fault, think again. All the other factors are stressors that weaken the bees' resistance to the mites and diseases.

Fortunately, we can help at the individual level by making our yards bee-friendly. Do you like fresh from the garden herbs? Plant these: lavender, sage, cilantro, thyme, fennel, or borage. Got a cat? Try planting some catnip. Like perennials? Some good flowers to add to the yard are crocus, buttercup, aster, hollyhocks, anemone, snowdrops, and geranium. Want annuals? Calendula, sweet asyllum, poppy, sunflower, zinnia, cleome, and heliotrope are good choices. Your local garden center should be able to give you even more ideas.

Bees need a variety of flowers for good nutrition. And they need a constant source, so putting in plants that flower at different times through the growing season helps them. Even mowing your lawn on alternate weeks with your neighbor helps. When you do this, the bees can go to flowers such as clover or dandelion in your yard one week, then to the neighbor's yard the next week, etc.

Reader Raves 2020. by Jim Shields.

It's time again to rave for your faves in the Republican newspaper's Reader Raves 2020. Of special interest to me is "Best Place of Worship". I plan on voting for St David's of course. How about you? You never know what can happen if we make a strong showing. Vote on READERRAVES.COM. Voting ends 8/4/20.

CARBON TRACKER UPDATE

On Sunday 7/7/19, Deacon Eric Elley will present an overview of the Carbon Tracker website that was described in the last DoveTale. This will be done after the service, during coffee hour. PLEASE plan to attend so that you can hear the presentation from an expert, and understand the importance of this new initiative, and how to get started on your own home carbon tracker profile.

Pastor Scott Seabury's Premiere

The New England Movie Premiere, 'A Promise to Astrid' played to a full house at the Assembly of God church on June 2nd. One of the highlights for us was Dan Cain aka Superman played Pastor Scott Seabury in the movie. I hear Fr. Scott is still signing autographs.



Parish Life

by Susan Amabile



Parish Picnic

June 23rd was the annual church picnic. Our traditional buffet of homemade sides and desserts filled the tables. The grill was busy all day with hamburgers hotdogs and chicken. Thanks again to everyone who pitched in to setup and clean up. This year I decided to take a chance on something new. I shared my idea with Fr Harvey in May. Ellen Scott and Norma Turcotte gave their input and support. Chris Hamel Productions gave us 2 hours of music dancing and games. The kids and adults were having fun in the sun.

Our next event will be in September when Fr Harvey returns. We will be showing the Movie A Promise for Astrid. Look for notices in the bulletin about the holiday Bazaar. All are welcome to attend the meetings coming up. The date of the Holiday Bazaar is November 23rd. Have a good summer!!!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The end of our Sunday school year is fast upon us. The last day is Sunday, June 30th. Sue O'Hare will offer Sunday school in July and August during the 9 AM service. Please bring your children for fun, fellowship and formation with the emphasis on fun although we have a goal of teaching the Lord's prayer to all who attend so they will be able to pray it by themselves by the beginning of the new Sunday school year in the fall.



Our Sunday School Teachers

We owe a big Thank You to all of our Sunday school teachers and assistants for a school year well done! We owe an even bigger THANK YOU to Ellen Scott and Norma Turcotte for their expertise in setting the curriculum as well as putting in a lot of hours working on special events for our kids. Thank you, Ellen and Norma!!! We'd like to thank our teachers: Ellen Scott, Norma Turcotte, Penny Miller, Sue O'Hare and Carol Fabrycki. And we'd also like to thank our assistants who work just as hard (and sometimes harder) than the teachers: Michelle Torres, MaryBeth Tichy, Jaime Bouchard, Jocelyn Scott and Jo Joubert.

Youth Event: Father's Day Ice Cream Social by Norma Turcotte

We all gathered for ice cream sundaes after the church service on Sunday, June 16 to celebrate Father's Day. A fun time was had by all and we learned that some of our members really like maraschino cherries!! M&Ms and Reese's Pieces tied for second place as sundae toppings. Thank you to all who served and cleaned up after the event. We even had leftovers to serve at the church picnic the following Sunday!!

Thank You from Norma Turcotte

To my dear St. David's Family I extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you for the kind words offered on my behalf at the announcement of my retirement from teaching Sunday school. Teaching the youth has been a joy and a profound privilege these many years. I have watched the children grow in their faith and become young adults and even have children of their own. What a blessing! I will remain active in youth ministry along side Ellen Scott at youth events, writing articles for the Dovetale and designing the education wing bulletin boards which I love. My thanks to those who stepped forward to teach Sunday school for the 2019-2020 school year. You will be blessed. I would also like to thank the Sunday school children and staff for my lovely dragonfly pin which I will wear many times! God's grace and peace to all, Norma

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!!

Agawam's Holiday Bazaar Saturday
is coming NOV. 23rd

Why choose St. David's to sell at?

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\$25 space fee
- . **NO RAFFLE PRIZE REQUIRED** from you
- . **Location (next to Agawam Police)**
- . **Plenty of parking**

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(adjacent to the Agawam Police Station)

Why Statements

The focus at Parish Leadership Day this year was stewardship broadly understood. (“Stewardship is everything that comes after ‘I believe’”!) Our presenters invited us to think about why we do what we do. In stewardship, that means why we give our time, talent, and/or treasure to the Church. More generally, that means why we cultivate our relationships with God individually and as a parish. We’d love to have a few people share their thoughts on Sunday mornings and/or in writing. If you are willing to give it a shot, please talk to Father Harvey. Thanks!

Prayer Cycles

There are 2 prayer cycles available by the mail slots. One is to pray for the nations of the world and the second is to pray for every person and ministry at St. David’s. If you do this for a month, according to Fr. Harvey, you will have prayed for all the nations in the world and every person and ministry at St. David’s.

Reading the New Testament

Our parish is reading the New Testament this year, and that doesn’t stop just because Father Harvey is on sabbatical! To make it through to the end, we need to read just one chapter each weekday. To encourage broad participation, we include the specific chapters for each week in our weekly e-mails, as well as a link to helpful introductory videos for each book. It’s not too late to join the effort!! Just start where we are now. You can go back over the books we have already read later if you like.

Living Wills, Health Care Proxies, and More.

You can find in the narthex blank forms for Health Care Proxies, the MOLST form, funeral planning, and an emergency contact list. Please take one, fill it out, and make sure that the relevant people in our life have copies. Saint David’s will keep copies of any of those completed forms for any parishioner who so desires. I am happy to chat with you about any of these forms 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.

Prayer Requests

We list prayer requests in the bulletin each week, and do our best to keep that list current. But we need help! If you would like to add someone, please contact the office. If you are adding someone other than yourself, please first confirm that the person would like to be on the list. We also have an online prayer chain. People who have signed up for it receive occasional prayer requests by e-mail. If you would like to receive these messages and/or if you would like to put out a request, please contact Father Harvey or Kathy Glista. Thanks!

DOVETALE Deadline by Esther Nunn

The deadline for the September Dovetale
is August 20, 2019.

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

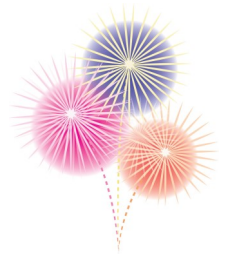


HELP WANTED:

FOR THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR NOVEMBER 23RD
INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS WANTED TO COLLECT SLIGHTLY USED CHRISTMAS
ITEMS FOR RESALE AT THE BAZAAR .ASK PARISHIONERS TO DONATE ITEMS AND
STORE THEM IN ROOM 2. PRICE ITEMS FOR RESALE AND ATTEND THE BAZAAR.
ALL PROFITS ARE FOR ST DAVIDS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT
PLEASE CONTACT SUSAN AMABILE OR LEAVE MESSAGE AT THE OFFICE.



JULY 2019



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“What God knows about me is infinitely more important than what others think about me.

St. Francis of Assisi

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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.