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ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Scepter



Reflection From the Rector's Desk

By The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Bauer



“I believe it to be an existential duty of ours to galvanize energy and support around our long-term fiscal vitality as a guarantee to those who’ve entrusted us with their mortal remains in our Memorial Garden.”

My father was the most frugal person that I have ever known. I can't recall even a single instance of his buying something nice for himself or of his spending money on something of private value that he would have liked. He never drove a nice car, never treated himself to a private getaway, and he never deviated from his core values, even as members of his peer group increasingly reordered their lives toward the pursuit of making money and enjoying the things that it could buy. Instead, my dad committed himself to making a modest living, doing what he loved. He remained in the same small villa that he had purchased

before I was born for the duration of his life, and he thoughtfully put away much of what he earned. I often wished that he would have been more willing to treat himself from time to time, but my father chose to use his resources to give generously and joyfully to the people that he loved. As a result, I grew up without wanting for anything and my father instilled in me a deep enthusiasm for sharing all that I have with my own sons...with his grandsons.

When I think about my dad, I tend to invoke the memory of his peace-loving sensibilities, of his uncompromising commitment to non-violence

and simple living. I tend to reflect upon the loving way of a music man who followed Jesus by attempting to model his own behavior after the one he called "Lord". But it wasn't until after my father had passed away that I also came to fully appreciate the exceptional depth of his commitment to our family as a steward. Because though he never had much, my father left my sons and I with enough money to put a down payment on a beautiful home and to create a nest egg of our own to build upon. And in doing so, he carefully weighed his use of resources in a manner that conveyed his intrinsic order of affections. Looking back, I've realized that my dad didn't spend money on himself because he genuinely believed that it was more important for him to leave something behind for the next generation of Bauer boys.

In many ways, I've tried my best to approach my life, as a literal and a spiritual father, through what I observed from my own dad. He was thoughtful and kind, generous and silly. He had an ability to celebrate the joy of the present moment while also looking toward the future with careful consideration. And my father spoke openly and honestly

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- • *Staff and Vestry Members are listed on the back cover of the Scepter*

Reflection

with me about the inner and outer forces that shape both the personal and collective life, the sacrifices that have to be made when hard choices present us with forks in the road. Beginning this month's reflection with a meditation on the life and legacy of my own father, it's clear to me that I would like nothing more than to lead St. Edward's in a direction that provides for the future vitality of our parish for the generations that are yet to arrive. And as noted in our Annual Report, and the discussion held at our Annual Meeting, our parish is faced with acknowledging the challenges that lie ahead of us in mission and ministry. As attendance and participation in mainline churches continues to decrease around us, and as our congregation continues to age, we will likely face transitional, 'lean years' in the future that will require financial resources and agility on our part. And while we have bucked the trends of decline thus far, we mustn't take for granted that we'll be able to generate sufficient income every year to meet the expense of operating a church with full-time pastoral support and robust administrative capacity. More and more, forward-thinking, and strategically savvy churches are building into their business models, budgets that include annual draws from investment vehicles. That is to say, successful churches often make it a priority to build endowments that create sufficient interest on principal to assist with the generation of income.

And so it is, that while we're still in a cycle of growth and expansion here in 2024, our leadership has discerned that *now is the time* for us to officially launch our campaign for building up a permanently restricted Endowment Fund for the future vitality of our spiritual home. Having met with our partners at the Episcopal Church Foundation, and contemplating our collective vision for more than a year, our leader-

ship believes that we can strategically raise funds through extraordinary capital gifts, and by educating our community around estate planning considerations that include St. Edward's. And while we are not in the practice of making money our missional focus here, we will be taking seriously our internal sense of responsibility to raise at least \$500,000.00 in new gifts for this permanently restricted endowment fund. Because even by meeting this modest goal, we can secure an environment in which our mutual investments grow for our future vitality, while providing us with a vehicle for responsibly drawing interest from our principal in fiscally challenging years. (And it is well worth noting that we have raised nearly this amount together for campus improvements since we began our work together in 2020. We've clearly demonstrated our love for St. Edward's, and providing for its future is something that is well within our reach.)

As we celebrate an Eastertide season of Resurrection, on a year when the stock market has reached an all-time high, I wonder if there are stewards in our midst with the extraordinary monetary resources, and the heart for our shared life here at St. Edward's, to help us kickstart (or even meet) our fundraising goal for the new Endowment Fund. Because like my own father with his grandsons, I trust that there are benefactors among us who will find joy and added purpose through the invitation to help our church continue to thrive after our generation has passed. And in addition to the intrinsic joy of giving, I also plead with the wealthy among us to help St. Edward's, as not only a commitment to our future, but in honor of our storied past. Because, perhaps even beyond our vision for those who will find Christ and community here on our campus in the years to come, *I believe it to be an existential duty of ours to galvanize energy and support around our long-term*

fiscal vitality as a guarantee to those who've entrusted us with their mortal remains in our Memorial Garden.

So many of us have loved ones buried here on our hallowed grounds, and many more of us will be committed to the earth just beyond our sanctuary's glass in the years to come. Perhaps I feel a particular sense of mission around this undertaking in the awareness that the woman who raised me rests eternally in our Memorial Garden, mingling with the more than thirty members of our parish family already commended to our sacred ground. But independent of my personal point of entry, I marvel humbly at what the people of St. Edward's have accomplished together over 43 short years. And I trust that our investments in the visional mission and ministry of our parish home will show forth fruits of the Spirit for generations to come with God's help and our shared commitment. With humble thanksgiving,

Rick+



Parish Office Hours

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Tuesday- Friday:
11:00 – 4:00PM

Parish Administrator
Michelle Bentley



The parish office will be closed from April 1 – April 8.

Scepter

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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.

Vestry

By Beth Lynch



2025: Blair Lord



Jay Miller and



Bob Mosebach

What is the role of the Vestry in the Episcopal Church? The Canons specify that the Vestry are "agents and legal representatives of the parish in all matters concerning its corporate property and relations of their parish to its clergy." (Canon 1.14.2)

The Vestry seeks to discern, with the rector, what the parish is called to do and to have oversight of that work. The primary responsibilities are:

- take care of parish finances,
- care and maintain parish facilities,
- choose parish leadership, and
- assist the rector in the nurture and extension of Christ's Church.

Every year we rotate three individuals off Vestry and freshen Vestry with three new members. I wonder if the congregation remembers who is on the Vestry for 2024.

There are nine members of the Vestry with three of the individuals tasked with being the Senior Warden, Junior Warden or Secretary

Listed below, by class, is your Vestry.



2026: Mike Freshwater

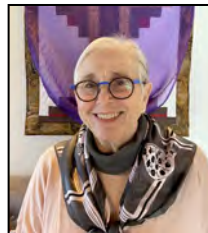


Ethel Lawrence

St. Edward's Vestry is available to all parishioners with their questions and thoughts. As Father Rick often says, his door is open.



2024: Richard Irons, Mary Snyder and Beth Lynch (Pictured above)



and Kathy Spencer

Military News

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

★Richard Mutari

Please advise Michelle Bentley in the Parish office or HJ Miller@ Outlook.com if these names should remain on our list:

- ★Justin Carnahan
- ★Brandon Fox
- ★Gordon Frankenfield
- ★Matt Fuhrman
- ★Jack Hawk
- ★Benjamin Jenkins

- ★Drew Johnson
- ★William Justice
- ★Anthony Koser
- ★Alex Kube
- ★John Lewis
- ★David Peck
- ★Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer
- ★Mike Spurr
- ★David Sternberg
- ★Clayton Tennes
- ★Connor Tennes
- ★Allison Tomich
- ★Evan Westgate
- ★Seamas Whitesel
- ★1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel



Taizé Worship



Interested in experiencing meditative worship with candlelight, chanting, scripture and a short period of silence?

Join Brother David Rutledge as he leads worship at St. Luke Episcopal Church, 209 South Market St. Mount Joy, PA at 5PM the first Saturday of each month.

Sermon Talk



Mar 22, 2024

Dr. Randy Westgate and Rev. Dr. Rick Bauer sit together for a Lenten discussion on Christian identity and 'active faith' as followers of Jesus.

[Click here to view the video](#)

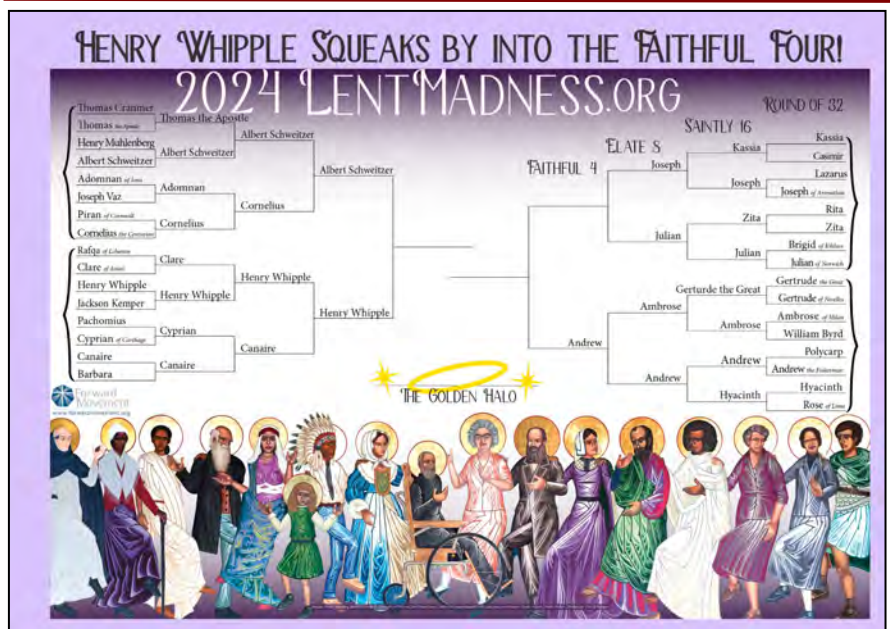


Pokémon Finishes for the Season



This was the group on the final session for the winter. Next Pokémon season begins Wednesday April 10th.

Who Will Win the Golden Halo?



Lent Madness, week by week, has been completing this bracket. As of March 22nd, with three out of the four saints set, today we'll complete the Faithful Four as Julian of Norwich takes on Joseph of Arimathea. To make it this far, Joseph zipped past Lazarus and Kassia, while Julian beat Brigid of Kildare and Zita.

Yesterday Henry Whipple edged Canaire 52% to 48% to advance to the next round.

After today's vote, we'll take a collective breath over the weekend to wave palms and hear the Passion Gospel on Sunday. And then next week will bring a fast and furious culmination to Lent Madness XV.

To see how the contests ended and who won this year's Lent Madness tournament, and to learn a bit about the saintly folks who lived their faith, go to:

<https://www.lentmadness.org/category/lent-madness-2024/>



Emma enjoying St. Patrick's Day cupcake



Sadie's green mustache.




Fred Cluck and grandson Jake reading a very interesting book

SOMETHING OLD,
Something New

Use scrap paper to fuel new growth and make a gift that keeps on giving.


What you need:


- Scrap paper
- Water
- Herb or flower seeds
- Blender
- Strainer
- Cookie sheet
- Towel
- Adult help



What you do:

1. Tear the scrap paper into strips and place in a bowl. Cover the paper with water and let it soak overnight.
2. Pour the mixture into a blender and blend about 10 seconds.
3. Strain and squeeze the paper pulp to remove excess water. Place in a bowl.
4. Sprinkle seeds over the pulp and mix to incorporate them into the pulp.
5. Shape the pulp into a flat layer on the cookie sheet. Use a towel to soak up excess water. Allow the paper to dry completely.
6. Tear paper into shapes or fold into a card. You can plant the paper directly into soil. Water it and then watch your plants grow!











PUZZLE 






PLANT, WATER, GROW

Building a faith community takes work. How did the church in Corinth come to be?

Directions: Use the code to fill in the words and complete a teaching of the apostle Paul.

KEY:

 = God	 = grow
 = seed	 = one
 = planted	 = anything
 = watered	 = only

I _____ the _____, Apollos _____ it,
 but  has been making it _____
 So neither the _____ who plants nor the _____
_____ who waters is _____
but _____, who makes things _____
 

1 Corinthians 3:6-7, NIV

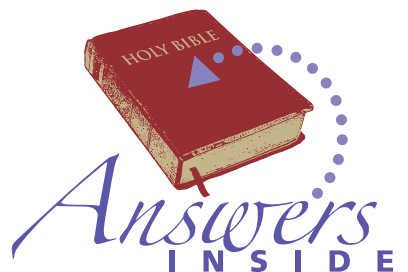
Answer: planted, seed, watered, grow, God, grow, one, anything, only, God, grow



Bible Quiz

What does the newly risen Jesus tell his disciples — twice — when he appears in the locked room where they are hiding?

- A. "Love one another as I have loved you."
- B. "Peace be with you."
- C. "The last shall be first and the first shall be last."
- D. "I am risen!"



Answer: B (See John 20:19, 21)

Dolly Cross



If Tomorrow Starts Without Me

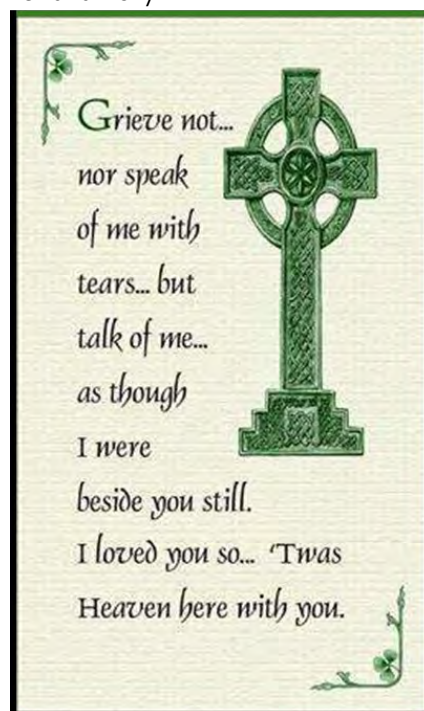
I know how much you love me,
as much as I love you.
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.

But if tomorrow starts without me,
please try to understand
that an angel came and called my name,
and took me by the hand.
He said my place was ready,
in heaven far above;
And that I'd have to leave behind
all those I dearly love.

If tomorrow starts without me,
don't think we're far apart.
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here in your heart.



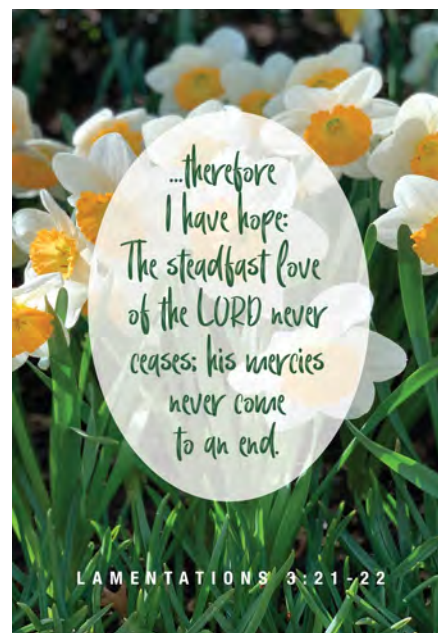
Arch and Dolly



Ethyle Mae Heidig



Ethyle Mae's Rite of Christian Burial was held at St. Edward's on March 16th at 3 PM. Fr. Rick officiated. Ethyle Mae was a long time member of St. James, Lancaster. Ethyle Mae became a member of St. Edward's in 2022 and was supportive of many ministries.



Jim Stauffer



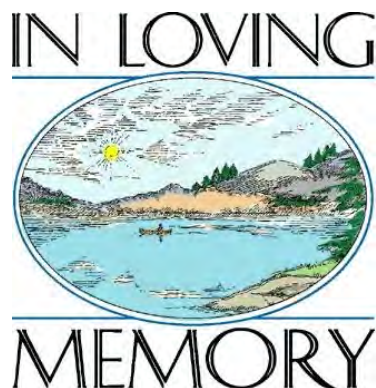
Mimi and Jim



Jim was a long time member of the choir.



Jim at a Choir Christmas party at Radcliffe's



Jim and Buddy Yeager

Jim and Mimi came to our Wednesday noon service. Jim was also a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Service will be held at St. Thomas Episcopal church April 22nd at 11 AM. [Click here to read about Jim's career and family in his obituary that was printed in the Lancaster New on March 24th.](#)

Bob Hope

Contributed by Donna Holwager



May God smile on you today.
-Bob Hope

On his deathbed they asked him where he wanted to be buried.

Bob Hope replied: "Surprise me."

I had forgotten that he lived to be 100, and also didn't realize it has been over 20 years since he died on July 27, 2003.

HOPE IN HEAVEN

For those of you too young to remember Bob Hope, ask your grandparents and thanks for the memories.

ON TURNING 70 - "I still chase women, but only downhill."

ON TURNING 80 - "That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing."

ON TURNING 90 - "You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake."

ON TURNING 100 - "I don't feel old. In fact, I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap."

ON GIVING UP HIS EARLY CAREER (BOXING) - "I ruined my hands in the ring. The referee kept stepping on them."

ON GOLF - "Golf is my profession.

Show business is just to pay the green fees."

ON PRESIDENTS - "I have performed for 12 presidents but entertained only six."

ON WHY HE CHOSE SHOWBIZ FOR HIS CAREER - "When I was born, the doctor said to my mother, congratulations, you have an eight pound ham."

ON RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL - "I feel very humble, but I think I have the strength of character to fight it."

ON HIS FAMILY'S EARLY POVERTY - "Four of us slept in the one bed. When it got cold, mother threw on another brother."

ON HIS SIX BROTHERS - "That's how I learned to dance. Waiting for the bathroom."

ON HIS EARLY FAILURES - "I would not have had anything to eat if it wasn't for the stuff the audience threw at me."

ON GOING TO HEAVEN - "I have done benefits for ALL religions. I would hate to blow the hereafter on a technicality."

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner



The popular adult fellowship Guess Who's Coming to Dinner event will be back for a spring gathering. I hope everyone who came last time will enjoy another opportunity to mingle with a new mix of old and new friends and that people who have not yet enjoyed this experience will join in for a delicious meal and fellowship. The date is Saturday April 20 at 6:00 p.m.

If you are unfamiliar with this semi-annual event, the host provides the table setting. Guests bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert or possibly rolls or wine as best complements your meal. You will be contacted by your host ahead of time so that the meal can be coordinated.

Right now three hosts have volunteered their homes. Since we have had as many as 60 guests in the past, it would be nice to have a few more volunteer hosts. If you are able to host, please fill out the form below or call or text Meredith Aul at 717-575-2119 as soon as possible. If you would like to be a guest, please check the "guest box" and place it in the box on the table in the Narthex. You can also call or text Meredith at 717-575-2119.

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Name _____

Phone number _____

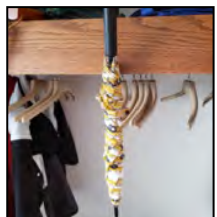
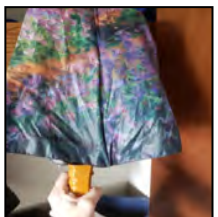
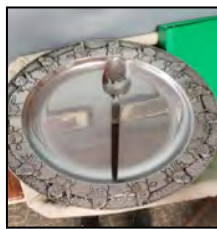
email address _____

I am happy to host a group of six _____ eight _____

I would like to be a guest _____ #in my party _____

If you are a single and would like to be seated with someone, please add their name here:

Are any of These Items Missing You?



Items can be found in the coat closet or above the puzzles.

Holy Week Edition

A special edition of the Scepter is planned to highlight Holy Week. If you have pictures of any of the services or favorite Easter pictures, please send them to HJ_Miller@Outlook.com



Scepter Special Edition

Evening Prayer



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

Sunday Evening Prayer@ 7:00pm
Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 847 0061 4072

Passcode: SunEP

Widow's Group



Our **Widows Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10 AM at the church. Next meeting Thursday, May 9th All widows are invited. Come to a place where sharing is caring.

For more information contact:
Peggy Hanzelman: 717.390.4944
phanzelman@comcast.net or:
Ethel Lawrence: 717.314.8993
ethell748@gmail.com

Needle Arts Ministry

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.

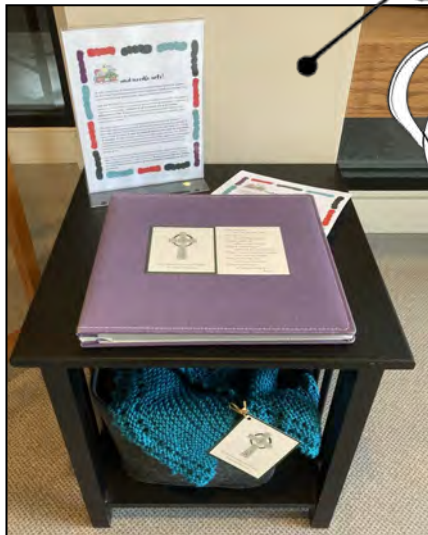
Remember, everyone's always welcome to pop up at a Needle Arts meeting on Tuesdays at 1 PM in the lounge. No reservations required-just bring your sense of humor with you.



Barb O'Brien with a baby blanket that she just finished crocheting



Donna Holwager found this Psalm verse that inspires the creative hands in this ministry. It was made into a poster that is hanging in the lounge where the group meets.

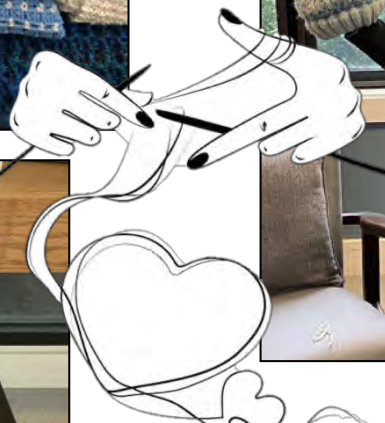


Prayer shawls, made by the Knit Wits, are available in the Narthex for any parishioner to take to give to anyone who is in need of comfort.. There is an explanation of the ministry there and a book to record who is giving and who is receiving a shawl.

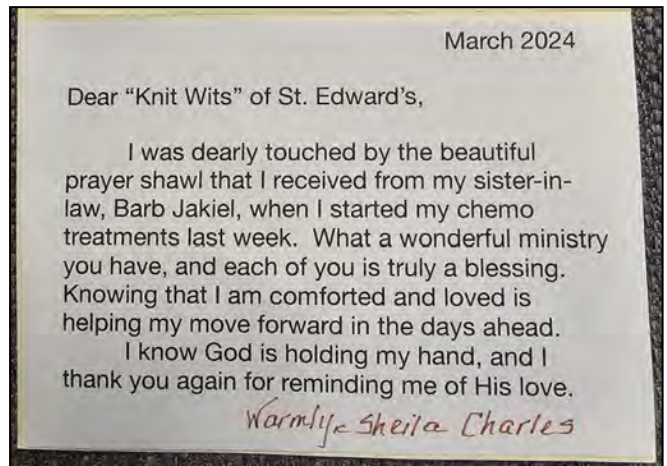
Note: you can read about another prayer shawl recipient on page 19 "Liam-An Easter Story"



Irene Achey and Sue Bianco finish off a couple of hats with pom poms.



This prayer is attached to each shawl



This thank you note was recently received for a recipient of one of the shawls.

Coffee Hour

Pictures by Mary Snyder and Meredith Aul



Randy Westgate



Mike's drum is a Bodhran that he



Seth and Beth Hake



Heather adds the flute!



St. Patrick's Day treats



The once a month music is a unique feature of St. Edward's coffee hours

One of the foundations of our weekly fellowship is our Sunday coffee hour. From 9 AM to 10 AM each Sunday, we offer folks a chance to gather, as one community, between the services, as well as the space we hold for our fantastic Coffee House Band to perform,

Join us at a coffee hour, sign up to serve as a coffee hour host, participate in our craft activities, or, if you hold musical gifts, contact Randy Westgate about joining the Coffee House Band.



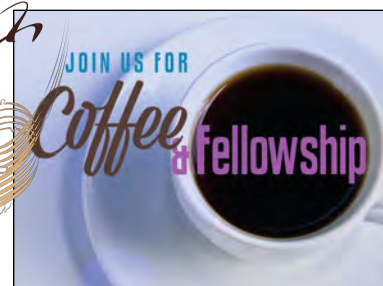
How could it not be fun with our own live Leprechaun?



Beth Lynch's famous chocolate balls are a favorite



It is always a good time to enjoy each other's company





STEWARDSHIP
A Way of Life

THE MONTH OF APRIL PARKING LOT ISLAND BEAUTIFICATION

Our parking lot is being renewed during the month of April. In addition to new paving and parking space line painting, we are refurbishing the five islands with new plantings that are hardy, easy to maintain, beautiful, and possess root systems that will not disturb the integrity of our new parking lot investment.

The renewal of this important outdoor community space is yet another way for us to express *Stewardship. . . A Way of Life* for our spiritual home. Join us by donating to this important project! Donations can be made to St. Edward's, marking in the memo line: ***Parking Lot Island Beautification.***

**Support the
renewal and
beautification of
our parking lot.**

**We are
refurbishing each
island with new
plantings and
mulch.**

**Let's celebrate
the gift of God's
creation in this
month designated
as Earth Month.**

**Financial donations
of any size are
much appreciated.
Your generosity of
spirit will help us
purchase
designated trees,
shrubs, and mulch.**



JOIN OUR ST. EDWARD'S TEAM

WE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE 5K RACE ON
SATURDAY – APRIL 27, 2023 | 9 AM

DOWNTOWN AT MUSSER PARK

To learn more about this important event, [please visit their website](#). We have provided introductory information below to get you started!

WHY WE RACE AGAINST RACISM

A 5K race cannot end racism but naming the need to create change and working together can make a difference. All proceeds from the Race Against Racism will support the Center for Racial and Gender Equity (CRGE) and our community programs of education, training, advocacy, and change. We will keep running until injustice is rooted out; institutions are transformed, and the world sees women, girls, and people of color the way we do: Equal, Powerful, Unstoppable.

Father Rick+ and our Faith in Action ministry invite you to join us in participating as *Team St. Edward's* for the 2024 Race Against Racism event.

[Click the link to our sign-up page](#)
on the YWCA RAR website [RAR SIGN UP LINK](#).

Lunch with the Chosen



Hosted by Father Rick and Blair Lord

It was a blessing to enter another Easter season with so many spiritual formation opportunities at St. Edward's. I'm especially excited to continue viewing *The Chosen* with our parish family as season 2 winds down. In March, we got a little relief in seeing Mary Magdalene back with the disciples after a heartfelt moment of reconnection with Matthew and Simon Peter and reconciliation with Jesus. There was also a big piece of plot development that set off questions for many of us: John the Baptizer's arrest by Herod Antipas. As many of us know who are participating in the Bible Challenge this year, the historical context of the writings in the Bible, both Old and New Testament, help us better under-

stand the narratives they present. We also encountered a fascinating intersection in the question of "letter of the law" and "spirit of the law" that the show presents in Jesus's confrontation with religious leaders, and that we are engaging with in our Scripture studies. Thank you everyone who participated in the rich discussion!

On **Sunday, April 7th**, we will have a post-Easter quiche lunch planned as we watch episode 7, "Reckoning." This is the penultimate episode of season 2, so if you're free, please join us at 11:45am in the parish hall following the 10am service. If you wish, bring in a quiche of your choice!

If you would like to catch up on all of season 1 or part of season 2, you can access *The Chosen* for free at these links:

- new.thechosen.tv
- angel.com/watch/the-chosen

You can also download The Chosen App or the Angel Studios App to your Amazon FireTV, Apple TV, or Roku, and on your phone from the Apple Store or Google Play Store.

Stephen Ministry



Our **Stephen Ministry** program is a confidential and prayerful resource to support those in need during the challenging times we encounter in our personal lives.

If you could benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care of a Stephen Minister, please contact our Pastor Care Coordinator, Peggy Hanzelman at phanzelman@comcast or 717-390-4944. There are brochures in our narthex and in our sanctuary pews. Our Stephen Ministers are also identified by special name tags at our Sunday worship.



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

"The cross is both the symbol of our salvation and the pattern of our lives."
—Brennan Manning

Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.
Due date for May will be:
April 20th.
Send articles and announcements to:
HJ_Miller@outlook.com



Women's Spirituality Group

By Michelle Bentley



Saturday Women's Group: We meet the first Saturday, each month, from 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM, in our lounge area. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another a bit better through Morning Prayer, reflection, and refreshment.

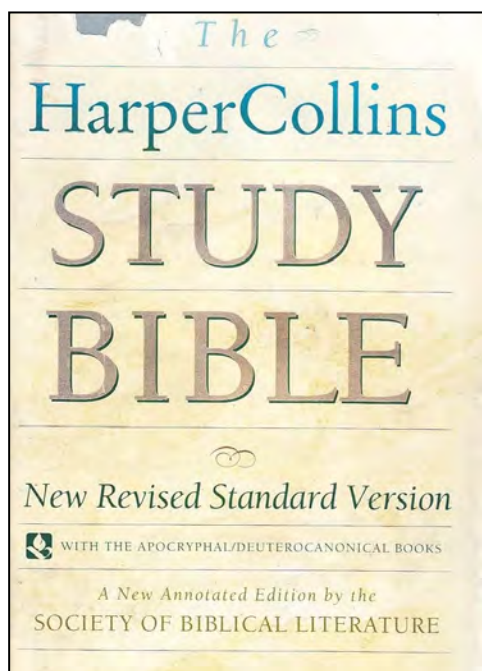
Perhaps you would like to lead a conversation segment one month? Maybe you have an idea for future gatherings? Bring your wonderings, and ease into 90 minutes of prayerful time that is engaging and restorative.

Men's Group



Saturday Men's Group: 2nd Saturday of the month from 8 AM -10 AM. **Join us for two hours of fellowship**, including Morning Prayer. Coffee and donuts will be served. **Next meeting** Saturday, April 13th at 8 AM

Join The Challenge!



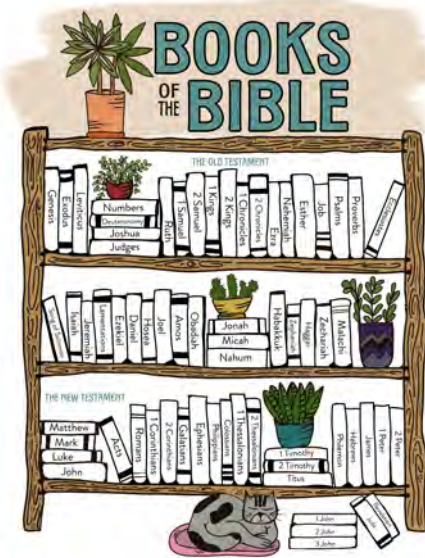
OUR NEW YEAR BIBLE CHALLENGE: We are well into the "Challenge" now!! If you have not purchased your Bible, yet, please look for the *NRSV Harper Collins Study Bible*. We invite EVERYONE in our spiritual home to share in, and learn from, Father Rick's passion for sacred texts by engaging for 30 minutes per day in reading through the Bible, from

cover-to-cover, from Genesis through Revelation, throughout 2024. *We are excited for this journey* as we encounter life-changing opportunities to discover so much about historical settings and original sources that influenced and shaped these texts. We will offer two intentional spaces each week, via Zoom, for conversation so you can keep current with

weekly discussions and offer your questions. Let's engage in our discovery, in community. Father Rick and Bob Mosebach will guide us, *"With the Spirit's help"* as we uncover new possibilities for what the Living Word has to say to us in the here and now. We hope you will join us! *Schedules are available in the narthex.*

Straight Through the Bible Reading Plan April 2024

31-Mar 1Samuel 25:32-30:10	19-Apr 2Kings 4:29-8:15
1-Apr 1Samuel 30:11-31:13; 2Samuel 1-2	20-Apr 2Kings 8:16-10:24
2-Apr 2Samuel 3:1-6:11	21-Apr 2Kings 10:25-14:10
3-Apr 2Samuel 6:12-10:19	22-Apr 2Kings 14:11-17:18
4-Apr 2Samuel 11-13	23-Apr 2Kings 17:19-19:24
5-Apr 2Samuel 14-16	24-Apr 2Kings 19:25-23:9
6-Apr 2Samuel 17-19	25-Apr 1Kings 23:10-25; 1Chronicles 1:1-16
7-Apr 2Samuel 20:1-22:34	26-Apr 1Chronicles 1:17-3:9
8-Apr 2Samuel 22:35-24:17	27-Apr 1Chronicles 3:10-6:30
9-Apr 2Samuel 24:18-25; 1Kings 1:1-2:18	28-Apr 1Chronicles 6:31-8:28
10-Apr 1Kings 2:19-4:19	29-Apr 1Chronicles 8:29-11:21
11-Apr 1Kings 4:20-7:39	30-Apr 1Chronicles 11:22-15:29
12-Apr 1Kings 7:40-9:9	1-May 1Chronicles 16:1-19:9
14-Apr 1Kings 11:26-13:34	2-May 1Chronicles 19:10-23:11
15-Apr 1Kings 14-17	3-May 1Chronicles 23:12-26:19
16-Apr 1Kings 18:1-20:25	4-May 1Chronicles 26:20-29:19
17-Apr 1Kings 20:26-22:36	5-May 1Chronicles 29:20-30; 2Chronicles
18-Apr 1Kings 22:37-53; 2Kings 1:1-4:28	



Annual Meeting

Picture by Mary Snyder and Rayelenn Casey



Fr. Rick's overview



Tina and Mike Shank



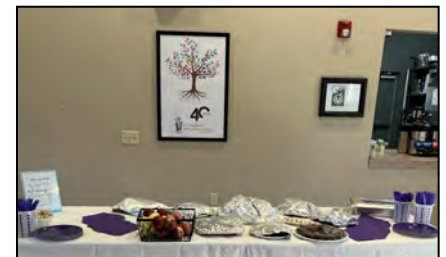
Reception following meeting



Ministries



And sign up sheets



Food is usually an important part of St. Edward's events



Blair Lord, Amy and Ruth Yovanovich



Time to munch and mingle

Bible Challenge Forum March 17th



This session allowed those not participating in the Wednesday evening and Friday noon Zoom sessions to benefit from Fr. Rick's deep knowledge of the Bible as Rick donned his Religious Studies hat to discuss the the first 5 books of the Bible..





HEMPFIELD AREA FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for the 196 pounds of food items donated to the pantry March 4 !

In February, the pantry served 1,624 people which included 474 children; 795 adults; 355 seniors. The pantry registered 19 new families in February.

Current food items requested are:

- Canned tuna
- Canned spaghetti sauce
- Canned tomatoes
- Canned red beets
- Pancake mix
- Canned chicken
- Cereal

Forty six volunteers gave 595 hours in February!

The mission of the Hempfield Area Food Pantry is to show the underserved the gracious love of God by feeding the body, mind and soul of it's clients with dignity!

The pantry is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 am to 1 pm.

In reality everyone at Saint Edward's parish is part of the Faith In Action ministry. I would like to recognize the individuals that head up many of the projects that Faith In Action does.



We have developed a system in which we follow the liturgical seasons of the church. In Advent we begin the season with the Jesse Tree program which is headed up by Leslie Arnold. As the Lent comes around our programs are 3 fold. First we have the Souls 4 Soles program that Bev Achey runs and then we have the Feed My Starving Children in which Kevin Milligan and Dottie Gschwend are responsible. We also have the Race Against Racism that Beth Lynch and Michelle Bentley work hard on getting it up and running. (No pun intended.) As we turn into the Pentecost season we have a yearly blood drive and which Meredith Aul Westgate will be running. Then we go into Ordinary Times and Ellen Milligan runs the school supply drive for the Hempfield school systems.

We do have a few year round programs. One supports the Hempfield food pantry. We collect food and deliver it once a month, this is headed by Beth Lynch, as well as a Turkey drive in the fall. This year we have also been able to have volunteers from our parish use their time directly at the pantry to help serve the individuals that use that service. The second program is Books for Prisoners in which Bruce Lynch is the contact person.

There are times that the Faith In Action ministry reaches into our own parishioners in what is a program called Parishioners Helping Parishioners. In this program anyone that needs assistance with a job at

their house we fulfill by finding people that can assist in finishing a project. We have done things such as helping to downsizing a person's living space so that they can move to convenient living arrangement. We have been able to move several items from people's homes in which they wanted to donate. There have been times in which parishioners have helped other parishioners get their yard work finished.

We encourage any person that wishes to get involved in these activities to reach out to anyone of us on the FIA ministry.

Community Aid News

Below is a list of items you can bring to Community Aid, mentioning they are for St. Edward's Episcopal Church (**Our Partner Number is 40036**). We will receive credit for quarterly payouts that assist our Faith-in-Action ministry. Community Aid has always accepted these items, but in the past, they did not give credit to partner organizations for electronics, toys, and household goods.

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| Clothing | Electronics |
| Shoes | Toys |
| Accessories | Household Goods |

Rahim Household Goods Collection

We are accepting donations for April, with a due date of Sunday, April 21st. Donations needed are:

- 2 Large Laundry Detergent (Tide)
- 1 Large Fabric Softener
- Bar Soap
- Dish Soap
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes (adult & child)
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towel
- All-purpose house cleaner
- Microfiber cleaning cloths



Faith In Action Current and Upcoming Projects



February 14 thru March 24, 2024



This year's collection was excellent! More than 400 pairs of shoes were donated by St. Edward's parishioners. Bev Achey, Beth Lynch and Irene Achey sorted, paired, and packed all the shoes into labeled boxes that were delivered to St. John's Lancaster.

Soles4Souls turns unwanted shoes into opportunity by keeping them from going to waste and putting them to good use by providing relief, creating sustainable jobs, and empowering people to disrupt the cycle of poverty.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the global work of Soles4Souls.

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Week-by-week the pile of boxes of shoes grew



WHEN: Saturday, April 6th
TIME: 2:30 PM

WHERE: Willow Street Mennonite Church, 399 East Penn Grant Rd., Willow Street, PA 17584

Join our ministry team in this important global outreach project. We are seeking volunteers, and all must be signed up in advance. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. We are seeking more volunteers. Please prayerfully consider signing up to assist on this day.



Last year's volunteers From St. Edward's



Our nation faces the lowest number of blood donors in decades. Over the last 20 years, the number of people donating blood to the Red Cross has fallen by about 40%. We hope you plan to donate

Where: St. Edward's Parish Hall

Time: 2:00—7:00pm

Eligible at our site: 16 to 80 years of age. *LGH policy change has raised the age for off site donations.

Preregistration is recommended. Registration details will follow closer to the event.



Gail Irons donating blood 2023



Race Against Racism—April 27, 2024

For the last 4 years St. Edward's has had a team participate in the YWCA's Race Against Racism. We gather together to unite against oppression and celebrate our community's commitment to justice.

Whether you're walking or running, joining with a team, your family, or as an individual, we need your support to show the world that together, our shared movement of eliminating racism and empowering women is stronger than ever!

The St. Edward's team is officially set up! The St. Edward's web page under-FIA contains a link to join. Or click here: <https://runsignup.com/RaceGroups/81889/Groups/1502721>

Let's invite our friends and family to walk or run with us at this important event.



Fr. Rick, Ricky and Christian at last year's race



Blessing of the Backpacks Coming August 2024

Books For Prisoners

If you are planning to donate, see the list of suggested books below. Please drop donated books off in the church narthex. Money is also welcomed. If you donate money, please note "Books for Prisoners" The book list can be found on top the bookcase in the narthex or you can purchase through the Amazon Wishlist at:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/K6N2OXW5AFVE?ref_=wl_share

Books Requested:

The Jesus Revolution by Greg Laurie
Healing Neen -Tonier Cain
Save Me from Myself: How I Found God, Quit Korn, Kicked Drugs, and Lived to Tell My Story – Brian Welch
Washed by Blood: Lessons from My Time with Korn and My Journey to Christ – Brian Welch
The Big Hustle by Jim Walberg



Prayer Opportunities Within St. Ed's

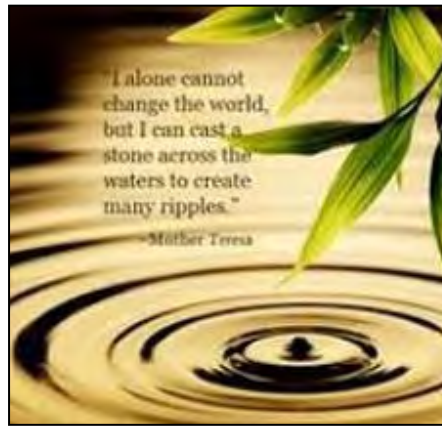
Prayers for incarcerated family or friends of our parishioners:

Joey (nephew of parishioner)
Jeremy (friend of parishioner)
Saskita (niece of parishioner)

Prayers for:

Father Rick, Chaplain & Music Ministry at Lancaster Country Prison
Randy Westgate, Music Ministry and Leader of Celebrate Recovery at LCP.

Ripples of Kindness



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

—Sally Koch

Several years ago I invited a Buddhist monk to speak to my Senior elective class, and quite interestingly, as he entered the room, he didn't say a word (that caught everyone's attention). He just walked to the board and wrote this: "EVERYONE WANTS TO SAVE THE WORLD, BUT NO ONE WANTS TO HELP MOM DO THE DISHES." We all laughed. But then he went on to say this to my students:

"Statistically, it's highly unlikely that any of you will ever have the opportunity to run into a burning orphanage and rescue an infant. But, in the smallest gesture of kindness -- a warm smile, holding the door for the person behind you, shoveling the driveway of the elderly person next door -- you have committed an act of immeasurable profundity, because to each of us, our life is our universe."

This is my hope for you for the New Year -- that by your smallest acts of kindness, you will save an other's world.

By Meredith Westgate



Liam

A young man named Liam has been on our prayer list for over a year now. I used to teach with his mother at Hand Middle School, now Jackson Middle School in Lancaster. Julia had recently graduated from college and taught 6th grade math. Now married and the mother of Liam and two younger children, she and her family live in Texas.

Liam, now 11, was diagnosed with Burkitt's Lymphoma/Leukemia, a form of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma which affects around 250 cases in kids in the US each year. The Leukemia designation is due to the percentage of tumor already in his one marrow. The cause of Burkitt's is unknown, but it is not hereditary. It grows very rapidly, at times doubling in as little as every eight hours, so even though he had only had it in his body 2-3 weeks, it had already spread to everywhere it could spread except his spinal fluid and brain. It is treated through chemotherapy. Liam was treated through six series of chemotherapy treatments occurring at Texas Children's Hospital in three week cycles with much in-patient treatment and in-home isolation due to being severely immunocompromised. Looking through Julia's FB posts, I see that Liam had 271 tests done over 17 days. He had to drink barium liquid so doctors could watch his swallows on an Xray monitor. He endured bacterial infections and sepsis, and had multiple surgeries. Julia posted a beautiful family photo the night before Liam had all four appendages removed due to infections.

Through every parents nightmare, Julia and her husband have trusted in God and

have remained faithful. On March 8, Liam came home from rehab after learning how to use his artificial limbs.

I'd like to share a post Liam's Mom shared on FB on March 17th.

"A year ago today we weren't sure if Liam would live or die. This morning he walked into his Sunday School class. Later, during the service we sang, 'You make graves into gardens' and I couldn't help but see the parallel, how God brought our family from a place of death back to life. And we eagerly wait for the full restoration of soul and body that will come when Jesus re-



Liam's family

turns again."

When asked for permission to share Liam's story, Julia responded: "Please convey our gratitude for the prayers and support. I still use the prayer shawl regularly, and it is truly a special gift to me."

Note: More about the prayer shawl ministry on page 9.



The parish office will be closed from April 1 – April 8. Should you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Michelle Bentley. Our spiritual formation ministry offerings, as well as our Wednesday noonday service will be on hiatus for that week.

Solar Eclipse 4/8

Superimposed Love



Maybe you've heard how salvation is like a total solar eclipse: God doesn't see our sins because Jesus' holiness covers them completely. Or

maybe you've heard how trials can cause an "eclipse of faith."

At WorldChallenge.org, Pastor Gary Wilkerson explains that in Greek, *eclipse* means "I am absent" or "I cease to exist," because people once thought the gods temporarily extinguished the sun. "For Christians, a 'spiritual eclipse' is a dark hour when God seems to be absent from our lives," Wilkerson writes.

Wilkerson points to Peter being sifted like wheat, Elijah and Jeremiah facing extreme discouragement, and David collapsing morally. Amid Satan's attacks, "God seems completely absent," writes the pastor. "In that dark moment of eclipse, the devil has created such chaos we can't possibly see a way out." During times of testing, Christians must cry out to God and trust his faithfulness.

Completing the eclipse analogy, Wilkerson shares Titus 3:4, the "love of God our Savior appeared" (NIV). The Greek meaning of *appeared* here is *superimposed*, he writes. God looks on our fraught-filled times of eclipse and "superimposes his divine love over us."

Lenten Services

Pictures by Mary Snyder



Fr. Rick



Bob Mosebach



Wanda Stoltzfus



The Eucharist



Blair Lord



Kathy Spencer



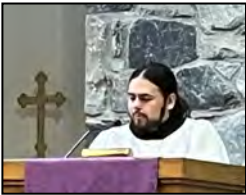
Jeanne Mosebach



Peter Weber



Fred Cluck



Seth Hake



Nancy Mannion



Nancy Mannion's
first day as LEM



Debra Fast



Jay Miller



Prayers



Bob Mosebach
extinguishes candles



Recessional



The Gospel



Our wonderful choir



Announcements

Stations of the Cross and Palm Sunday

Pictures by Mary Snyder and Mac Miller



Jay Miller officiated, beginning and ending the service



Beth Lynch reads as the parishioners moved from station to station



Fr. Rick



Christian takes his turn



Linda Jones reads



Ricky read several stations



Liturgy of the Palms



Procession



The Choir added so much to this service



Blessed is the King! Hosanna!

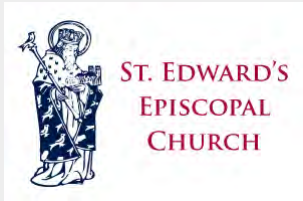


The sermon



Fr. Rick and Bob Mosebach





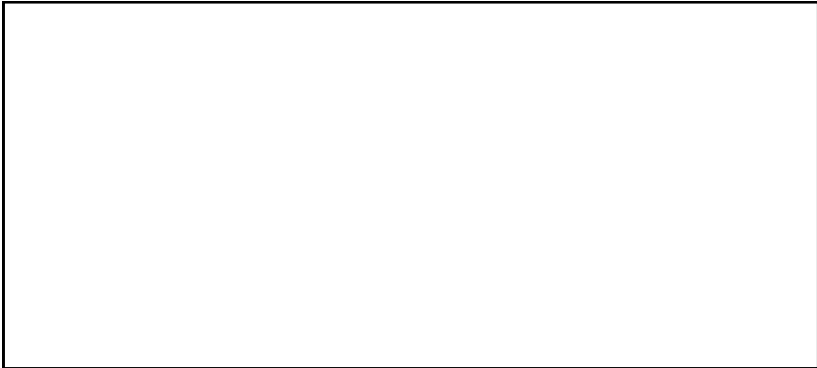
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Parish Office Hours

**Tuesday-Friday:
11AM – 4:00PM**

Vestry (year term ends)

- ✦ Mike Freshwater(2027)
- ✦ Richard Irons (2025)
- ✦ Ethel Lawrence (2027)
- ✦ Blair Lord (2026)
- ✦ Beth Lynch (2025)
- ✦ Jay Miller (2026)
- ✦ Bob Mosebach (2026)
- ✦ Mary Snyder (2025)
- ✦ Kathy Spencer (2027)

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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