

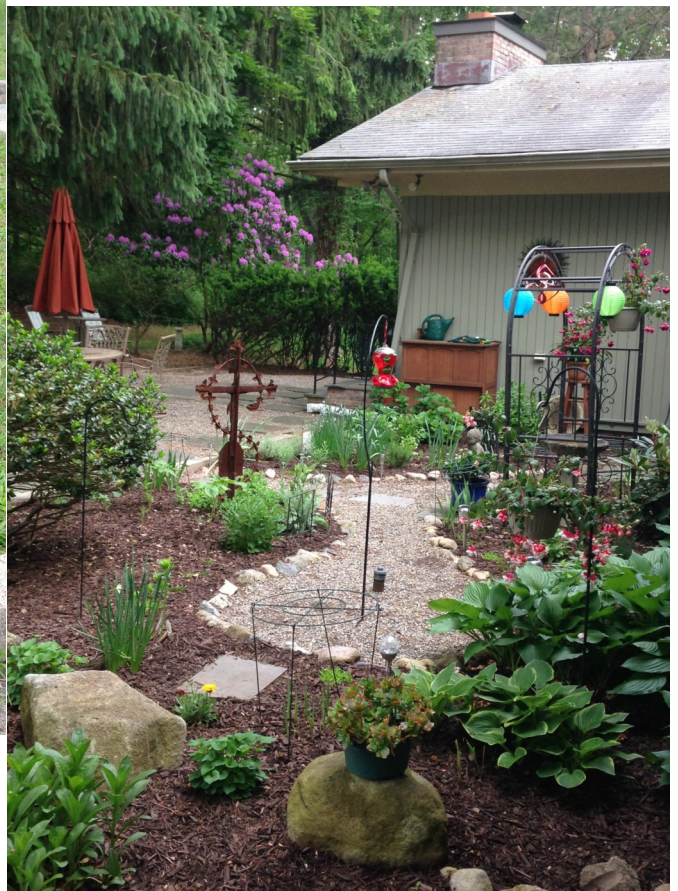
# Visions



## Mission Statement

*As a visible sign of God's presence in the world, St. David's Church is a welcoming and diverse community of disciples, actively serving Christ in one another and all those beyond our doors.  
St. David's supports marriage equality.*

## MIDSUMMER 2015



## Celebrating 55 Years of Caring & Sharing

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**10th Wine and Food Pairing Event**  
**THE THRILL OF THE GRILL**  
**Saturday, September 12, 2015**  
**5:00 pm**

Our good friend Joshua Wesson has a conflicting commitment but is consulting on everything - the theme, the grilled food, the chosen wines - he'll be here in spirit!

**Steve Kent**—Sommelier and Host for the Evening



Tickets go on sale August 16 with the deadline September 6

**Dinner with wine - \$40**

**Dinner non-wine - \$30**

**Children 12 and under - \$10.**

There will be a \$100 gift certificate from Liquor Outlet Wine Cellars in Boonton, an anonymous donation to the member of the congregation who brings the most people to this event.



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Summer greetings from your Stewardship Commission! Whether you are doing a “stay-cation” or a “vacation” we are asking you to keep in mind our upcoming Silent Auction & Beefsteak Dinner on **Halloween (Oct. 31)**. While you’re out and about, please be alert to things that could be “auctioned” off, be it items for a basket, a stand alone item, or a week or weekend stay in your “vacation” home. You can also consider donating a service or experience such as a dinner party, a series of desserts or anything else your imagination can conjure up. Gift cards and baskets of cheer are very popular!

The Silent Auction is St. David’s biggest fund raiser of the year and we count on all of you to continue the success of past years.

The pre-planning for this event has been ongoing and requires a lot of hands-on preparation as time gets close. We ask that you begin to think about how you may be able help us make this event a success. We will need help making baskets, preparing bid sheets, assisting the day of the event, cleaning up.

In the meanwhile any questions you may have about this event can be directed to any Stewardship Commission member: David DeSmith, Mary-Esther Arther, Rich Dobson, Kathy Kent, Christine Rudolphi, John Simonelli or Jennifer Trevisan.

We wish you a restful summer. May you relax and re-charge!

The St. David’s Stewardship Commission

## DINING AT DAVID'S

Thank you, Bruce and Patty Watts, Mike and Sondra Odian, and John Simonelli for hosting on July 23, July 30, and August 6 respectively! Is there anyone to host August 13? Remember, it's pizza, salad and karaoke on the 30th and movie night with "Some Like it Hot" on the 6th.

### FOYER GROUPS

Once again we have had an enjoyable and successful round of FOYERS dinners. We had 38 participants divided into 5 groups as well as "guests" who joined us from time to time throughout the year. Some are continuing to meet during the summer. A group of us travelled to Sussex County to watch a "Miners" baseball game while enjoying traditional hot dogs and trimmings with St. David's friends. (No one said we have to serve gourmet recipes every time!) Each year those who take part in this informal program carry away wonderful memories from dining with long time church friends and brand new ones. It is a great opportunity to get to know our fellow parishioners better, and EVERYONE is welcome!

For those of you who are not familiar with FOYERS, the format is small dinners (usually 6-9 participants) hosted at home either by an individual or co-hosted by 2 households. We usually get started in October and continue through May or June. Typically the host provides the main course and beverages and the others bring appetizer, side dish, or dessert.

The signup sheet for 2015-2016 is posted in the narthex and we encourage all who are interested to sign up during the summer. If you don't want to commit to being a regular participant or you would like to come and see what it's like, just sign on the "guest" list and one of our hosts will contact you for a specific dinner. If you have any questions, please ask anyone who has been part of FOYERS (we'll make ourselves known!) or email Nancy Ward.

We want to form the groups and be ready to launch by the end of September.

*Nancy Ward*



**Parish Directory:** Please review your entry from last year in the circulated pdf. version. Ground mail parishioners received a printed copy of it. Please notify **Gill Otto** in the parish office about any changes or to confirm everything is correct. If you absolutely hate your photo, or if your children and young people have changed beyond recognition, you can send her a new photo. Please let Gill know if you would like one of our great photographers in the parish to take a new one.

The deadline for checking your entry and receipt of photographs is: **August 6th**. Thank you.

### Average Attendance

July 2014    July 2015

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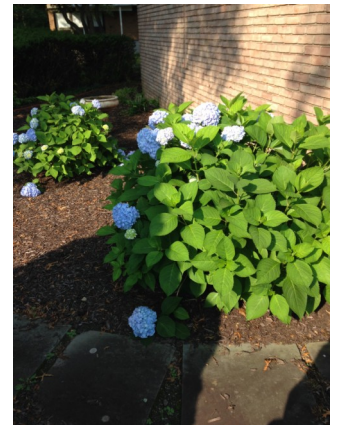
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## ***CELEBRATE!***

THANKS to a lot of hard work by a lot of very dedicated people, we were awarded the Ward J. Herbert Fund grant of \$25,000 to be used on the lower roof! Hurrah!  
The Adopt-A-Project sign-up board is being updated—watch for it!



- To the St. David's saints who met our commitment at St. Paul's Shelter in June—cooks Polly Barker, Janice Fogg, Mary Stuart Hawk, Joan Molee and Doris Snyder; drivers and servers Mary Stuart Hawk and Bonnie Hook.
- To Jim Alden—weeds don't stand a chance! In addition, his plantings and work on the memorial garden are much appreciated.
- To the parishioners who volunteered as the new Going Local guiding team—Javier Nieves, Mike Odian, Doris Snyder, Bruce Watts, Dale Wilhelm and Irene Williams. Special thanks to the leader of this special group—Stacey Ferraro.
- To Ian Witthoef, who responded so promptly and loaned his dehumidifier for the office—no more soggy paper! Thanks also to the two kind parishioners who offered to buy a new one, and to the other parishioner who offered his.



## ***Congratulations!***

- Brooke Verroca, who graduated from St. Elizabeth's Academy in June. She will attend High Point University in North Carolina in September.
- Javier Nieves for his Master's in Social Work degree from Rutgers.
- Joanne Leser on her successful first year back at college, where she is majoring in nursing and loving it.

## **IN MEMORIAM**

Word has been received of the death of Walter Waldman. Our prayers and condolences are extended to Alice Clews, his daughter, and her family.

*Have you remembered St. David's in your estate planning?*

# **OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

## **PRISON MINISTRY**

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your support for the Diocese's Prison Ministry.

Your generous donations will make a difference in the lives of those least able to help themselves - children of women in prison.

Some of you asked what the per child cost is for the summer camp at the Salvation Army. The cost is \$175 per child just for the camp. Add in the cost of transportation and supplies and the cost rises to \$300.

If you wish to make a donation, look for me (Doris Snyder) and my sign "Prison Ministry" at the Iced Tea and Lemonade time. If anyone prefers, they can mail me a check payable to Prison Ministry and add on the "For" line at the bottom 'St David's contribution'. My home address is 26 Red Oak Lane, Kinnelon, 07405.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 973-283-2033.

Again, thank you so much for your generous support to the children of women in prison.

Peace, *Doris Snyder*

## **COLLECTION OF WALMART CARDS**

### **For our Outreach Clients July/August 2015**

Dear People of St. David's

St. David's supports a number of local families and individuals who have turned to us in desperation when they could no longer make ends meet, often due to personal or family illness or loss of employment.

Last year through your generosity, we were able to give each of our families Walmart cards so they could buy school supplies or new winter clothes. Some of our families have school aged children; you know how fast they grow and how many things they need to have on the first day of school. One of our clients had no winter coat until a kind parishioner donated one last fall. Recently, three members of St. David's were able to put together a bag of sheets, blankets and essential medical supplies for one of our clients who is seriously ill. Believe me, the need is great.

We will be collecting Walmart cards again this year continuing into the first week of August. Cards will be given out according to need by mid August, when good deals can still be found in stores. Walmart Cards or checks (made to St. David's with memo line reading "Walmart Card") may be left in the marked basket on the grocery card sales table, or in the Parish Administrator mailbox.

Thank you all very much.

*Gill Otto, Parish Administrator*

## Vestry Meeting Highlights – June 18, 2015

The meeting began with prayer offered by Dale Pappas Wilhelm

Mary-Esther's spiritual meditation focused on the South Carolina shooting.

Stacey reported that there will soon be a joint meeting of the Vestry and the new Going Local Guiding Team.

We discussed ideas brought to us by the congregation –

That in the spirit of going local we should send thank-you letters to Marty Shoes and Kataw Jewelers for their years of service to the community as well as a welcome letter to Marshall's when their new store opens.

That we seriously consider repairing and repainting the kitchen ceiling, which in fact we will do now that we're sure the roof no longer leaks.

We heard a presentation on Church Insurance by Bill Lodico from the Church Pension Group, and as soon as we get the renewal quote from our present provider the Vestry will decide whether to change.

David – through his written report – noted that in the Fall we will be reviving the Eucharistic Visitor program, that he will be leading weekly “Children's Time” for elementary school children to learn about Jesus, and that he will be leading weekly “Youth Time” for older children to prepare for confirmation.

We approved the Treasurer's report as presented.

Mary-Esther noted that not everyone's Time and Talent sheets have been returned, and urged the Vestry to follow up with those on their respective lists who have not responded.

The Property Committee reported that we have applied for a \$25,000 Ward J. Herbert Grant from the Diocese, and that they will be cleaning up and repairing the small skylight room for possible use as a study space.

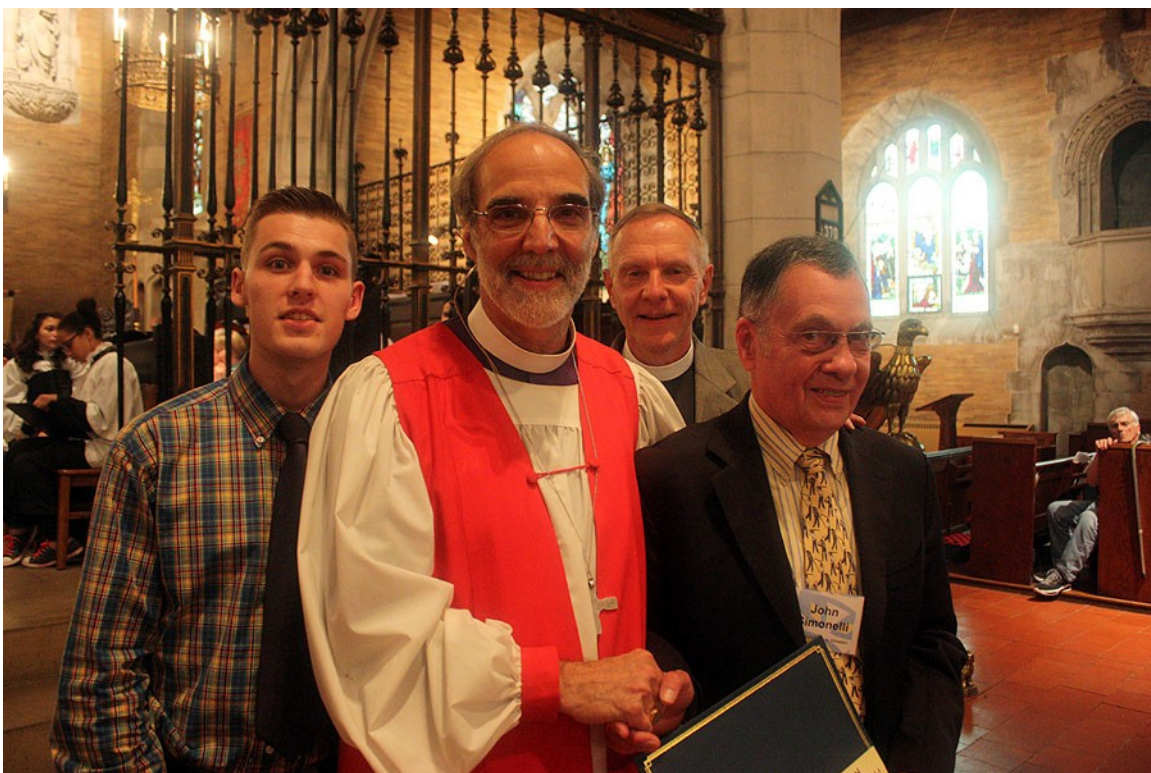
Respectfully submitted,

*John Simonelli, Senior Warden*

## HEGG MEMORIAL AWARD RECIPIENTS—May 31, 2015



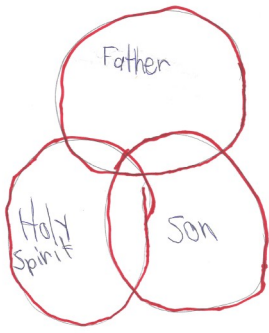
**Julie Dolci** with Bishop Mark, the Rector, and her proud sons, Jack and Chris



**John Simonelli** with Bishop Mark, the Rector, and Codey Dohm, one of our new parishioners



# TRINITY SUNDAY, 2015



**Nathan and Matthew Nieves**—  
Thank you very much for your artwork  
on the Trinity Sunday bulletin cover  
and for participating in the service.



HOLY TRINITY PICTURES  
BY NATHAN AND MATTHEW NIEVES



**Coffee  
Hour at  
the  
Rectory-  
June 7**



**June 7, 2015**  
**ROOF BLESSINGS FROM ON HIGH!**



## AUGUST 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>2) Pentecost 10 Gold Team</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist/Healing 9:30 am Holy Eucharist/Healing 10:30 am Iced Tea & Lemonade	3	4 7 pm AA Meeting	5 3:00 pm Tai Chi Chih	6 9:30 am Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 5:30—7:30 pm Dining at David's BBQ & Movie Night	7 <b>Office Closed Rector's Day off</b>	8
<b>9 Pentecost 11 Red Team</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist* 9:30 am Holy Eucharist* 10:00 am Merry Heart, Boonton 10:30 am Iced Tea & Lemonade *Includes Birthday and Anniversary Prayers	10 7:00 pm Stewardship Commission	11 7 pm AA Meeting	12 3:00 pm Tai Chi Chih	13 9:30 am Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 5:30—7:30 pm Dining at David's BBQ & Games Night	14 <b>Office Closed Rector's Day off</b>	15
<b>16 Pentecost 12 White Team</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Iced Tea & Lemonade	17	18 5:00 pm St. Paul's Shelter Meal 7 pm AA Meeting	19 3:00 pm Tai Chi Chih	20 9:30 am Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers 7:00 pm Vestry	21 <b>Office Closed Rector's Day off</b>	22
<b>23) Pentecost 13 Green Team</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Iced Tea & Lemonade	24	25 3:00 pm Holy Eucharist at Cedar Crest 7 pm AA Meeting	26 <b>Rector away through Aug 28</b> 3:00 pm Tai Chi Chih	27 No Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers	28 <b>Office Closed Rector's Day off</b>	29
<b>30 Pentecost 14 Gold Team</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Iced Tea & Lemonade	31					

# 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: *John Simonelli*  
Junior Warden: *Stacey Ferraro*

Vestry: *Mary-Esther Arther (Treasurer, non-voting)*  
*Rich Dobson*  
*Julie Dolci (Clerk)*  
*Nancy Hammaker*  
*Lee Moody*  
*Mike Roehrer*  
*Dale Pappas-Wilhelm*  
*Jennifer Trevisan*  
*Irene Williams*

Staff:	<i>Mary-Esther Arther</i>	<i>Newsletter Editor</i>
	<i>Ian Witthoeft</i>	<i>Music Director</i>
	<i>Gill Otto</i>	<i>Parish Administrator</i>
	<i>Terry Armstrong</i>	<i>Sexton</i>

