



# Scepter



## Reflection From the Rector's Desk

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer



“If I face a human being as my *Thou*, and say the primary word *I-Thou*, he is not a thing among things, and does not consist of things.”

Prior to our January vestry meeting, our wardens sat with Michelle and I to look ahead at the coming year, anticipating some of the rich and meaningful work that we'll be engaging together. Whenever we visit and talk, I'm clearly reminded of how incredibly blessed we've been to travel with Randy Westgate and Mary Snyder in these leadership roles. These two faithful disciples, who love our spiritual home and the folks we share it with, always prompt new wonderings for me and enliven my understanding of how we go about sharing the

love of God in our church community. In the context of our recent conversation, our group began to ponder together, our shared understanding of "welcoming ministry": what it is, and what it means to us. We all agreed that the expressed mission and vision for our life at St. Edward's takes root in the stuff of relationship. And our leadership actively seeks to prayerfully discern ways that we can better build caring community that fosters Godly friendship amongst our members and that inspires us to respond to the needs of

those beyond our walls as faithful followers of Jesus. Indeed, in my own discernment to accept the call to serve as rector of our parish, the invitation to help in continuing to build authentic and relational Christian community struck me as the Holy Spirit's particular charisma and expression, resting over this beautiful East Hempfield campus.

For me, this amounts to expressing a lived theology of the highest degree: because I believe that the "sin" and the brokenness we look to God to overcome, is fundamentally about each of us engaging a journey out of our senses of separation to embrace the movement toward connection. To unpack this a little more, I'm of the heart and mind that forgiveness of "sin" isn't essentially about God erasing demerits from our behavioral records, but is more so, a matter of allowing divine power to penetrate our isolation and reconcile us to the Holy, to one another, and to ourselves. After all, we're a people who gather to celebrate *Incarnation*, the conviction that God IS with us. We come together to engage the literal work of "religion": a term derived from the Latin 'religare' which invites us to re-bind, to re-read, to reconnect. As such, when we share our personal spirituali-

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# Reflection

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ty with other people through life in a Christian community, we bind ourselves with other selves and enjoy the blessing of living out our discipleship through the bearing of one another's burdens. We pray together, break bread together, engage the world as members of Christ's Body alive and at work in the world...together.

In this spirit, I think that it could be helpful for all of us to join in some discernment around how we understand and express "welcoming ministry" here at St. Edward's. Because it occurs to me that churches often shallowly employ hackneyed strategies and gimmicks to drum up business in the name of spreading the good news of God in Christ. Particularly in our leadership circles, we can focus in on the number of folks in our pews and the desire to grow, as a measure of our worldly success, at the expense of prioritizing our true purpose. Yes, of course, we aim to grow, and we need to grow to faithfully show forth the invitation of new life in Christ, the substance of the thanks and praise we offer up every day. And yet, Christian spirituality, the experience of God in Christ, isn't a product to be bought and sold. It isn't a 'thing' to be had like other things. Instead, we're here to connect with God, with other people, and with ourselves.

When it comes to "welcoming," we've often looked to a committee structure for assuming the responsibility of greeting visitors and designing gifts to give to new members here at St. Edward's. But it dawned on me that something about our historic approach to welcoming folks at our parish has bothered me a bit. And through the invitation of our leadership's recent discussion on the topic, I felt called to sit again with the work of Martin Buber around the stuff of relationship. For those

unfamiliar with his work, Buber was a prominent Zionist and member of the Jewish intellectual class wiped out during the Holocaust. Buber left Germany in 1938 and emigrated to the Holy Land, where he had a rich teaching career at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. One of his most famous works: *I and Thou*, invites us to think carefully about the nature of how we interact with other people and how we frequently tend to treat others as objects to be experienced rather than as persons to be encountered with mutuality and respect. Buber writes: "Man travels over the surface of things and experiences them. He extracts knowledge about their constitution from them: he wins experience from them. He experiences what belongs to things." Herein, Buber incisively identifies our tendency to seek advantage or to manifest a goal, to extract an experience from things in our life. But he also invites us to consider how we do this when we interact with other human beings as well. People often treat other people like things, like an "it" to be experienced for personal enrichment, or as a means to attaining some end that we're after. But this objectification of others, even when it isn't motivated by malice or a desire to be dismissive, generates an encounter with another human being that lacks the same compassion, respect, empathy, and honor of personhood that we expect for ourselves. To this, Buber gifts us with the reminder that authentic relating is mutual by nature. He says to us: "If I face a human being as my *Thou*, and say the primary word *I-Thou*, he is not a thing among things, and does not consist of things."

With Buber's life-giving reminder reconstituting the nature of our wondering, I've been growing in my conviction that "welcoming ministry" isn't something that a committee does in a mature Christian community...it's something that everyone

does. Because, if we're fundamentally called out of separation and into connection, into relationship, through participation in Christian community, then it may be worth each of us prayerfully considering the priority we lend to encountering the Holy with intentional reverence and curiosity in other people. It's worth asking: Am I able to appreciate every visitor to our spiritual home through the sincerity of an *I-Thou* dynamic, a motivation that wants to know that person, that seeks to connect with them? To this, I think that we're discovering these sorts of relational bonds quite organically here at St. Edward's. Every day, I witness folks caring for one another and wanting for the joy and fullness of their neighbor. I see our ministries drawing us into authentic senses of shared purpose and discovery. And so, I wonder if perhaps we're ready to name and claim our individual roles in "welcoming ministry," in growing our church as an extension of our own ever becoming in Christ. Being transformed, uncovering new depths of care and connection with one another, we're at a place from which we can each invite others to share in an experience lending value to our own lives. Life at St. Edward's IS affording us a pathway to connect with God, with one another, and with our truest selves. And so, I hope that you'll wonder with me, and consider doing your part in welcoming visitors here at our church, facing those you meet between these walls as your *Thou*, greeting every person out of care and with excitement for the wonderful life we share in together here in our parish. I truly believe that we're on to something good friends, that the Spirit is moving in our midst, and that we're each invited into new and beautiful relationships. In Christ,

Rick+



## Parish Office Hours

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Tuesday- Friday:  
11:00 – 4:00PM

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**If you're the last person to leave the building following Sunday services or an event, please take the time to make sure all the lights are turned off (including the rest rooms) the thermostat is reset and the doors are locked.**

By Randy Westgate



Friends in Christ,

Your vestry came together in January for its first meeting of 2023. Our church's treasure, Kevin Milligan, joined us to give us an update on the end of 2022 financial picture, and good news: we finished the year with a surplus! This is a testimony to the vitality of our church leadership and ministries, the growth in our church family, and the generosity of all of you. We are in a blessed place, and look forward to a new year of new opportunities for worship, spiritual growth, fellowship, and putting our faith in action.

Mark your calendars for our annual meeting, which will be held on March 12, immediately after a joint service that morning, followed by a coffee hour with a ministry fair, refreshments, and entertainment. New vestry members will be selected at the meeting, as well as delegates to the diocesan convention.

We enjoyed a lively discussion looking

back at the Advent and Christmas services in December as well as our experiences receiving communion as we have since our post-pandemic restart.

Michelle and our building crew leaders are hot on the trail of a new community of mice which are making their home at St. Edward's, and plans are being made to improve the sealing around our many doors and the possible installation of new metal doors at our main entrance.

As we move forward with scheduling church community events, we are going to be intentional in the new year about making sure that there is spacing of these offerings regularly throughout the year, including such things as congregation dinners, occasional concert offerings, seasonal celebrations and fund raising activities. We talked about encouraging all of us in our church family to participate in welcoming ministry to newcomers, and the possibility of restarting a coffee hour after the 10AM service, if there is energy to provide it.

The Stephen Ministers are active and available for anyone looking for a new helping one-on-one relationship, and our Faith in Action committee continues to offer us opportunities to serve, with a busy spring schedule coming soon. Look for details elsewhere in this issue about details of an upcoming opportunity to get together and view episodes of the amazing new dramatization of the life of Christ and the apostles: "The Chosen." It will surely be a lively discussion and enriching experience.

It is an honor to be part of leadership at St. Edward's! Please continue to support the vestry, Rick, and Michelle with your pray-

ers, generosity, encouragement, and friendship.

Randy Westgate

## Ash Wednesday 2/22



Why should we observe Lent? This 40-day season of repentance and reflection that begins on Ash Wednesday has three important purposes. Lent helps us STOP, LOOK and LISTEN.

We observe Lent because it tells us to STOP and rest awhile — and to stop sinning. Lent tells us to LOOK inward for an honest self-examination, to look upward to see the cross of Jesus with healing and love, and to look forward to the hope of the Resurrection. And we observe Lent because it tells us to LISTEN — to the voice of God, the words of Christ and the movement of the Holy Spirit.

STOP, LOOK and LISTEN! These commands that are so crucial for travel safety are also important for our journey through Lent.

## Military News

Please keep in your prayers those close to us who are serving in the military.

- ★Justin Carnahan
- ★Brandon Fox
- ★Gordon Frankenfield
- ★Matt Fuhrman
- ★Jack Hawk
- ★Benjamin Jenkins
- ★Drew Johnson
- ★William Justice
- ★Anthony Koser
- ★Alex Kube
- ★John Lewis

- ★Richard Mutari
- ★David Peck
- ★Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer
- ★Mike Spurr
- ★David Sternberg
- ★Clayton Tennies
- ★Connor Tennies
- ★Allison Tomich
- ★Evan Westgate
- ★Seamas Whitesel
- ★1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Thomas Whitesel





## Why I Became A Stephen Minister by Bob Mosebach

I had never heard of Stephen Ministry prior to Father Rick telling us that he and

Dina would be going through the leadership training in order for St Edward's to train their own cadre of Stephen Ministers. I was curious, and from what he told us of this program, it



Bob Mosebach

seemed to me to be something I should pay some attention. Once they had finished their training, the offer to the parish was to go through the training and then decide if this was a ministry

we would each want to commit ourselves. I was impressed with the Stephen Ministry approach to providing pastoral care to individuals going through a difficult time. The focus wasn't on 'fixing' them, or 'fixing' the problem, which is usually our instinctual response, and one that takes some effort not to do, and much of the instruction was giving us ways to not do that. Instead, the objective was to 'walk with' the person through their difficult time, and leave the 'fixing' to God.

At the same time, this is anything but a 'hands-off' approach, even if it might sound that way. Rather, the Stephen Minister's objective is to provide an atmosphere of trust and confidentiality that allows the care receiver to work through their loss. We all have times when life deals us a hand that we don't really know how to digest. It could be something that has happened, or even something that will happen that causes anxiety and even fear. For example, how are we affected as we approach retirement and the ending of a lifetime of work and work-related relationships? Perhaps the ending of an important relationship has happened. Maybe someone close, a spouse, a parent, a sibling, a friend, is facing a serious illness, and we are having a difficult time dealing with it. It could even be the loss of a beloved pet. It may be that an empathetic Stephen Minister is a good and effective way to work through such times.

Many of us tend toward an image of



## By Beth Lynch

Pokémon winter session is Jan 18 thru March 29. Learn to battle, travel, play games, do crafts and so much more.

Wednesday nights 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Making Puzzles



Beth and Grant Battling



Battling and trading Pokémon cards are just 2 things we do at Pokémon Club

self-sufficiency and our own abilities to deal with situations of loss, and we may be reluctant to share our troubles. 'How are you doing?' is often responded to with an 'Oh, just fine', when we know that is not really the case. While friends and family can be helpful, someone trained and committed to active listening and confidentiality may be a better solution. These are some of the reasons that I have been attracted to Stephen Ministry, and why I look forward to this ministry.

To learn more about Stephen Ministry and determine if this ministry could benefit you or someone you know, please contact Peg Hanzelman at phanzelman@comcast.net or 717-390-4944.



Brochures are available in the Parish Hall and also in the sanctuary pews.

## Ushers needed for Rite I

As we enter 2023, perhaps you are prayerfully discerning a ministry to serve. We are seeking an usher team for our 8 AM Rite I service.

If this ministry is of interest to you, please contact

Buddy Yeager at 717-203-6264 or [lizbudyeager@verizon.net](mailto:lizbudyeager@verizon.net).

## BJ's Memberships



BJ's memberships can be renewed by February 24<sup>th</sup> at their customer service desk. A supplemental

membership is \$30/year. If you would like to learn more about membership, contact the parish office.



## Men's Group



**Saturday Men's Group:** 2nd Saturday of the month *from 8 AM - 10 AM*. Join us at St. Edward's, in partnership with Saint James Episcopal Church, for two hours of fellowship, including Morning Prayer. Coffee and donuts will be served. Our next meeting is Saturday, February 11th.

## Widow's Group



Our **Widows Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10 AM at the church.

All widows are invited. Come to a place where sharing is caring.

For more information contact:  
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[phanzelman@comcast.net](mailto:phanzelman@comcast.net) or:

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## Lunch and Learn

Picture by Mary Snyder



The books this group has discussed.

By Bob Mosebach

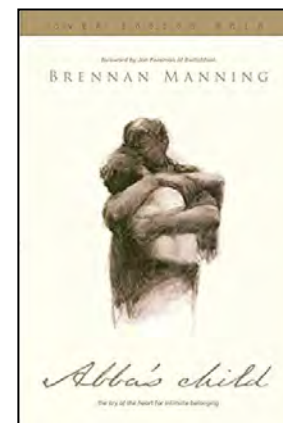
Paul speaks of inner conflict in his letter to the Romans (7:14-20): 'I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate'. We all experience this same thing in one way or another, and at some point wonder what this internal disconnect is all about, and what we might do about it. In Lunch and Learn we are investigating this phenomenon in 'Abba's Child', by Brennan Manning.

We are born with a personality that is unique to ourselves, not duplicated by anyone else who has ever lived or will ever live, but before we are even conscious of it we begin to sense that certain behaviors are more acceptable than others; some things garner a positive response where others do not. Our 'inculturation' has begun, and continues as we learn how to be in the world, to get along, to be accepted. By the time we are adults we've built a wall of behaviors around that unique personality with which we were born, mostly for very good and

valid reasons. But what often happens is that we begin to think that these accumulated behaviors are not just modifications but what really defines who we are. Manning calls this version of ourselves 'the imposter', or the 'false self'; others call it the 'ego'.

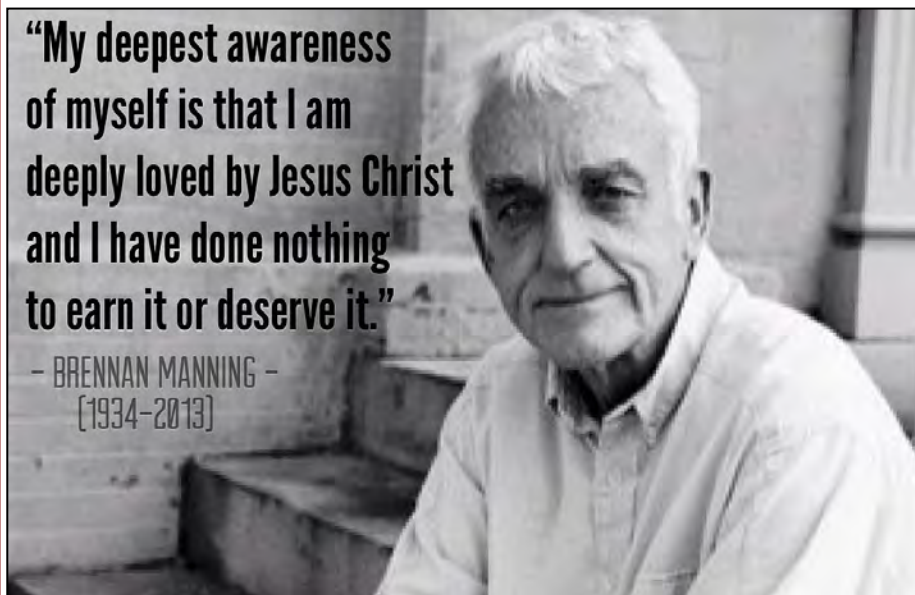
Though our ego was developed for all the right reasons, when it overtakes that unique individual we were born to be, the one that God sees us as, our 'True self', the conflicted self becomes evident as it did for Paul, and as most of us eventually discover. The question is then, having come to this realization, what is there to be done? How do we rediscover our True Self, who we really are in God's eyes?

Join us Friday's at noon to 1 pm on Zoom. The Zoom link is included in Michelle's Monday email each week. You need only click on that link, and the rest is automatic. The Lunch and Learn conversations over the past couple years have been rich and very useful as the group shares their thoughts and experiences, so please join us.



**"My deepest awareness of myself is that I am deeply loved by Jesus Christ and I have done nothing to earn it or deserve it."**

- BRENNAN MANNING -  
[1934-2013]



# Wednesday Evening Bible Study Series “The Parables”

Our St. Edward's Wednesday night Bible study offers an in-depth look, in this case at Jesus' parables. Our approach to Bible study has been to use the 'Conversations with Scripture' series as a guide through the topic. We travel at our own pace with the intention to delve into the scripture, recognizing its social-historical meaning for its initial hearers, as well as its modern-day readers. Please join us on our spiritual journey. Bob Mosebach

## Conversations with Scripture: The Parables by William Brosend

Overview from Barnes & Noble: *From the very beginning, human beings have loved to listen to stories. And Jesus loved to tell them. The parables are vivid, rich, arresting stories that make us think and teach us lessons about our relationship with God and others. From talents to mustard seeds, from shepherds to Samaritans, Jesus used common reference points to teach important truths.*

*But the parables are filled with ambiguity and room for interpretation. With historical and cultural background, and careful scholarly detail, this book helps readers*



William “Bill” Brosend

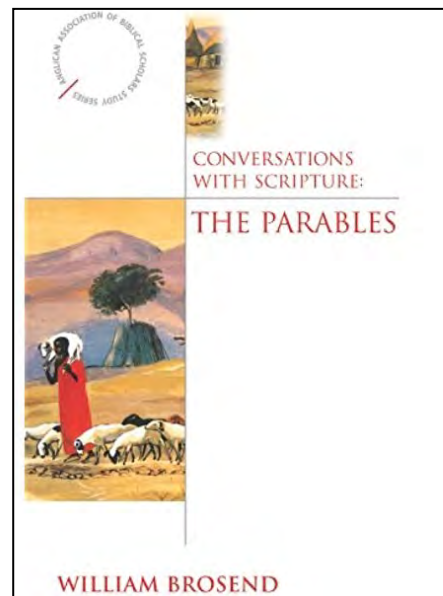
*explore their beauty, richness, and joy.*

The author is uniquely qualified to have written this book. As he says in the introduction:

The parables of Jesus are important to me for many reasons, most of which will be obvious by the time you finish this book, so only a few need be noted here. First, the parables were Jesus’ favorite way to preach and teach, and as someone who preaches and teaches about Jesus I believe content and form are both important. Better understanding how Jesus taught will help us better understand what he taught. Second, I have found that the Gospel of Mark is correct in saying that parables are the way the people of God best hear the Word of God (4:33–34). In a variety of settings, from seminary to Sunday school, classes on the parables of Jesus are consistently appealing. Finally, as I explain in the last chapter, I also believe that learning how to interpret the parables helps us in our interpretation of the whole of Scripture. So the work we do together on the

parables may help you be a better student of the Bible in unexpected ways. I have been preparing most of my life to write this little volume on the parables, and I have to admit that I had a marvelous time doing so. I pray that you will be informed and formed by it, and hope that you will enjoy it a bit in the process. Blessings!

Bill Brosend



**Wednesday Evening Bible Study:  
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM:** Zoom invite in your weekly emails. For questions, please contact:

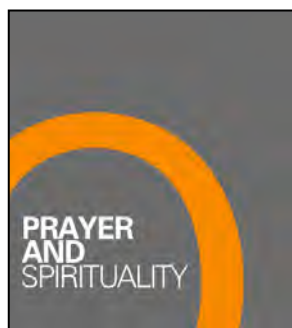
Bob Mosebach at:

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Leslie Arnold at: [larnold897@aol.com](mailto:larnold897@aol.com)

## Women’s Spirituality

This new group meets the first Saturday of the month, from 10AM till noon. It is now in a discerning formation place, with the group still figuring out the look and feel of it, going forward.



Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.  
Due date for March will be:  
**February 20th.**  
Send articles and announcements to:  
[HJ\\_Miller@outlook.com](mailto:HJ_Miller@outlook.com)



## Christian Symbol

ECCE AGNUS DEI — Latin for “Behold, the Lamb of God,” this is the phrase John the Baptist uses twice to point out Jesus to others (John 1:29, 36). It marks Jesus’ Epiphany (manifestation, revelation) as the Anointed One (Christ, Messiah).





## CATHERINE PEARSON

### NEW YORK TIMES

Relationships are an essential component of a healthy, fulfilling life, but they can take a heck of a lot of work. Here are some of the relationship-building strategies we covered in 2022 that can help you deepen your friendships or romantic partnerships going forward.

#### Assume people like you.

Making friends in adulthood takes initiative, and it can be daunting to put yourself out there. Remember that the people you meet are more apt to like you than you presume, said Marisa Franco, a psychologist. "That is based on research into the 'liking gap', Dr. Franco said, or the idea that we tend to underestimate how well liked we are. If you're looking to make friends, your mindset matters."

#### Don't underestimate small acts of kindness.

A study that tasked participants with doing kind things for others found that the participants underestimated how appreciated those gestures were. That held true whether they did something for someone they knew (like baking cookies for a friend) or for a stranger (like giving someone a free cup of hot chocolate). Consider your skills and talents, and ask yourself: How can I turn those into offerings for others?

#### Embrace the power of the casual check-in.

Calling, texting or emailing a friend just to say "hello" tends to mean more than we realize, according to a 2022 study that included 13 small experiments. In some of them, participants contacted someone they considered a friend; in others, they got in touch with someone they were friendly with but considered a weak tie. Across the board, those reaching out underestimated how much doing so meant to the person on the receiving end.

# Thank you

Dear St. Edwards,  
On behalf of the Lancaster Chaplain's office, I thank you for your generous donation of books for our incarcerated brothers and sisters. And thank you, especially for Joyce whose patience and faithfulness in the ministry has made all the difference!  
Sincerely,  
Deanna Stacey



For being the drop-off location for the boxes for the Hempfield Area Food Pantry. As I looked at the total donations for last year, I realized I didn't send a formal thank you! St. Edwards donated 2,456 pounds of food last year!  
Thank you, Pastor Bauer and Mischelle, for your help.



**Kindness**  
doesn't cost a thing,  
yet it's the richest gift  
you can give.

"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us every day."

—Sally Koch

Catherine and Stephen Donohue

## THANK YOU!

you're an angel

for donating blood during our blood drive



Congratulations!

You won the giveaway  
gift card!





# Guess Who's Coming to Dinner ??????

# Evening Prayer



## By Meredith Westgate

The St. Edward's family is growing! As we have been greetings one another on Sunday mornings, it seems a good time to get to begin to get to know each other a little bit better. On Saturday, February 18 please join us at a "Guess Who' Coming to Dinner" Dinner. Groups of eight or so will gather at the home of a volunteer host to enjoy a meal and conversation. Hosts provide the table setting, a main dish and beverages; guests bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. The fun is in the mystery. Guests don't know who will attend the dinner until they arrive at their designated home at the appointed hour of 6 p.m.! (Hosts will be given a guest list in advance so that they can coordinate the meal).

If you would like to host an informal dinner in your home or if you would like to be a guest, please complete the form below and return it to the box in the Narthex (or call or text Meredith Aul at 717-575-2119) by Sunday, February 5.

What better way to enjoy a Saturday night out – a delicious dinner and great conversation with new and possibly some long-time acquaintances or friends. Singles and couples welcome!

Yes! I will participate in the Guess Who's Coming to Dinner on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

I am/We are able to host approximately 8 people \_\_\_\_\_

I am/We are OK to host or be a guest \_\_\_\_\_

I/we would like to attend as a guest \_\_\_\_\_ Please seat me with \_\_\_\_\_

Your host will get back to you later in the week of February 5 to discuss details! Please call or text if you have any questions.



## Sunday Evening Prayer, at 7:00 PM:

We use the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* and the readings for the Sunday Lectionary. It is a quiet service and a good way to end the weekend and prepare for the week to come. :

Anyone interested can send me an email to be put on an email distribution list:

[drutledge1225@gmail.com](mailto:drutledge1225@gmail.com)

Sunday Evening Prayer@ 7:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84700614072>

Meeting ID: 847 0061 4072

Passcode: SunEP

"You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist."

—Indira Gandhi

"To love another person is to help them love God."

—Søren Kierkegaard

## Love Aces the Test

Author Adele Calhoun describes life as "our 'open-book' test on love." How can we ace it? In *Invitations From God*, she points out that daily decisions are the make-or-break factors: "Day in and day out as we plan, work, produce, commute and relate, we make life-altering choices to either love or neglect others."

For another study guide, reflect on St. Augustine's timeless words: "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of [people]. That is what love looks like."



# Puzzle!

Draw lines to separate the words in the heart outline. Then, starting with "Love," write the words in order inside the heart to complete the two greatest commandments.

Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind?" and, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27, NIV



Saint Edward's is looking forward to participating in the 8th Lancaster County Feed My Starving Children MobilePack event. We have signed up to fill 20 volunteer spaces. Details for our volunteer time slot are as follows:

Date: Sunday, March 26, 2023

Time: 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Location: Lancaster County FMSC MobilePack

Willow Street Mennonite Church

399 East Penn Grant Rd

Willow Street, PA 17584

pack 300,000 meals in 3 days to help alleviate world hunger!

Over the last seven events, the Lancaster County Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack has brought together more than 7,500 volunteers to pack and send more than 1.9 million meals to Somalia, Haiti, Malawi, Dominican Republic, Belize, Jamaica and Poland to feed those most in need. This has been an opportunity for adults and kids of all ages to hand-pack nutritious Manna Pack meals - specifically designed to reverse malnutrition - and make a positive difference in the world.

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian organization founded in 1987. Through MobilePack events, FMSC is able to partner with local community organizations to send healthy, safe meals to malnourished children around the world. How does it work? 1,500 volunteers work during 2 hour shifts to

If you would like to volunteer, we will have a sign-up sheet beginning Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> in the narthex.

If you have any questions about the MobilePack event, please ask Dottie Gschwend, Kevin Milligan, or Beth Lynch for more information.



## Lunch with The Chosen: Hosted by Father Rick and Blair Lord

Come and see! On Sunday, February 5th, we invite you to our first viewing of an episode of The Chosen.

As the first multi-season show about Jesus's life, The Chosen delves into gospel stories by portraying the life of Jesus through the eyes of those who knew Him.

Join us to watch and discuss how the show explores the time, place, and people of His earthly ministry.

We will convene in the Parish Hall directly after the 10am service.

This is a bag lunch event, so be sure to bring your loaves and fish!

# LENT

## Coffee Hour

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Coffee Hour band January 14th.



One of the foundations of our weekly fellowship is our Sunday coffee hour. From 9 AM - 10 AM each Sunday, we offer folks a chance to gather, as one community, between the services. It is our hope that this will help forge new friendships and relationships with those whom we may not otherwise get an opportunity to meet! Not only has this

coffee hour arrangement helped with how we engage ministry participation with volunteers to serve as coffee hour hosts, but it allows us to have special events, such as intergenerational craft Sundays, as well as the space we hold for our fantastic Coffee House Band to perform, and have us participate in, a wide range of music. May 2023 stir your heart to join us at a coffee hour, sign up to serve as a coffee hour host, participate in our activities, or, if you hold musical gifts, contact Randy Westgate about joining the Coffee House Band.

**Tuesday Feb 21**



**Shrove Tuesday**  
**Pancake Supper**

**5:30 PM – 7:00 PM | St. Edward's Episcopal Church**

**TO BENEFIT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN  
A FAITH-IN-ACTION MINISTRY**

**\$20 SUGGESTED DONATION**

**DELICIOUS PANCAKES | SAUSAGES | SYRUP & TOPPINGS  
ASSORTED HOT AND COLD BEVERAGES  
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!**



**SAVE THE DATE!      MARCH 12, 2023**

**10 AM – RITE II WORSHIP**

**11:30 AM – ANNUAL MEETING (SANCTUARY)**

**12:30 PM – REFRESHMENTS, MUSIC, AND  
MINISTRY FAIR (PARISH HALL)**

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT DAY IN THE LIFE OF ST. EDWARD'S!  
WE HOPE YOU WILL MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO JOIN US AS WE WORSHIP  
AT ONE SERVICE, FOLLOWED BY OUR ANNUAL MEETING.  
AND THAT'S NOT ALL!!! WE WILL GATHER IN FELLOWSHIP FOR  
REFRESHMENTS, MUSIC, AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH MINISTRY  
LEADERS ABOUT THE AMAZING WAYS TO SERVE IN OUR SPIRITUAL HOME.**

***THIS IS ALSO THE START OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME.***



# **ASH WEDNESDAY**

**FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

**12 NOON – ST. EDWARD’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
EUCCHARIST WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

**7:30 PM – ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
301 SAINT THOMAS ROAD, LANCASTER  
EUCCHARIST WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

**WE ARE OFFERING TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP THIS YEAR.  
JOIN US FOR OUR NOONDAY SERVICE AT ST. EDWARD’S, OR  
JOIN US AT ST. THOMAS, WITH ST. JOHN’S AND  
ST. JAMES, FOR THE EVENING SERVICE.**



## WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

ACCORDING TO THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, LENT PROVIDES US WITH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR SELF-EXAMINATION, REPENTANCE, PRAYER, FASTING AND SELF-DENIAL; AND TO READ AND MEDITATE ON GOD'S HOLY WORD (BCP, P 265).

THIS LENTEN SEASON, EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AS WE MEDITATE ON THE COMMANDMENT TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR AND CONSIDER THE MEANING OF THIS FUNDAMENTAL INSTRUCTION IN OUR DAILY LIVES.

WE HAVE PRINTED COPIES OF ER&D BOOKLETS FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO FOLLOW THESE MEDITATIONS DURING THE LENTEN SEASON. COPIES WILL BE IN THE NARTHEX AND A LINK TO AN ONLINE VERSION WILL BE IN OUR WEEKLY EMAILS.

WE WILL ALSO OFFER A BEAUTIFUL COLORING BOOKLET FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN TO EXPLORE AS A MEDITATIVE PRACTICE DURING LENT. THE BOOKLETS AND COLORING PENCILS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

*YOU BID YOUR FAITHFUL PEOPLE CLEANSE THEIR HEARTS, AND PREPARE WITH JOY FOR THE PASCHAL FEAST; THAT, FERVENT IN PRAYER AND IN WORKS OF MERCY, AND RENEWED BY YOUR WORD AND SACRAMENTS, THEY MAY COME TO THE FULLNESS OF GRACE WHICH YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE YOU. (BCP, P 379)*

# Needle Arts Ministry Alert



Barb O'Brien with a finished hat

The Needle Arts Ministry meets Tuesday at 1 PM in the lounge area.

Members of this group, plus volunteer crafters, work all year to create a variety of items for the cookie/craft sale. They also make items such as prayer shawls and baptism blankets, as well as hats and scarves to be donated to any in need.

All are invited to be a part of this enjoyable and productive group. Yarn, patterns and "expert assistance" are available, so you do not need to have a project started to join in the fun.



*A Call to Love*



ALERT: ALL LANCASTER EPISCOPAL RESPONSE TEAM

**THIRD ANNUAL HAT & SOCK VALENTINE'S DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF OUR HOMELESS BROTHERS & SISTERS**

**COLLECTION IS THROUGH TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

*I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. – Matthew 25:36*

**How can you provide blessings of warmth:**

**Knit hats** are this year's most urgent need in our local homeless shelters for the homeless. Knit hats offer several advantages: They are stretchy to any size head; they are affordable; they are unisex.

**Winter Scarves** are also needed.

**Socks** are always welcome, but are the lowest need.

**Where to bring your donations?**

St. John's – Lancaster, West Chestnut & Mulberry Streets to the attention of Deacon Stacey Catigano.

If you cannot drop off your donations, contact Cynthia Mascioli at 717-917-3479 or [cynmas1951@gmail.com](mailto:cynmas1951@gmail.com).

Prayers and notes of inspiration will be attached to the garments and all donations will be blessed by clergy before being delivered to local shelters or distributed during St. John's community breakfasts and food pantry.



There is also a collection basket in the St. Edward's narthex.





St. Edward's is once again working with St. John's collecting new and used shoes over Lent.

So rather than giving something up for Lent, let's give something.

When people lack the resources to get through today, it's difficult for them to focus on tomorrow. Soles4Souls turns shoes into opportunities for education and employment so they can have a more hopeful future.

**The collection will run from February 22 thru April 2**

### Jesse Tree Project Wrap-Up

**By Leslie Arnold**

While we move through the season of Epiphany, we are reminded regularly to recognize and walk in the way of love – of ourselves and others. Such care and concern are always worth noting, and though Christmas has passed, the joy of the Jesse Tree project is always good news.

With the generosity of the many parishioners who made cash contributions towards gift purchases, along with the 8 persons who shopped for one or more children, 46 COBYS foster children received a plethora of gifts.

These youngsters ranged in age from ages two to seventeen, and each child opened gifts that included many of their "wish list" items. The children are given their

**Soles4Souls:**  
February 22 thru April 2



**Feed My Starving Children:**  
March 25 and March 26  
Further details are on page 10

**Race Against Racism:**  
April 29th

**Blood Drive:**  
May 18th

to meet with them and their assigned COBYS counselor. During that time, the parents may opt to have their children open the gifts in that session or at a different time.

In most instances, these gifts are the only or the majority of items received by the children, since the birth parents are on a low fixed income, in rehabilitation, or even in prison. The aim of the COBYS program, which works in conjunction with the courts, is to eventually reunite the children with their birth parents on a permanent basis.

COBYS is a social services operation which relies on donations to provide the "extras" for the children served.

Thank you to all who helped to give joy to these young members of our community.



***In December, the pantry served:***

- 400 children
- 693 adults
- 282 seniors
- For a total of 1,375 people
- 10 new families were registered

***Food items currently requested:***

- Canned vegetable soup
- Canned cream of celery soup
- Caned cream of broccoli soup
- Canned carrots
- Canned mixed vegetables
- Large jelly
- Large peanut butter

***We prefer no glass containers.***

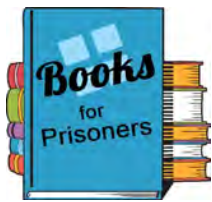
Thanks!  
Diane



**Steve Nichols, Cobys Donor Relations Manager, Jerry Hoff, Leslie Arnold, Julie Hoff Delivering Gifts**



# Prison Ministry



## Books for Prisoners

Thanks to everyone who bought books or donated money for the Books for Prisoners project. \$250 worth of books were purchased and will be picked up

in February. They will replace tattered and torn books that need to be discarded. We have an empty shelf in our bookcase so feel free to continue filling it up! Remember these books must be inspirational or true stories and have a Christian theme. Your favorite novels will not be accepted into the prison. Please drop donated books off in the church narthex. Money is also welcomed. If you donate money, please note "Books for Prisoners" on the memo line. You will find a list of requested books on the top of the bookcase in the Narthex. You may also shop through Amazon. The Amazon Wishlist can be found at: <https://>

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If you would like to know more about, or be involved in this ministry, please speak to Bruce Lynch, Joyce Kamm or Father Rick.

## Support For Prison Ministries Brownstown, PA



### One Way You Can Help

Please take time to pray for the work of the chaplains, volunteers and those incarcerated that they minister to daily.

### Prayer Needs For February 2023

**Praise Item** – Support for Prison Ministries was blessed with a strong end of the year giving in December to close out 2022. Thank you for praying. We are off to a very slow start in January in income though, please pray that increases. We also rejoice we can again work with many prison ministries in our upcoming prison conference, post Covid.

**Pray for an inmate's grandfather** – who is in the ICU with heart issues. Pray for peace for the grandmother and the inmate

**Pray for former SFPM Chaplain Joe Bird** – who is retired in North Carolina. He still serves the Lord in any way he can. Pray for his mobility and strength in health. Also we are thankful for his dedication with the men he ministered to over the years.

**Pray for a female inmate** – who is trying to make some positive changes in her life. Pray that she will find a safe place to go after incarceration.

**Pray for Streams of Life** – SFPM state prison ministry, as it decides which prisons in PA to minister in, and which prisons in the East & Mid- Atlantic to send Bible literature to in 2023. That doors would be open and prison officials would be receptive.

**Pray for former chaplain** – Vernell

Hightower as she deals with the loss of her husband, Tyrone. He was also a chaplain at LCP. Pray that God would be close to her and comfort her and renew her strength in the Lord.

**Pray for an inmate who has diabetes** – and has already had one toe amputated and is facing the possible amputation of another one. Pray for healing so he doesn't have to have the second toe amputated.

**Pray for The SFPM Prison Conference** – Pray for the prison conference that SFPM is holding on March 4. Pray that it will be attended by chaplains, pastors, volunteer, and prayer warriors and that all will be blessed. Pray also for our takeout Roast Beef dinners being sold at the same time as the conference at Hinkletown to the general public to raise money for SFPM operations.

Prayers please for Joey, Mike, Charlie and Matt, friends or relatives of St. Ed's parishioners.

Prayers for Father Rick, Randy Westgate and others as they minister at LCP.

## Prison Reform Lancaster Bail Fund

The Lancaster Bail Fund works to fill a critical gap through the establishment of a revolving fund used to post cash bail for individuals held in pretrial detention at the Lancaster County Prison in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who would otherwise remain incarcerated due to an inability to pay.

We also advocate for policies and practices that would decrease the inequitable incidence of pretrial incarceration for socioeconomically disadvantaged individuals and work towards the creation of a more just and humane pretrial system here in Lancaster. To learn how you can support this effort at Prison Reform, visit:

<https://lancasterbailfund.org/>

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## For Prisons and Correctional Institutions—Book of Common Prayer

Lord Jesus, for our sake you were condemned as a criminal: Visit our jails and prisons with your pity and judgment. Remember all prisoners, and bring the guilty to repentance and amendment of life according to your will, and give them hope for their future. When any are held unjustly, bring them release; forgive us, and teach us to improve our justice. Remember those who work in these institutions; keep them humane and compassionate; and save them from becoming brutal or callous. And since what we do for those in prison, O Lord, we do for you, constrain us to improve their lot. All this we ask for your mercy's sake. *Amen.*

# Fun Stuff With The Rahims

## Pizza Party with the Tutors

In these pictures, various attendees are playing a fun game that helped to entertain us all while waiting for the pizza to arrive.



Trying our best to pass a ring to each other on a string....without being noticed

Photos by Leslie Arnold, Meredith Westgate, Father Rick, Malalay Rahim



Malalay paying close attention



Come on, Randy. You can find it!!



All of this made it's way to the floor where we sat and ate Afghan style



Dinner With Joyce And Vita



Two cooks in the kitchen - One little supervisor

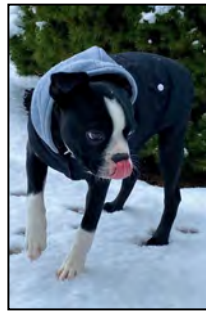


Father Rick & Najib deep in conversation



Father Rick holding toy for Anfal....somewhat hidden behind the plant

# First Taste of Snow 2023



Bowie, the Parish snow puppy.



Stauffer twins make a snowman.



## Update From Dina

My beloved St. Edward's family,

I think of you all so often as I begin to settle into my new ministry as Deacon/Clergy in Charge of St. Matthew's, Sunbury. Here are some pictures I thought I'd share with you of our beautiful church- the original building dates from 1827 and is so lovely with its polished wood and arched ceiling and stained glass windows. The light is constantly changing through the day and it is a joy for me to spend time in this space and feel the deep holiness and to lead in worship there. We are located right along the Susquehanna River - right across the street!- and in the town of Sunbury, which gives us plenty of on-going opportunities to be present with and care for our neighbors.

It has been an incredibly busy first few weeks between meeting lots of wonderful people, beginning to develop relationships with parishioners and staff members, and some basic administrative tasks such as starting a simple e-newsletter and creating a comprehensive bulletin (minus the music, which might come later.) We are so glad to have begun this season of life together and are sharing our gratitude and joy as we both celebrate their nearly two centuries of ministry and look eagerly towards the future. We just had our annual meeting last week and can now turn our attention to other aspects of our communal life, including their longing for consistent pastoral care and our planning for Lent and Easter. Between COVID and their transition season, their usual routines were disrupted and so we have the opportunity to shape new ones together.

I would love to hear from you all. For now my contact information remains the same. I'm praying for you always and am so grateful and glad for all your prayers and support through the years and now in my life of ordained ministry. If you'd like me to add you to our email list as a way of keeping in touch, please just let me know!

**Blessings and love~ Deacon D (which seems to be my 'official' nickname!)**



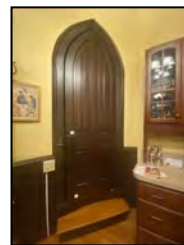
St. Matthew's from the front



The original church (built 1827)



A stained glass window shimmering in the sunlight



This door is my favorite thing! It leads from the sacristy into the sanctuary



Posing in front of one of our beautiful stained glass windows!



Stole gifted to me by St. Andrew's, Lewisburg



Serious fun in the sacristy before the service



Looking up at the high altar from the chancel area



The side chapel with the sunlight flickering through the stained glass



The sun sets over the Susquehanna River. The River is just across the street!

# Christmas Holiday Trips and Traditions



Peg Reilley visits Rachel the Sugar Plum Fairy



Rahim Christmas Stockings



Joyce Kamm Table Arrangement



Irons at tree farm with grandchildren



Our pets celebrate



Bauer's Trip to NYC



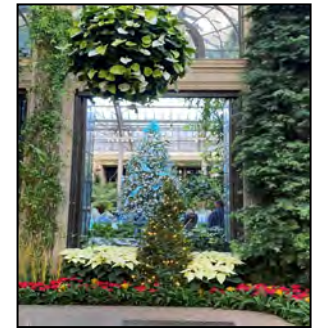
Hakes and the 12 Fruits Tradition



Favorite Gift: Gail Irons



Stauffer Twins window shopping



Meredith Westgate Trip to Longwood Garden



Jodi and Mary with Christmas Lights



Peggy Hanzleman's Christmas Greetings



Kim Kline cookie baking



Mary and Jodi new home decorations



Rayelenn's Epiphany tree



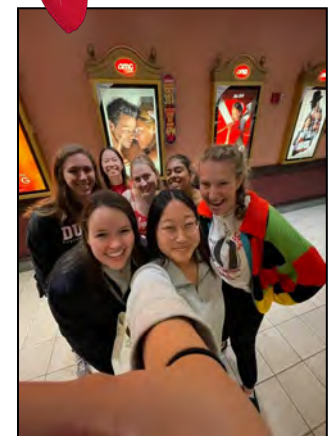
Ishler Family at Christmas Eve Service



Buddy and Liz Yeager Christmas Eve Service



Joyce Kamm, Mac Miller and Mary Snyder at Scepter Christmas party.



Rosie Westgate and friends go to the movies

# Krist Kindle Reveal

## By Meredith Westgate

After two years of Krist Kindling reveals on-line due to Covid, it was a delight to gather in person for the annual Krist Kindling dinner on January 15<sup>th</sup>. For any church newcomers, Krist Kindling is an Advent activity that was started by a parishioner in 1989. That person's stay was short-lived when a job transfer entailed a move to Chicago, but the tradition lived on. This activity requires participants to be secret "Krist Kindles," who deliver a gift once each week during Advent to another family who is doing the same for someone else. Also part of the activity is remembering their secret family in prayer. In this way a chain of prayer forms, reminding us to pause at this busy season and care for one another as we appreciate this time of expectation and home and to remember why Jesus came at Christmas.

The turn-out, was one of the best ever, if not THE Best, with only three participants not in attendance. The reveal, as always, was preceded by a pot-luck dinner in the multi-purpose room. The entrees, salads,

and desserts were (in my personal opinion) especially good and varied this year.

Two of the "parties" who could not attend sent letters describing their delivery escapades. Mac Miller, who was on a cruise, wrote about an unexpected meeting with Jerry Hake in the front yard of his home. Fortunately, her grand-niece was doing the "drop-off." Jerry, who did not recognize her, took the gift and thanked her for it. Seth Hake picked up the story-telling with the tale of being followed down the driveway by a cow at Aaron and Angela Breneman's farm. Rick Dombach, at home with Freda who is recovering from surgery, also dropped a line about their visits to the Milligans. Randy Westgate loved receiving bone-shaped pens and a Christian Joke Book for Pastors ("and Senior Wardens") from Beth, Bellla, and Jack VanAulen. Example 1: How do we know Peter was a rich fisherman? By his net income; Example 2: When someone needed a boat made, what did the people in town say? "We Noah guy." He and Rosie read the entire book at dinner the night it was delivered, finding

it hilarious.

Meredith and Blair Lord, assigned to Rayelenn Casey, managed to pass through several secure entrances at Woodcrest Villa to deliver right to her door, however they inadvertently delivered to the wrong apartment. Upon returning to retrieve it, they met a lovely woman who graciously gave it back. They shared a hug and a wish for a Merry Christmas -- then took it upstairs to the correct apartment.

Libby Casey Stauffer sent carefully planned gifts to include Ricky and Christian Bauer and even created three Spotify playlists of Christmas music for Father Rick under the name of "Krist Kindle," so as to conceal her identity. And so it went— expressions of surprise ("It was you?!"), laughter, and words of appreciation.

Outside, the weather was quite chilly, but inside the atmosphere was a blanket of warmth and love.

## Pictures by Meredith Aul Westgate and Leslie Arnold



The Krist Kindling reveal stories were epic!



Meredith Westgate dedicates amazing energy to this important ministry of fellowship and tradition.



Emma and Sadie... or is it Sadie and Emma?!? Enjoy the festivities!



Mike Freshwater with a much needed helping hand.



Oh, the stories that were told!



Rayelenn Casey and Kevin Milligan recap the night!



# Baptism of Trenton Clyde Torres



Luis Torres on daddy duty with baby Trenton



Baptism of Trenton Clyde Torres on January 8, 2023 on the Sunday of the Baptism of Our Lord.



Father Rick and baby Trenton



The happy grandparents



Ashley and Luis Torres with baby Trenton



Trenton is very peaceful surrounded by his family!



We welcome the newly baptized

# January Services

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Dottie Gschwend



Seth Hake



Bob Mosebach sermon



Fr. Rick sermon



Blair Lord



Fr. Rick Eucharist



Announcements



Elizabeth and Jack Van Aulen



Beth Hake



Jay and Lori Miller



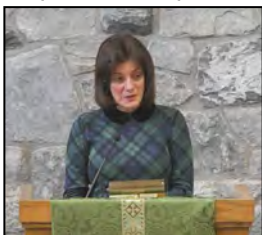
Baptism



Rayelenn Casey



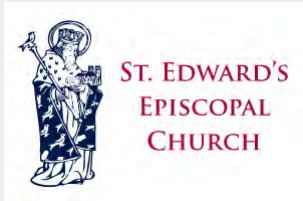
Bob Mosebach



Nancy Mannion



Karen Waddill and the choir



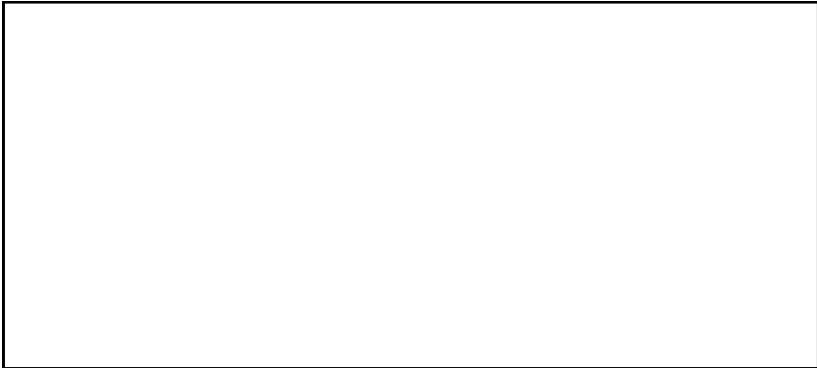
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**The Rev. Dr. Rick Bauer,  
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Administrative Assistant**

**Karen E. Waddill,  
Director of Worship Music**

### Parish Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday:  
11AM – 4:00PM

### Vestry (year term ends)

- ✦ Catherine Donohue (2023)
- ✦ Karen Grant (2024)
- ✦ Peg Hanzelman (2024)
- ✦ Richard Irons (2025)
- ✦ Joyce Kamm (2025)
- ✦ Ginny Kloeping (2023)
- ✦ Beth Lynch (2023)
- ✦ Mary Snyder (2025)  
Junior Warden
- ✦ Randy Westgate (2024)  
Sr. Warden

## Worship Services

### Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (said)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

### Wednesday

12 Noon: Contemplative Eucharist,  
Meditation, and Healing Prayer

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