

The Herald

APRIL 2017

In high school, I had friends who would always go to see movies on their opening night. It was kind of the “cool thing” to do - to see such movies as “Rocky III” or “Return of the Jedi” or “Beverly Hills Cop” before anyone else, and then come to school and ruin it for people.

Personally, I had never been to an opening night, ... at least not until a couple of weeks ago, when my wife and I went with our daughter and her friend (and about 10 million other “tween-age” girls worldwide) to see the new remake of “Beauty and the Beast” (thankfully, my high school buddies weren’t there to see me). My baby sister had the video cassette of Disney’s cartoon version of the story in the 90’s, so I’ve had almost all the songs drilled into my memory and can sing them by heart. And not to ruin it for you, but the new live-action movie is very much like the cartoon. However, it was fun to see some famous movie stars sing who I didn’t know could sing. In fact, it took me over a week to get some of the songs out of my head.

However, watching the movie this time through the eyes of a pastor, I was struck by the recurring message of “sacrificial love” - Belle sacrifices her dreams and her freedom to save her father, and later, out of love, the Beast sacrifices his chance of ever returning to being human by letting Belle leave to help her father. And this same theme of sacrificial love is at the heart of our observance of Holy Week - that sacred stretch of time when we begin to see the kind of God we have, ... and the extent of God’s love for us, ... and the depths that God is willing to go to save us and to be with us forever. As Jesus said, “No one has greater love than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13).

This is the message and the story that you’re invited to hear again and to experience anew this coming Holy Week, so be sure to join us. It’s a tale as old as time. A song as old as rhyme.

Darn it. Now I have that song stuck in my head again.

Pastor Micah



SEE YOU IN CHURCH-----

We are now about halfway through our journey to the cross – soon it will be Holy Week, which leads us to the resurrection. Remember we are having Lenten mid-week services every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. We use Holden Evening Prayer for our service, and our Confirmation class is helping out with dramatic readings.

Our services will remain the same Sunday, at 9:00a.m. (along with Sunday Church School) and again at 11:00a.m. with coffee between services. Saturday evening services are at 5:30p.m. until Holy Week, when there will be additional worship services to attend.

April 8th & 9th is Palm Sunday weekend: Palms will be distributed at each service.

April 13 is Maundy Thursday:

Worship services are at 12:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. The Altar will be stripped during the evening service.

April 14th is Good Friday: with services again at 12:00p.m. and 7:30p.m. We will be using the Tenebrae service in the evening. There will not be Communion at either service. The Church will remain open from 12:00p.m. to 3:00p.m for prayer and meditation.

April 16th is Easter Sunday: Worship services are at 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m. The Saturday evening services will remain the same at 5:30p.m. There will be NO Sunday School classes on Easter, so children are encouraged to worship with their families.

Also on Easter Sunday, be sure to join us for our Family Fun Fest; which will begin right after the 9:00a.m. service downstairs. This is a great treat for the children and a wonderful opportunity to get to meet and socialize with other members of St. David's.

LOOKING AHEAD -----

Lets not forget Mom's on Mother's Day

COME HOME WHERE PEOPLE CARE

Respectfully submitted,
Worship Committee

Fellowship/Coffee Hour Schedule for April 2017:

4/02/17 Stewardship
4/09/17 Education
4/16//17 Easter
4/23/17 Fellowship/LBS
4/30/17 Worship

Needed Supplies include Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks, Cookies, Cake.

News to Know

Thanks for . . .

. . . Easter Food Basket Donations

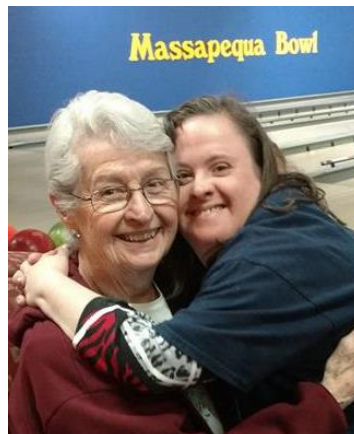
Thanks to the kindness and generosity of our members, we were able to collect **344 pounds of food items** for families in need.

. . . Soup Supper

A nice turnout of people enjoyed a hearty meal of a variety of soups, while also raising money to send our young people to a “Meal Packing” service project. Thanks to all who came and to the Confirmation class students and families who hosted the event.

. . . “Holy Rollin’ Bowling Outing

A wonderful time of bowling and community building was had by all who participated. Thanks to the Stewardship Committee for coordinating this fun activity (see photos below, and even more on our facebook page).



Men’s Lunch

Join us for good food and fellowship at the Corner Galley (5411 Merrick Rd.) on **Tuesday, April 11th at 12:00pm.**

Beginner’s Sign Language Class for Kids

St. David’s will be offering Beginner’s Sign Language classes for children aged 8-12 years old. Classes will be held on **Wednesday afternoons from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., starting April 19th**, and they will run for **six Wednesdays**. The cost is **\$70.00**. Please register as soon as possible. Make check payable to St. David’s Deaf Ministry. Checks can be put in the offering plate in an envelope labeled ASL Classes or brought to the office. Thank you.

Upcoming Dates of Interest



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 8th - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 9th - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 13th - Noon & 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday

Friday, April 14th - Noon & 7:30 p.m.

Church open for prayer from 12-3 p.m.

Easter

Saturday, April 15th - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 16th - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

** NO Sunday School classes on Easter

** Easter "Fun Fest" between services

Mark Your Calendars

Applebee's Pancake Breakfast & Car Wash - Saturday, May 6th

Long Island Ducks Game Saturday, August 5th ** More details of both in next newsletter.

Walk to Fight Hunger

Please join our walkers in the "Crop Walk" (or help sponsor them) as we work together to end hunger, one step at a time. The walkers will be walking the Massapequa Preserve on **Sunday, April 23rd**, with the sign-in at **1 p.m.** Sponsor sheets are available for interested walkers in the church lobby, and each walkers is also asked to bring a nonperishable food item for a local food pantry. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Maddie Brower (516 541-2488).



Given & Shed for YOU

In our church's commitment to help parents grow and nurture the faith of their children, St. David's will be offering classes for young people interested in receiving Holy Communion. The classes are for children **in 5th Grade or older**. The class series will be held on **3 Saturdays: May 13th, May 20th, & June 3rd**, starting at **11:00 a.m.** (and lasting until about 12:30 p.m.). The students will then be *receiving their First Communion on Sunday, June 4th*. In order to show the importance of the class and to help the learning process, we'd like to encourage **at least one parent/guardian** to attend the class with their child. Thanks.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS FOR EASTER

If you would like to put flowers in the Sanctuary this Easter, as a memorial or thank offering, please complete this form and return with your contribution no later than Sunday, **April 9, 2017** to be in the Easter bulletin.

Given by _____ \$ _____ enclosed

In Memory of _____

As a Thank Offering for _____



INSIDE PLANTINGS FOR EASTER



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St. David's Preschool News

March is going out like a lamb just as the saying goes. April showers will soon be upon us. Signs of Spring are already showing themselves in the church gardens.

This month we will celebrate Easter with the children as they learn how Jesus died and rose again. We will be making crosses, bunny rabbits and chicks. We will learn about the weather and make umbrellas and clouds pictures.

We are having Preschool Summer Camp July 5 to August 11 for children ages 2 ½ to 5 and going into Kindergarten. Registration forms are now available by calling the preschool at 799-5824.

We also still have openings for September in all our classes; 2 ½ , 3 and 4. If you would like to schedule a tour or need a registration form please call Mrs. Lever at 799-5824.

Have a Blessed Easter! -

Robin Lever— Preschool Director

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With thanks to all who remembered or honored their friends and loved ones with gifts to our funds this month:

In Memory of:

Marie Nelson by Ina Cohen & Barbara Puleio & Rose Fiorani

Aunt Eleanor by Jon, Kristina & Hayley Tan

Paul Halmo & Paul Halmo Jr. by Eleanor Halmo

Ruth DeSilva by Joan Curtin

Marion Bartkus by Carol M. Dornhofer

**+IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK,PLEASE REMEMBER: +
KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED, ILL OR RECOVERING:**

Dominic Ianuzzi, Frank Verdone, Steven Mangano, Addie & Eric, Nicholas Lagravinese, Joe Gaiti, Agnes (Nancy) Peterson, Corrine Curtin-Witchl, Michele Martin, Jim Stattery, John McGarry, Carol Scheuer, Lee Spellman,Susan Ives, John & Jackie, Patrice & Kevin, Charlie & Aunt Dottie, Roy Chichile, Bernice Hayes, Luigi Soviero, Mark Ives, Steven Perry, Giselle Hubbert, Auburn Volz, Ryan & Casey, Phillip Annunziato, Hanna Bissig, Ester Hansen, Fred Mueller, Bob Gfererer, Donna Polimeni, Kylie Lauren & Matthew Taylor Sapanski, Alexia Fink, Harry Thomas Bruel, William Whamby, Anita & John Grube, Ted Ho, Norman Hall, Louise Mollendorf, Karen Naylor, Wilson Valentin, Nancy Michaelis, Jay Leone, Diana Bruu, Mildred Ulrich, Louise Landkammer, Connie Schildt, Ed & Emma Schneider.

+THOSE WHO MOURN THE PASSING OF: Spencer Reed, Pastor Rose Gaines, Marie Nelson, Jeff Fisher, Edward Petersen, Marion Bartkus, Ruth DeSilva, Walter Otten.

Names will remain on the list until the end of each month. If prayers are still requested for the following month, please advise Mary Ann in the office at the beginning of each month.

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