

SAINT DAVID'S

Visions



The Mission of St. David's Church is to nurture all who are seeking to make the teachings of Christ meaningful in their lives so that our love and caring for one another through God extends into the community and the world.

June 2009

JUNE IS BUSTING OUT ALL OVER!

SISTER SHANE'S ORDINATION

Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral
Saturday, June 6 10:00 am

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Trinity & St. Philip's Cathedral
Sunday, June 7 3:00 pm

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, June 14
11:30 am

All The Details Inside!

A TASTE OF SUMMER

Saturday, June 20
6:00 pm

All The Details Inside!



FROM THE RECTOR

The Rector's Sabbatical

Dear Members and Friends of St. David's,

Back in January at our parish's annual meeting, I announced that I would be taking a three month sabbatical leave this year from July 6 through October 6. I will be adding one week of vacation time at the end. I will be returning to St. David's on October 14. John Simonelli, my partner, will also be away from the parish during this same time.

What is a sabbatical?

A sabbatical is a variation on the biblically-based practice of keeping a Sabbath—time apart from one's regular work dedicated to reflection, renewal, and growth. Following the standard practice of the Diocese of Newark, a provision for a sabbatical after five years in the parish was included in the letter of agreement written by the Vestry in 2003 calling me to the position of Rector of St. David's.

I want to do some exploration—geographical, intellectual, and spiritual. Most of this I hope to share with you upon my return so that our faith life together might be enriched. During most of the sabbatical I hope to simply “abide” – staying put in the Lord by praying, making my way through that perpetual pile of books that I've always wanted to read and doing some writing. I am sure there will be time spent in making those long overdue visits with far away family members. Some play dates will definitely be planned with that granddaughter of ours as well.

Ongoing Leadership In my absence, the Rev. Judy Baldwin will oversee Sunday services assisted by Sister Shane. Both will share the preaching duties. Sr. Shane will be providing the ongoing clergy presence during the week. She will be in the office on Wednesdays and Thursdays assisting Martha Ridsdale, Parish Administrator, and our wardens with the daily operations of parish life. I know I can tell you at this point that our summer Sunday schedule will remain the same as the rest of the year (8 AM and 10:15 AM). This is so we can accommodate Sister Shane's schedule with her community. Sister Shane will then be able to be here on Sundays for every 10:15 AM service and every-other 8 AM service. The Worship Teams will continue their excellent work of offering worship ministries for Sundays along with the expanded role of providing pastoral care for team members. More information will be forthcoming about how this will work. John Hitchings will fill in for John Simonelli as leader of the Red Team.

If a pastoral emergency arises please call Martha Ridsdale, Parish Administrator at the church office: 973-838-6696 during the summer office hours that begin on June 15. (Monday through Thursday from 9 AM to 2 PM). At other times during the week please notify one of the wardens: Linda O'Connor at 973-787-7248 (cell); 973-728-1474 (home) or Caroline Mossip at 973-868-7288 (cell); 973-838-5272 (home). Pastoral emergencies requiring a priest will be handled by the wardens and Sr. Shane who will have a list of various area clergy who will be available if the need arises. All other ministries of the parish will be carried out by our leaders and members as we presently offer them.

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FROM THE RECTOR

The Rector's Sabbatical (continued)

As always, communication is important and will be carried out in the usual forms of e-mail, ground mail, Sunday announcements (continuing our "green ministry" of going paperless), parish newsletter, Vestry calling and Pastoral Care Team lists. Essentially, I will not be in communication with the parish during the sabbatical time except if there is a death or other instances where the wardens determine my involvement is necessary.

Please know that a list of leaders and their contact numbers will be sent to you in order for the above information to be more accessible if you need it.

I want to add, too, that the sabbatical time provides a disciplined structure to remind us that it is the church, more than any individual, to whom we should look when we seek a deeper connection with God or the comfort and guidance of God in a time of trial. To the extent that that concept seems unfamiliar, the time of the sabbatical might provide an opportunity for reflection on how our parish as an institution might expand its new team ministry program in providing what any individual may not always be able to supply.

I am deeply grateful for this opportunity for re-creation and renewal. All of this is made possible by the generous commitment of our members and friends by which my present salary will continue during the sabbatical time along with \$1,000 for added expenses. As our guest priest on Sundays, the Rev. Judy Baldwin will be fully compensated as well.

I look forward to this time away because I know that God will refresh and strengthen both you and me. When we are joined back together in mid-October, I just know that God will continue to work through us in even more glorious ways as we share Christ's ministry with each other and our world.

Peace,

David+

ATTENDANCE

May 2008
74 Average

May 2009
***79 Average**

*does not include Sunday, May 31st

ATTENTION

SEE YOU ON JUNE 6 at 8:30 am! That's when we will gather in the church parking lot to board the bus to go to Sister Shane's ordination. We will return between 1:00 and 2:00 pm - there's a reception following the service. It's not too late to sign up by notifying the office - you can pay that morning. There are less than 10 seats left! Join the fun and frivolity and don't forget your cheering items!

CONFIRMATION

WE ARE SO PROUD of our young people who will be confirmed on June 7 - Mary Fisher, Jason Hammaker, Kristen Roehrer, Sara Webb and Tracy Webb. Keep them in your prayers as they experience this milestone in their lives.

Don't Miss

CHURCH SCHOOL RECOGNITION of the students and staff will take place during the 10:15 Service on June 14. Come and support ALL these very special members of our parish family.

THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC will follow immediately after the service. Hamburgers, hot dogs and soda will be provided - bring a salad or dessert. Please sign up in the narthex so the committee has a count. There will be games for all ages. It's the time for food, fellowship and fun!

SAME SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES FOR SUMMER

Due to Sister Shane's commitments with her religious community, our Sunday service times during the summer will remain at 8 am and 10:15 am. It will be important to have her consistent presence among us on Sunday mornings particularly during the rector's sabbatical time. The Rev. Judy Baldwin will be our guest priest on Sunday mornings during the sabbatical time (from mid-July through mid-October).



EFFECTIVE June 15 through September 4, the parish office hours will be Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

THE "ICED TEA AND LEMONADE HOUR" will begin on June 21. The signup sheet is in the narthex - won't you volunteer? All the supplies are provided, so it couldn't be easier.



NOW IT CAME TO PASS that summer finally arrived and Mr., Mrs., and Ms. Parishioner made plans for their holidays. Before departing, a large number of them heeded the plea to pay their pledges and all was well for the good name of St. David's Church. Verily, the treasurer was able to rejoice greatly and give hearty thanks for all their generosity.

NOTES FROM SR. SHANE

I have a wonderful story to share with you. The North Porch box receives supplies for needy mothers and children. I collect the donations and bring them to Sr. Lura Grace, who delivers them to North Porch. She also serves on the board of the Interfaith Housing Network, the group that brings homeless families to St. Anthony's and other churches.. A few weeks ago I found a pair of tiny shoes in the box. They were adorable. I took them to Sr. Lura Grace, and she told me that just the day before, a client of the IHN had given birth to a baby boy. So one day after his arrival in the world, Brian received the gift of baby shoes. He does not have a home, but he and his mother know that he is loved. Thank you to the donor (you know who you are!). Please give as much as you can – you just never know whose life you will touch.

Thank you all for your congratulations and encouragement. As you have heard, I graduated summa cum laude from Drew Theological School. I won an award for outstanding achievement, and one for the best academic record in practical theology (which I can explain to you over coffee hour!). I was thrilled that several members of the Wednesday Bible Study came to Drew to watch me receive those awards – my St. David's family is more precious to me than any award.

I give thanks to God for all of you, and I look forward to sharing with you the next steps on my journey as we walk together this summer and fall. While the cat's away . . .

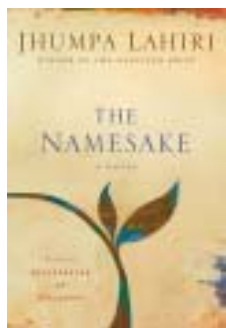
ORDINATION BAR-B-Q

June 6 is the big day. Come to the ordination in the morning. Then, in the evening, Duke's Bar-B-Q will host a barbeque at the convent, so you can all meet the Sisters and they can meet you. Carpool from St. David's at 4:30; picnic from 5:30-8:00. Wear casual clothes. A signup sheet will be in church through June 1, or you can call the office.

This is not a potluck, but if you would like to help provide something call Ginny Bussey at 973-838-1470. Sorry, we're an alcohol-free community; come enjoy a soda! Families are welcome. The Convent of St. John Baptist is at 82 W. Main St., Mendham (rte 24/510). My phone is 973-543-4641 x6; emergencies (if you're lost) 973-543-7269.

Directions: take 287 south through Morristown to Harter Rd (Jockey Hollow). At the end of the ramp turn left onto Harter Rd. Go to the end (rte 202) and turn left at the light. Go 2 miles or so to the light for Glen Alpin Rd./Tempe Wick Rd. Turn right, toward Jockey Hollow. Go to the end (several miles), to rte. 510. Turn left. Go 1 ½ miles. Just past Linden Lane is a sign for Daytop on your left. Turn left into the driveway. Follow the driveway past Daytop into the woods half a mile. The convent is the big white building on the left. Look for the nuns.

READERS CIRCLE BOOK GROUP



THE NAMESAKE, written by Jhumpa Lahiri, examines the nuances involved with being caught between two conflicting cultures. We will once again have a movie/book discussion and potluck dinner, 6 pm, at the rectory on June 1st. All are welcome. Please RSVP to John Simonelli.

The Readers Circle will take a summer hiatus until October 5th. We welcome your suggestions for our reading list and encourage all book lovers to join us again in the fall when we resume our discussions on the first Monday of each month, 7:30-9:00 PM, in the skylight room. Send your suggestions to readerscircle@stdavidskinnelon.org or contact Sondra Odian. We have already compiled a partial list for the year 2009-2010, which promises to be another

fascinating and stimulating reading year.

Congratulations

TO BRIAN AND GINNY BUSSEY, our 2009 recipients of the diocesan Lifetime Achievement Award! They will be recognized at an Evensong Service on Sunday, June 21, at Christ Church, East Orange, beginning at 3:00 pm.

HIKERS MASS

THE SPRING/SUMMER HIKERS MASS will be held at the Stone Living Room in West Milford. The hiking trail is moderate with some climbing. If interested in participating, please sign up in church beginning on June 7. The date is Saturday, June 27. Carpool departure from the church is at 1:00 pm. There will be a potluck supper at the rectory beginning at 6:30 pm.

REMINDER

CHALICE BEARERS MEETING - Saturday, June 7, 11:45 am.

READERS TRAINING SESSION (with lunch) - Saturday, June 20, 11:00 am.

PLEASE "R.I.S.E." TO THE OCCASION

OUR SUMMER YOUTH MISSION TRIP is still some \$1,000 short of funds because more youth and chaperones are going than in previous years. This is good news! There are special envelopes on the table in the narthex. Checks should be payable to St. David's and marked for "R.I.S.E.". They can be put in the offering plate or mailed to the office. Thank you very much!

DINING AT DAVID'S - INTERESTED IN IT CONTINUING? YES? NO? Watch for a survey to gauge interest and support.

NEEDED: THE NAMES OF MEMBERS of our parish families who are graduating from high school/college or receiving advanced degrees/special honors or beginning retirement. We want to honor them in our midsummer issue, so please e-mail the office or call Mary-Esther Arther at 973-838-3539 before July 15 with all the details. Thank you!



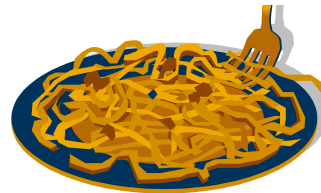
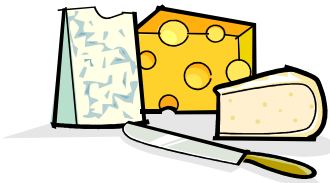
A Taste of Summer



St. David's 2nd Tasting Event

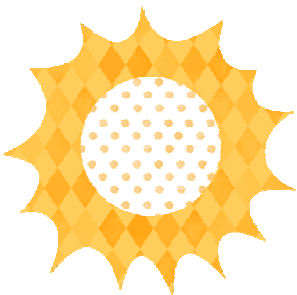
June 20, 2009
6PM - ?

Come enjoy an evening of fun, fellowship and
beverage tasting



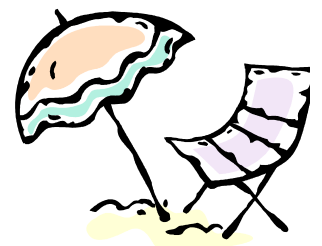
A four course pasta dinner will be accompanied by a
tasting of 4 wines as well as a selection of craft-brewed
soft drinks

Cost - \$40 pp (for wine tasting)
\$20 pp (non wine tasters)
\$ 5 pp children 12 and under



Tickets on sale after both services and in
the office.

Deadline is June 14!



Save the Date



Silent Auction And Beef-Steak Dinner Saturday, October 17th, 2009



Vestry Notes

From the meeting of May 21 -

- * We participated in an Ascension Day Bible Study lead by Sister Shane.
- * Rodger Pisani presented the report on the Bike Tour. We exceeded this year's goal of \$12,000 and had almost twice as many bike riders as last year.
- * We approved the expansion of worship team duties to include pastoral care with one other member (not the worship leader) to coordinate the new duties with the present Pastoral Care Team.
- * We voted to keep the same Sunday worship schedule for the summer (8 am & 10:15 am) in order to accommodate Sister Shane's convent schedule (Sister Shane will be at every 10:15 am service and every other 8 am service).
- * We authorized the purchase of a new projector.
- * Each member committed to daily practice of two "holy habits" - prayer and bible reflection to be reviewed in August as a way of beginning to understand the parish's core value of spiritual formation; possible parish implementation could be sometime in the fall.

With Sympathy

Our prayers and condolences are extended to Jim Collins on the death of his mother.



Everyone who generously contributed to the Easter outreach program - \$1,500 was distributed to the recipient groups.

Pat Hodde for the idea and to her and Martha Ridsdale for compiling the large-type service booklets available from the greeters on Sunday.

George Davis for his meaningful violin accompaniment of the choir on May 17.

The donors of gifts in memory of Jeanne Cotz, Harry DeMuth, Brook Kindred, Agnes Philliposian and Richard VandeVelde - the funds were used to purchase the new oil-filled altar, pascal and torch candles and supplies.

CYCLISTS OF ALL AGES RIDE TO HELP OTHERS BRAKE the HUNGER CYCLE TOUR A BIG SUCCESS

They came from near and far. They came riding high-tech titanium and carbon fiber bikes as well as little tricycles. They came decked out in the latest and brightest Spandex outfits and they came in their "T's" and jeans. They came to ride forty miles of Morris County's scenic countryside and they came to ride four miles in Kinnelon. But, they all came to join St. David's BRAKE the HUNGER CYCLE TOUR battle issues near and far.

Chairman Rodger Pisani greeted the forty-milers at 8 am on May 2nd with a charge to ride safely and keep the less fortunate in mind as they take to the road. Bishop Mark Beckwith briefly spoke to the group and led them in prayer before Rodger gave the signal to start. Within the next three hours Pisani launched 163 riders on their way as they travelled the 4, 12, 25 and 40 mile routes. The riders were able to make use of rest stops along their routes that were staffed by various groups, including a Girl Scout Brownie Troop. Support and Gear (SAG) vans patrolled to assure the welfare of the riders. Back at St. David's the grill was fired up for a giant BBQ and the Chester County Lawmen provided the live music.

Ten Episcopal churches as well as the Diocesan Headquarters sent 51 riders for the event. Bishop Mark Beckwith, the Rev. Canon Gregory Jacobs (Canon for Mission and Ministry) and Rev. Robert Griner, Rector of Christ Church in Newton, NJ all rode. The award for highest participation goes to Towaco's Church of the Transfiguration which sent us eleven riders.

The benefactors of this event are located both near and far. The event profits will be earmarked in two directions, with 75% going to build clean water sources in Latin America and the remaining 25% used to assist those in northern New Jersey who are in dire need due to the economic downturn.



Like that “little blue engine that could”, Towaco’s Church of the Transfiguration led the Diocesan parade of riders at the BRAKE the HUNGER CYCLE TOUR bike event. Our nearby neighbor heard the call and showed up in full force to participate. “COTT”, as it is affectionately called, sent eleven riders to the roads of Kinnelon in support of the event, the most of the twelve churches represented on May 2nd.

St. David’s was fortunate and honored to host our brothers and sisters from:

- Diocesan Headquarters, Newark
- All Saints’, Hoboken
- Church of The Saviour, Denville
- Church of the Transfiguration, Towaco
- Christ Church, Newton
- Christ Church, Pompton Lakes
- St. Andrew’s, Lincoln Park
- St. Gabriel’s, Milton
- St. John’s, Montclair
- St. Michael’s, Wayne
- St. Peter’s, Mountain Lakes







Blooming Day in May!



GOOD JOB!

JoAnn Hahn and Mary Stuart Hawk - 22 YEARS! of plants - and their faithful helpers: Terry Armstrong, Mary-Esther Arther, Elizabeth Bammel, Harry Barker, Joan Carpenter, David and Alice Clews, Mari Collins, Pat Crane, David DeSmith, Dina and Deanne Fanelli, Steve Hahn, Katherine Hahn, John and Tina Hitchings, Pat Hodde, Norm Leser, Caroline Mossip, Mike and Sondra Odian, Rodger and Laurie Pisani, Mike and Deb Roehrer, Sister Shane, Tom and Chris (master gardener) Snyder, Marty Stanton, Joanne Webb, Sara Webb and Irene Williams.

Special thanks to all the faithful parishioners who bought plants - \$2,105.00!!





SUPER-SUCCESSFUL SALE!

This joint project of the youth of St. David's and The Reformed Church netted each group \$300 (!) toward their RISE trip expenses. Hearty thanks to the wonderful people of both congregation who graciously donated delicious baked goods (of course, no calories!). Special thanks are due to John Simonelli for the use of his hot dog cart; Mike Odian for his muscles and trailer to transport the cart to St. David's; Tom Snyder for spending the entire day cooking the "dogs"; Elizabeth Bammel for making the delicious chili.

A heartfelt "thank you" goes to Terry Doremus from The Reformed Church, who helped set up and sell and to Kyle Bussey and James Hitchings from St. David's; Aidan, Anya and Dylan McMurrer from The Reformed Church for their hours spent selling.





BARGAINS GALORE!!

Something new was added this year - a parishioners' garage sale!

Between the table rentals and donations \$400 was added to our fund raising income!

Very good for this "experiment"!





ROGATION SUNDAY

O merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us, we beseech thee, ever thankful for thy loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THANK YOU - EVERYONE WHO PLANTED



JUNE 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 5:15 pm Meditation Group 7:30 pm Book Group	2 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	3 11:30 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 pm Lunch and Bible Study 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 5:30 pm St. Anthony's	4 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 7:30 pm Stewardship Commission	5	6 10 am Sr. Shane Ordination Cathedral - Newark
7 TRINITY SUNDAY 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Minute 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Church School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 am Coffee Hour 11:45 am Chalice Bearers Mtg. 3:00 pm Confirmation Cathedral - Newark	8 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 5:15 pm Meditation Group 7:30 pm Women's Group	9 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	10 11:30 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 pm Lunch and Bible Study 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih 5:00 pm Rector & Wardens Meeting	11 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer	12	13
14 PENTECOST 2 RECOGNITION SUNDAY 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Coffee Minute 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Merry Heart 10:15 am Holy Eucharist/All in Church 11:30 am Parish Picnic	15 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 5:15 pm Meditation Group 7:30 pm Men's Group	16 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 5:00 pm St. Paul's Shelter	17 11:30 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 pm Lunch and Bible Study 4:00 pm Tai Chi Chih	18 12:15 pm Noonday Prayer 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting	19	20 11 am Readers Training Session with lunch 6 pm "A Taste of Summer" – Tasting Fund Raiser
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St. David's Leadership Team

Empowering all our members to build bridges of hope with the living Christ through worship, spiritual formation, hospitality and outreach.

Bishop: *The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith*
Rector: *The Rev. David J. DeSmith*
Senior Warden: *Linda O'Connor*
Junior Warden: *Caroline Mossip*
Vestry: *Mary-Esther Arther (Treasurer)*
Nancy Ward (Clerk)
Brian Bussey
Nancy Hammaker
Steve Kent
Christine Rudolphi
Marty Stanton

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St. David's is a sponsoring congregation of The Oasis, the outreach ministry of The Episcopal Diocese of Newark to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community.

St. David's is a member of Greenfaith: Interfaith Partner in Action for the Earth.

