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New Parishioners
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316 N. Easton Road • Willow Grove, PA

St. David Roman Catholic Church

Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021

MINISTERIAL STAFF
Rev. Matthew P. Windle, Pastor
Rev. Richard P. Connors, Retired Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Richard T. Bolger, Pastor Emeritus
Deacon William Eliason, Retired
Deacon Christopher Mars
Sr. Mary C. Chapman, IHM, Ed.D.
School Principal
Sr. Kathleen Fitzpatrick, IHM, D.R.E.
Sr. Mary St. Mark, IHM, Parish Ministry
Ms. Katie Bier, O.L.C.
Duncan Fischley, Youth Minister
Kathleen Piselli, Choir Director
Barbara Aughtmon, Parish Organist
Maureen Mahon, Pastoral Associate
Julia Marlin, Communications Associate
Gary Warnalis, Business Manager
John Hotz, Bookkeeper
Carmen Anuzzi, Maintenance Director

RECTORY
Rectory Office
215-657-0252 • 215-657-0253
Registration Office:
215-825-8199

Hours: Monday–Thursday 9 AM–5 PM
Fridays 9 AM – 3:30 PM
Convent: 215-659-0445

Queen of Angels School
Upper School: 215-659-6393
Lower School: 215-659-4251

Our Lady of Confidence Day School
215-657-9311

Religious Education Office: 215-659-4059

Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM • Sunday: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Daily: 6:30 AM Monday - Friday & 8 AM Saturday
Holy Days: Please check bulletin for times or call the rectory

SACRAMENTS
Confessions: Every Saturday – 8:30 AM
Adoration: Mondays 7 AM - 7 PM, Wednesdays 7 AM – 7 PM, Fridays 7 AM – 4 PM
Sacrament of Baptism: To schedule a Baptism and a Pre-Jordan class, please call the Registration Office at 215-825-8199.
Sacrament of Marriage: Make arrangements at the Rectory at least six months before the date of marriage. Marriages can be celebrated on Saturdays up to 1:30 PM
Sacraments at Home: Any sick or homebound parishioner can have the priest visit to administer the Sacraments. Please call the Rectory.

Letters of Eligibility can be issued ONLY to registered parishioners who regularly attend Mass and have been in the parish for a minimum of six months.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday 3:00 PM. Email notices to rectory@stdavidparish.org. Announcements may be edited for space.

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New Link to LiveStream:
https://stdavidparish.org/st-david-livestream/

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Dear St. David Parishioners,

We have just commemorated the most holy days of the Church year – the Sacred Triduum. What do these days teach us?

**Holy Thursday** – On the night before He died, Jesus gave us a living memorial, the gift of His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. On this most holy night, Jesus also instituted the priesthood. Jesus’ love is so great that He gifts us with Himself in Holy Communion every day. Let us pray that people will join as a community in the Mass each week and also pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood.

**Washing of feet:** Jesus humbled Himself as He stooped to wash the feet of His apostles. In this act, Jesus encourages us to serve one another out of love, not out of obligation.

**Betrayal of Judas and the denial of Peter:** We are weak and sinful human beings and sometimes we really mess up. Judas did not believe in Jesus’ mercy and forgiveness – Peter did. We have an immeasurably loving and forgiving God. Judas took his own life, but Judas’ death was not the answer. Only God has the power and right to give and take away life. After His resurrection Jesus appeared to Peter and asked him, and He asks each one of us, “Do you love Me?” How do we answer Jesus’ invitation of love and encounter can change our lives forever.

**Good Friday:** The passion narratives help us to recognize the unconditional love that Jesus has for each one of us, despite our sins and shortcomings. Jesus freely suffered to save us individually and all of us collectively from the power of sin. We can contemplate the 14 Stations of the Cross, and let Jesus’ love penetrate our minds, hearts, and souls. “We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You. Because by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world.”

**Holy Saturday** teaches us holy patience, not an extremely popular virtue for those of us who often want an answer, or something done immediately. Many followers of Jesus thought that His death was the end, but His Mother Mary knew differently. She prayed with the apostles to calm their fears. They hid in the upper room for fear that they too may suffer crucifixion as their Divine Friend Jesus had endured. In the silence of Holy Saturday’s tomb, we wait, and pray, thinking – “What Wondrous Love!”  

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**Easter Sunday: Alleluia! Jesus is alive!** Rejoice for Jesus has risen from death to new life and offers us eternal life in Him. Jesus literally demonstrates to us that His love is more powerful than any sin. We know and believe deeply that, “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life” (John 3:16). Therefore, let us move away any stones in our lives that keep us from living and loving Jesus as we know we should. We need not be afraid; Jesus’ grace is alive in us. He is the Light of the World! May we rise to living a more committed life with Jesus’ life, love, and peace in us! May the love, joy, and hope of the Resurrected Jesus abide with you and your family today and always!

In Mary’s Immaculate Heart, I am,  
Sister Mary

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**Finance Update**

Thank you to all parishioners who continue to support St. David Parish’s financial needs. We appreciate your ongoing giving to the parish and the participation in special fundraisers, all that helps pay the ongoing monthly expenses and fund capital projects to keep the parish up to date.

**Parish Collections:**
- Fiscal year-to-date March 2021 — $499,864
- Fiscal year-to-date March 2020 — $507,877

Our collections are down about 2% versus last year at this time but our Operating Expenses are up $39,166 due to snow removal / damages and building maintenance expenses. Please try to continue to support the parish.

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**Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel** is said after every Mass.

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St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.
Holy Saturday April 3rd  
8:00 pm Intentions of the Parishioners

Easter Sunday April 4th  
9:00 am For those affected by COVID-19  
11:00 am † Intentions of the Presider

Easter Monday April 5th  
6:30 am † William Eagan

Tuesday April 6th  
6:30 am † Robert Quinn

Wednesday April 7th  
6:30 am † Katherine "Kathy" Lamb

Thursday April 8th  
6:30 am † Josephine Gallo

Friday April 9th  
6:30 am † Deceased members of Reilly and McMahon Family

Saturday April 10th  
8:00 am Intentions of Mike & Pat Stelacio

Schola Music Schedule  
Easter Sunday, April 4th @ 11AM

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11th @ 11AM

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
HOLY HOUR AND CHAPLET

Join St. David’s Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy for a special celebration on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11th. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration at 2 PM and we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We will close with Benediction at 3 PM. We invite all our parishioners to join us in prayer for the Divine Mercy of Our Lord.

REMEMBERING IN OUR PRAYERS...  
… all those who are sick … Mary Trauger, Loretta Boyle, Margaret DeLucas, James Dehan, Nina Ferraro, Teresa Riegal, Eric Bull, Bruce Seth, Vanessa Wismer, Adeline Bucchini, Adriana Sproehnle, Karen Dale and the residents of Garden Springs and the Landings.  
… all those who are deceased …

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Sick List Information  
Please call the parish office (215-657-0252) or email mmahon@stdavidparish.org if you would like to add or remove someone’s name from the prayer list.

The Next Generation Parish  
Creating communities of disciples, leaders, and missionaries for today and tomorrow.

In the face of a changing society, a decline in sacramental participation, and a generational shift, parishes are struggling to grow, adapt, and thrive in today’s world. But there is hope. Together, we can create the Next Generation Parish. This means building, supporting, and sustaining a Church for our children, grandchildren, and beyond.

What is the Next Generation Parish Experience?  
The Next Generation Parish Experience is a four-year program designed by Catholic Leadership Institute to support the Church’s journey into tomorrow by creating Next Generation Parishes.

What does a Next Generation Parish look like?  
A Next Generation Parish has the ability to grow, thrive, and bring people closer to Jesus. Mass attendance and collections will increase. More people will have a personal encounter with Jesus and grow in their faith. Parishes will be focused on evangelization and discipleship. Parents will have the support they need to pass the faith on to children and grandchildren. Parishes will again be vibrant communities who gather on Sunday and then transform the world in His name the rest of the week.

The Plan  
Catholic Leadership Institute has identified Four Key Factors of a Next Generation Parish:

1. Fostering spiritual maturity and a plan for discipleship of its members
2. Sharing leadership and maintaining a commitment to a healthy organization
3. Offering a vibrant Sunday experience with excellent hymns, homilies, and hospitality
4. Embracing a missionary impulse to go out and bring others to know Jesus

We walk alongside parishes to put these four factors into place and measure the effectiveness of each.

Scip Tuition Fundraising Program

Scip is a no-cost way to earn money for Catholic school tuition. Find complete information at http://www.qoaschool.org/scip. On Fridays, scrip is sold at the rectory from 2:30-3 PM, as well as through the Queen of Angels students’ backpacks. Scrip will be sold on Sunday 4/11, & 4/25 from 10-11 AM in Fr. Curran Hall, at the counter by the kitchen area. Special orders are due to the coordinators by 11 AM on 4/11. Contact us with any questions! Sharon C. (cartlidge5@verizon.net)  
Jen K. (jenniferkoch2010@gmail.com)

For more information, visit us on the web at http://www.stdavidparish.org
Queen of Angels School provides students with a quality Catholic education that includes Religion every day in addition to all the major academic subjects enhanced with art, computers, gym, library, music, and Spanish for all grades. For qualified students in grades 5-8, we offer an Honors Math class. Students in kindergarten through grade two consistently utilize iPads and Chromebooks to enhance their learning. Third through eighth grade students participate in a 1:1 Chromebook Program.

The value of our PreK programs is unmatched in quality and price - offering full and half-day options for 3 and 4-year-olds. We also provide before and aftercare at a reasonable price.

Thanks to the generous subsidy from our Parishes, K-8 tuition is subsidized for each student in-parish families. Discounts are available for multi-child families. For your convenience, financial aid applications are now being processed and the deadline to apply is May, 2021. If you have any questions about our outstanding programs, the financial aid process, or would like to schedule a private "Facetime Tour", please do not hesitate to contact Kim O'Doherty at 215-309-4028 or by email at kodoherty@qoaschool.org.

QOA Home & School Association Presents: Raya & The Last Dragon at the Drive-In!!!
- Tues. April 20, 2021 at 8:15pm
- Parking open at 7:15pm
- Cost $30 per vehicle - https://penncinemahuntingdonvalley.simplytix.com/e/60220
- Concessions available at arrival - penncinema.com/order
- Restrooms available - Masks required

PREP

PRAYERS are requested for our CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES who will receive this important Sacrament on Thursday, April 22 at 2 PM and 4 PM in St. David Church. The Celebrant is Bishop Michael J. Fitzgerald.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please PRAY for our RCIA Candidates who were welcomed into the Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil this weekend!
- Heather Lynn Mary Amorim
- Tyler James Boniface MacDonald
- Mason Sebastian Paradise
- Harry A. Michael Schools
- Tracy Anne Monica Drury Garza

Our Pastor, Rev. Matthew Windle will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to Evan Lawrence Dougherty on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11 at the 9:00 AM Mass. Please keep Evan in your prayers!

Sr. Kathleen Fitzpatrick, IHM
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DEADLINE FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements for the bulletin must be submitted to the Rectory by Monday 3:00 PM.