

St. David Roman Catholic Church

316 N. Easton Road Willow Grove, PA 19090





On this occasion of the 100th Anniversary of St. David Parish, I wish to give thanks and praise to God for the many blessings He has bestowed on our Parish. The people of St. David Parish have experienced the love and grace of the Lord throughout the years.

I am very grateful to the way our parishioners have continually responded to God's call over the past 100 years. It is the parishioners, past and present, that have made St. David a loving and giving parish over the many years. Thank you for sharing your time, talent and treasure with the Parish to give it the strength and faithfulness witnessed today in the many Parish groups, organizations and ministries outlined in this Guide Book.

This is your parish! May we continue to be a witness to the Willow Grove community of the moral and spiritual strength of St. David Parish.

Thank you very much,

Rev. Richard P. Connors



St. David's Mission Statement

Saint David Parish is a faith-filled Catholic Christian Community which responds to God's call to all people to seek God, to know God, to love God with all their being, and to become God's adopted children and heirs of God's blessed life.

As members of the Universal Church, we acknowledge that we are one body in Christ and individually part of one another. And so, inspired by the love of Jesus Christ, Saint David Parish family members joyfully respond to God's invitation:

- By professing and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ
- By celebrating our faith in liturgy, in sacramental worship and in communal and personal prayer
- By working with all people of good faith to help the poor and distressed in our community
- By fostering a spirit of stewardship for the overall good of the parish
- By providing education in our faith to children, young people and adults
- By recognizing and using our individual and collective gifts of time, talent and treasure to participate in the Kingdom of God.

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Sunday Mass Schedule

4:00 P.M. (Saturday Evening Vigil) 7:00 A.M. 9:00 A.M. 11:30 A.M.

Weekday Mass Schedule 6:30 A.M. in the Chapel

Holydays Mass ScheduleVaries - check website stdavidparish.org

Rectory Office Hours 9:00 A.M - 12:00 P.M.; 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Most Frequently Asked Questions

How do I arrange a wedding?

Congratulations! In order to begin choosing a date for your wedding please contact our Pastor, Fr. Connors, at the parish office at 215-657-0252. Nothing can be scheduled until you speak with him. Couples must contact the church at least six months before the desired wedding date but it is recommended that the parties need to schedule a date at least a year in advance and before they schedule a reception venue. Weddings may also be scheduled on late Friday afternoon or evening and on Saturday's up to 4:00 PM.

How do I arrange for my child to be baptized?

Baptisms are celebrated the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 12:30 PM. Please call the parish office for further details and plan to attend a Pre-Jordan class prior to your child's Baptism. The Pre-Jordan instruction is held the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM. Parents and Godparents are encouraged to attend before the birth of the child.

Who do I contact about arranging the particulars of a Funeral Mass?

After you have made contact with a funeral director, a member of the family may call the Rectory at 215-657-0252 to arrange to meet with the Pastor to discuss the particulars of the funeral Mass.

How do I join the parish?

If you would like to register, please call the Rectory at 215-657-0252 between the hours of 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM to schedule an appointment with the Pastor to enroll in the parish.

I have recently been asked to be a godparent/sponsor. How do I receive a letter of eligibility?

St. David's will provide a letter of eligibility to registered parishioners who meet the requirements to be a godparent/sponsor. Please call our parish office at 215-657-0252.

I am interested in electronic contributions rather than envelopes. Who should I contact?

Please visit our parish website at http://stdavidparish.org to find the link on the home page to sign up for electronic giving. If you do not have a computer, call the parish rectory at 215-657-0252 to provide you with the appropriate documents.

How do I request a sacramental record?

Please call our parish office at 215-657-0252.

How do I register for attending Queen of Angels School? Please call Queen of Angels School 215-659-6393.

How do I register for St. David School of Religion (CCD)? Please contact the Religious Education Office at 215-659-4059.

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I am interested in learning more about becoming Catholic. What should I do next?

Your consideration to begin exploring the Catholic faith is an important point in your life. Please reach out to Father Connors in the parish office for more information on the conversion process. We tailor this experience, commonly referred to as R.C.I.A., to the needs of each person. We realize that everyone enters this period of discernment at a different point in his or her lives. We seek to shape your exploration of the faith to a framework that will successfully enable you to engage Catholicism on a personal level, while learning the important pillars of our rich Tradition.

I want to become involved with ministries and service at St. David's. What ministries need volunteers?

Gifts or talents that you would like to share with your parish family are welcome and we will find a place that best fits you. From Lectors at Mass to volunteering with our outreach to the poor, we are in need of generous people who wish to serve. Please let us know if there is a particular area of interest and we will be happy to set-up a meeting with you. Please reach out to Father Connors at the parish office for more information on serving in the parish community.

How do I attain annulment?

Contact the Archdiocese Tribunal at 215-587-3750.

How do I get a civil marriage blessed?

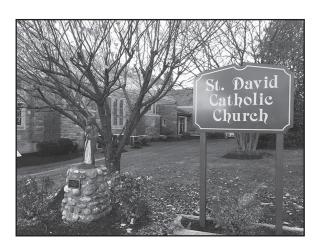
Please contact Fr. Connors at our parish office at 215-657-0252.

Need to use Father Curran Hall?

All requests to use Father Curran Hall now go through Meghan Stelacio, the new coordinator for the use of the hall. Please send all requests to her via email: meg260714@yahoo.com or phone 215-964-3076.

St. David's Ministry Guide

"By taking 10 minutes to read this directory, you will find out how you can continue the message and work of Pope Francis and improve the life the community known as the Church of St. David" - Father Richard Connors



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Disciples in the Service of the Liturgy

The following are some of the ministries that are part of Disciples in Service of the Liturgy.



Altar Servers: Parish children in grades 4 through 8 who assist at the altar during liturgy. Training is necessary and takes place at given times during the year.

Contact: Meghan Stelacio (215-964-3076)

Art and Environment: Parishioners assist in the seasonal decoration of the church for liturgical celebrations throughout the year.

Contact: Nancy DeLucas (215-659-3685) Joe Leonardi (215-773-8454)

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Children of all ages are welcomed at all our Sunday Masses (and Saturday Vigil Masses). The 9:00 AM Mass each Sunday during the school year has a children's "liturgy" in Father Curran Hall for children aged three to seven.

Contact: Amy Fayette: (215-657-2979)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Parishioners who bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound. They also assist at Mass with the distribution of Holy Communion. The pastor appoints these ministers. Scheduling of Mass assignments and homebound visits are prepared by Rose Mueller (215-657-4423) and Imelda Kormos (215-657-2542).

Contact: Father Connors (215-657-0253)

Lectors: Parishioners who proclaim the Word of God at parish liturgies on Sundays and Holydays.

Contact: Joan Fenstermacher (215-657-1745)

Liturgy Committee: Committee plans Mass and para-liturgical celebrations for adults and children. The pastor appoints this committee.

Contact: Father Connors (215-657-0253)

Music Ministry

Musicians: Organist and other musicians and singers enhance the parish liturgies.





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Supervisor

1500 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001 **Choir:** The choir sings at the 11:30 Mass on Sundays from September through May. All October rehearsals are on Sunday morning from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Beginning in November, rehearsals are on Tuesday nights from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Upper Room. You do not need to know how to read music, but must be able to sing on pitch. High school students are welcome. Please contact Barbara at 215-343-4445 or via email at baughtmon@comcast.net for more information.

Cantors: Adult parishioner leads the singing of the congregation at the Sunday Masses.

Contact: Barbara Aughtmon (215-343-4445)

Ushers/Hospitality: Parishioners who welcome and offer assistance as people enter the church. They also assist the congregation during parish liturgies, including collection, distribution of parish bulletins, and keeps up the general appearance of the church at the conclusion of the liturgies.

Contact: Tom McGrann (215-266-4254)

Disciples Seeking Faith Formation

The following are some of the ministries offered by Disciples Seeking Faith Formation.

Adult Faith Formation: Saint David Parish offers various programs or liturgies throughout the year on scripture or doctrinal material that can enrich and further individual growth in spirituality and faith. Programs are held at various times and days. Information is presented both in the bulletin and on the parish website with specific titles, times, and registration. The format is generally a DVD or lecture followed by small group sharing.

Contact: Sister Mary St. Mark (215-659-4059) Imelda Kormos (215-657-2542)

Children's Catechumenate: This is Faith Formation for children between the ages of 9 and 14 who...

- ...have no religion and wish to become Catholic.
- ... are another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic.
- ...are baptized Catholic but have not received Confirmation and Eucharist. Classes of instruction are held 4:30 PM on Thursdays in Father Curran Hall.

Contact: Sister Mary St. Mark (215-657-0252)

Pre-Cana: Formative process for engaged couples for the life-long commitment to a Christ-centered marriage. Faith-filled married couples offer sessions. Schedules can be obtained by contacting the rectory.

Contact: Fr. Richard Connors (215-657-0252)



Pre-Jordan: Second Thursday of the month (7:00 PM to 8:00 PM). Parishioners provide faith Formation to parents and godparents prior to the child's celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Please register prior to day of attendance.

Contact: Nancy DeLucas (215-659-3685) Chris Mars (215-620-0545)

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a Faith Formation group of adults who...

- ...have no religion and wish to become Catholic.
- ... are another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic.
- ... are baptized Catholic but have not received Confirmation and Eucharist.

RCIA meets on Thursday evenings at 6:45 PM in the Rectory. Volunteers willing to add their faith stories and mentor candidates are always welcome. Also, Catholics returning to active faith participation are welcome.

Contact: Sister Mary St. Mark (215-659-4059)

Disciples in Prayer

The following are some of the opportunities offered through Disciples in Prayer.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Do you wish to deepen your prayer life? "The same Jesus who taught his disciples how to pray is there to help you as well, and what better place to contemplate Jesus — the highest form of prayer — than in his presence"? (Pope St. John Paul II)

St. David's is blessed to offer Eucharistic Adoration in our chapel, Monday to Friday at 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. It is quiet time to sit with Jesus, pray a rosary or read a spiritual book. All are welcome.



If you can commit to a weekly Holy Hour, please contact Paula Warnalis.

Contact: Paula Warnalis (215-441-0334)

Charismatic Prayer Group: Gathering for scripture, song and praise of God. This group meets on Mondays at 7:30 PM.

Contact: Deacon Bill Eliason: (215-675-4752) or Jane Ann Andrews (215-675-3065)

Community of Disciples: Parishioners gather for shared prayer/faith sharing monthly. This group also sponsors a monthly social in Father Curran Hall on the Second Sunday of the month after the 9:00 AM Mass. They do parish visitation and visit new parishioners.

Contact: Deacon Bill Eliason: (215-675-4752) or Mike Butera (215-657-0137)

Family Retreat: This Fall retreat gives families the opportunity to renew their relationship with God and their loved ones. The retreat includes activities for children, family meals, special liturgies and much more. All families are welcome, including those who would like to attend with young children, teens and grandparents. Parish partially subsidizes costs.

Contact: Matt Sproehnle (215-360-9098)

Malvern Men's Retreat: This three-day retreat on the first weekend each June is held for the men of St. David Parish at the Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA. Malvern Retreat House is known for its time-honored weekend Catholic retreats for men starting on Friday evening and ending on Sunday morning. Private adoration time in our magnificent oratories, uplifting liturgies, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, communal prayer for the Stations of the Cross, fellowship and group faith-sharing, all comprise this Catholic retreat weekend. While staying at Malvern Retreat House, you will experience our gift of hospitality; clean, comfortable, private rooms and delicious meals served by retreat-friendly staff.

Contact: Gary Warnalis (215-260-5913) or Henry Jacquelin at 215-530-5076.

IHM Companions in Prayer and Ministry: Women gather monthly to learn about IHM spirituality and charism.

Contact Person: Sister Joy Campbell (Convent - 215-659-0445)

Legion of Mary: The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Meetings are held on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 pm in the rectory. This group visits Garden Spring Center weekly, The Landings at Willow Grove twice a month, and assists in organizing Rosary in the Park. The Legion also makes and delivers prayer shawls to the home bound and sick as well as transfers the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Pilgrim Virgin Mary statues to the homes of parishioners for prayers for vocations, peace and life.

Contact: Monica Marlin (215-657-8126)



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Miraculous Medal Novena: The Miraculous Medal, originally known as the Medal of the Immaculate Conception, was shown to Saint Catherine Labouré by the Blessed Virgin Mary on November 27, 1830. The Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed every Saturday morning following the 9:00 AM Mass. The Rosary is also prayed immediately after the Novena prayers. Prayer leaders are welcome.

Contact: Monica Marlin (215-657-8126)

Nursing Home Visitation: Mass is celebrated once a month at these health facilities:

Garden Spring Center: Mass at Garden Spring Center is celebrated one Thursday each month and Holy Eucharist is provided to the residents on a weekly basis. On the other weeks, the Legion of Mary joins the residents in praying the Rosary and visits those who are unable to attend the services.

The Landings at Willow Grove: Mass is celebrated at The Landings on the fourth Monday of the month. The Legion of Mary visits residents and hosts a rosary prayer service on the second Wednesday of the month.

Contact: Legion of Mary: MaryAnn Belisari or Monica Marlin (215-657-8126)

Parish Rosary: Parishioners pray the Rosary in chapel before at the conclusion 9:00 AM Mass on Saturday.

That Man is You: TMIY is an interactive men's group program combining the best research from science with the teaching of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society. TMIY meets every Sunday from September to May at 7:45 AM in Father Curran Hall for light breakfast, short video and group discussion.

Contact: Mike Stelacio (267-738-7224) or Mitch Nama (267-574-5296) or Gary Warnalis (215-260-5913)

Disciples in Service

The following are some of the ministries offered by the Disciples in Service.

Holy Name of Jesus Society: This men's group honors the Holy Name of Jesus by performing and promoting acts of charity in the Name of Jesus. They gather at the 9:00 AM Mass on the second Sunday of the Month and meet on the second Monday of the month in Fr. Curran Hall at 7:15 PM.

Contact: Matt Sproehnle (215-360-9098)



Marion Bolger Recreational Program: This program provides recreational and social activities for young adults with severe cognitive and physical impairments who have transitioned from the educational program. This program is sponsored as a spiritual mission of Saint David Parish. It is independent of parish funds. Parents pay a monthly fee and donations are accepted. At the Marion Bolger Recreational Program, they respect the dignity of all people with special gifts. The program contains physical activities that promote use of all skills. They offer stimulation through visual, auditory, and sensory adaptations. They plan social and community events to encourage the individuals' recreational enjoyment. They have the opportunity for interaction with students from Queen of Angels and Our Lady of Confidence. Schools they attend Mass and promote a spiritual, safe, and caring environment. The Program goal is to work with an individual within their abilities, to recognize their potential, and to celebrate their accomplishments.

Contact: Shirley Meyer (215-518-5352)

Operation Rice Bowl: During Lent households in the parish are asked to put some money aside for the needy. By the Fifth Sunday of Lent all Rice Bowl containers should by returned so that a parish donation may be offered to the needy throughout the world. Volunteers are needed.

Contact: Fr. Richard Connors (215-657-0252)

Parish Health Ministry: Meetings are the **3rd Friday of each month at 10:00 AM in the rectory**. Visiting the sick (referral as needed), preparing the liturgy for All Souls' Day, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Bereavement Group. Other responsibilities of this ministry are:

- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- · Parish Visitors to the sick and homebound
- Card to the sick
- · Sympathy Cards to the bereaved
- Medical referrals
- Health Fairs
- Parish Education

Contact: Rose Mueller (215-657-4423)--Health Ministry/ Bereavement Ministry Imelda Kormos (215-657-2542) -- Prayer Shawl

Ministers at Funerals: This would involve members of the bereavement ministry to meet with the pastor and the bereaved families to assist in Scripture selections, General Intercessions, and the proclamation of the Word at the liturgy or to assist the family- appointed reader.

Contact: Rose Mueller (215-657-4423)--Health Ministry/ Bereavement Ministry Imelda Kormos (215-657-2542) -- Prayer Shawl



Respect Life Committee: On the first Sunday of each month parishioners pray on the corner of Abington Hospital against abortion of little innocents. The first Sunday in October is Respect Life Sunday. Many parishioners needed for Life Chain.

In January, parishioners go to Washington, DC to take a stand for the life of little innocents in protest of Roe vs. Wade.

Twice a year during the 40 Days of Life, people are needed for intervals of prayer outside the following abortion clinics: Planned Parenthood at Louis Drive in Warminster, PA and 12th & Locust, Phila, PA and the Women's Center - 777 Appletree Street, Phila, PA Your help is GREATLY needed.

On Mother's Day each year, roses and other things are sold to support the Pro-Life Union.

Information will appear in the parish bulletin.

Contact: Jenny Mars (215-620-0093) or Jenn Falsone (215-582-9072) **Saint Vincent de Paul Society:** A Catholic lay organization offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering within the parish area. Vincentians are united in an international society of charity, spirituality, humility and sharing. The Society exercises the Corporal Works of Mercy through:

- Home visits
- Financial and Spiritual Assistance
- Referral Services to other agencies
- Volunteer at local food cupboard
- Aid for Friends (free meals to home bound)
- · Manages the annual parish food and clothing drives
- · Thanksgiving Day Mass and Social
- Annual Walk for the Poor

Members are always welcome!

Contact: St. David Rectory (215-657-0252)

Mass Riders Program: Parishioners who drive offer to drive disabled St. David parishioners to a regularly scheduled Saturday or Sunday Mass.

Contact: Erin Moravec (215-327-4383)

Blood Drive: The Red Cross come to our parish twice each year in late Spring and Fall. Parishioners contribute the lifesaving gift of blood to our neighbors. In addition to healthy blood donors, volunteers are needed to work for each visit to assist with signing in and other simple tasks.

Contact: St. David Rectory (215-657-0252)

Appalachia Service Project: Volunteers help to aid the housing needs of central Appalachia, West Virginia by making houses warmer, safer and drier for people caught in economic distress and unable to complete these repairs themselves. Home projects range from repairing foundations to roofing a house and everything in between. Teams consist of two adults and five teenagers who work every day for one week in the summer on home repairs, building a relationship with a family who live at the house, and participating in Christian gatherings and prayer in the evening. Teenagers who have completed 9th grade and adults over 25 years of age are needed in this respectful mission work. Most volunteers are unskilled or semi-skilled.

Contact: St. David Rectory (215-657-0252)

Disciples in Fellowship/Stewardship

Fellowship in Action:

Parish Fundraisers: Capital Campaigns, Increased Offering Campaigns,

Designer Bag Bingo, etc.

Contact: Gary Warnalis (215-260-5913)

To All Registered Member of the Parish:

In the present state of things one of the things that is more common today than in the past is many Catholics are unable or not fully participating in weekly Mass. Being a member of the Catholic faith does carry blessings and responsibilities. Therefore, you may wish to participate in our e-giving. This not about money but calling to mind that all of you are part of the life and values of the Parish. All you need do is go to our website and follow the directions for e-giving. It is that easy. Being Catholic I know you will assist us in this regard. This way you participate in the life and needs of your parish though out the year.

Thank you very much,

Rev. Richard P. Connors

Young Disciples



Queen of Angels School, the parish school of St. David's, provides students in Pre-K 3-8th grade with a quality Catholic education that includes the core curriculum subjects enhanced with art, computer, gym, library, music, and Spanish. Grades 5-8 also have an honors math class. The children make regular use of iPads to enhance their learning and every classroom is equipped with a SmartBoard. Our 3rd -8th grade students participate in a 1:1 tablet program utilizing Chromebooks. Our school, faculty and administration have been recognized with various awards over the last few years from organizations such as the National Catholic Education Association, PA Affiliate of the Council on American Private Education (PA CAPE Net), the National Liberty Museum, Foundation for Catholic Education, the Philadelphia Phillies. Our music program that includes classroom music, band, and chorus and our Future City STEM program for 7th and 8th grade has won national acclaim. The value of our Pre-K program, which offers full and half day programs, in terms of quality of education and price surpasses all. Before and After School care is offered from 7:00 AM-6:00 PM. If you would like more information about our school, please contact Sister Margaret Rose Adams, our principal at 215-659-6393 or smadams@qoaschool.org or visit our website, qoaschool.org. Queen of Angels is located at 401 N. Easton Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090.





Our Lady of Confidence School: This school is one of four special education schools in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The program is designed to serve children/young adults (1 year - 21 years of age) with an intellectual disability. The mission of Our Lady of Confidence Day school, a Middle States accredited Catholic special education school of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, is to facilitate the complete development of the students with intellectual disabilities to their fullest potential: spiritually, intellectually, vocationally, physically and emotionally. The OLC program, rooted in Gospel love, embraces the value of life and is committed to guiding students on the path to independence in order that they may become vital contributing members of society.

Contact: Dr. Angela Johnson (215-657-9311)

Parish School of Religion: Saint David Parish provides assistance to parents of children who attend public school. In this Catechetical Program children are prepared for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Teachers and volunteers meet the children on Thursday afternoon at 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM in Queen of Angels Lower School and on Thursday evening at 6:45 PM to 8:00 PM in Queen of Angels Lower School, Our Lady of Confidence and Fr. Curran Hall. If you are interested in being a catechist or aide please let us know.

Contact: Sister Mary St. Mark (215-659-4059)

Catholic Youth Organization: CYO exists for parish youth to grow in Christian maturity through a variety of activities. By combining an athletic outlet with social, cultural, service and spiritual ministries, emphasis is placed on becoming responsible participants with in our faith community.

Contacts: CYO Board

Pete Fayette, President, peterfayette@gmail.com Nicole Dernoski, VP, ndernoski@gmail.com Melissa Feilke, Athletic Director, memo928@comcast.net Meghan Stelacio, Asst Athletic Director, meg260714@yahoo.com Shawn Hopkins, Asst Athletic Director, hopkins41@yahoo.com Theresa White, Community Service Coordinator, whitetheresam@gmail.com

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Dana Fiedler, Dance coordinator

Junior IHM Companions in Prayer and Ministry: Girls (grades 3 to 8) gather twice a month (or bi-monthly) to learn about the IHM spirituality and charism There are also presentations on the liturgical year, lives of the saints, devotion to Mary, and other important Catholic customs and traditions through prayer services, art projects, service projects etc. The gatherings conclude with refreshments and prayer. The meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the Queen of Angels Art/Spanish classroom. **Contact: Sr. Michele Crawford (convent 215-659-0445)**

E.P.I.C. Catholic Youth Group: EPIC strives to keep teens, who are in Grades 8 through 12, engaged in their faith. EPIC meets weekly for either a ministry event where teens can discuss, learn, pray, and worship with their peers: a social event for building relationships



with other teen members; or a service project to share the love of Christ with others. The most anticipated event for the teens is the Steubenville Youth Conference and Beach Retreat held in the summer. More information can be found at the website: epicyouthgroup.wordpress.com

Contact: Dave Dombrowski (215-500-6840) or email E.P.I.C.inform@gmail.com, or Tricia Holler (267-495-6933)

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When you bring your children to weekly Mass starting early in their lives, they learn a pattern and become comfortable in the church. Remember, a parish is made of up families. Bring the babies too. Like families, we like to be together for the Holidays. For Catholics, every Sunday is like the family dinner on Blue Bloods. We make the time because we love our family.

Contact: Amy Fayette: (215-657-2979)

Disciples of Temporal Matters

Parish Pastoral Council: To serve as a consultative body for the pastor in the caring for the spiritual needs of the parish. The Council assists the pastor in the development and implementation of the parish mission statement and parish planning. The Council focuses on determining the best ways of meeting the spiritual needs of every parishioner.

Contact: Gary Warnalis (215-260-5913)

Parish Finance Committee: Appointed and elected members of the parish who act as an advisory board on all parish financial matters.

Contact: Gary Warnalis (215-260-5913)



The Birth and 100 Year Growth of St. David from Mission to Parish

St. David Parish grew out of the Montgomery County community around her. In 1890, a small frame Catholic chapel, named St. Louis, was built on Penn Street in Hatboro to serve the community. Fr. Augustine Rufe, Pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Ambler, took the train to Hatboro every 2nd Sunday to conduct 2 Masses at the Mission Chapel. Masses were discontinued and restarted in Hatboro several times until 1916 and local Catholics often attended Mass at Immaculate Conception Parish in Jenkintown when the Hatboro Chapel was not available. The Archdiocesan office in 1916 urged Fr. Rufe to consider relocating his St. Luke's Glenside mission church in Hatboro to a track of land purchased on Easton Road (then "Doylestown Pike") in Willow Grove. Local Catholics in the area pooled their talents in a common building effort to build St. David's Chapel, rumored to be named after a local Catholic man, David Nolan, who dedicated his efforts until sundown each day to build the chapel with others.

The chapel was dedicated in December 1916 as a mission of St. Luke's church. The chapel was 28 feet by 70 feet with seating capacity of several hundred to attend Mass each Sunday. The main altar was flanked by two angels, and the statues of Mary and St. Joseph were located in the front

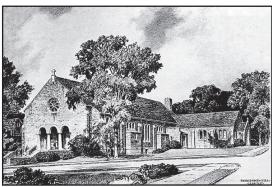
corners of the church. The Archdiocesan office decided in 1919 that the chapel mission should become its own parish. The small chapel served the slowly emerging Catholic population and finally in June 1919 Fr. Edward J. Curran was named its first pastor. In upcoming years, nearby houses were bought to serve as a rectory and convent, which allowed St. David's first school to open in 1920, with classes first held in the chapel, and later moved to first floor of the convent when it was completed

As the Willow Grove Catholic Community expanded in the 1920's, it was apparent more ground and a larger church was needed. Additional land was purchased at an adjoining location. By 1923 the parish consisted of a chapel and two houses serving as a convent and rectory (which also housed classrooms). A permanent school was built in 1926. The depression hit the world economy in late 1920's and no further building would occur on parish grounds for 26 years. The 1930's found hard times due to the Great Depression and the people and parish were greatly affected. The new buildings had put St. David Parish into deep debt, but parishioners held fund raisers to support the parish. The faith life of St. David continued to flourish as the first "Christian Doctrine" (CCD) was established in the 1930's to support those children attending public school. World War II began in 1939, and many of the young men of the parish left to serve their country. This too changed the pattern of American life. The administration of St. David throughout the 1940's was a difficult job for any priest. Fr. Curran was caring for the spiritual as well as the financial needs of the parish by forming parish councils, financial committees, ecumenism, peace programs and civil rights.



Fr. John Healy was appointed parish administrator in 1941 due to Father Curran's health problems. He brought zeal and dedication back to the parish and helped the parish grow in the 1950's from a single priest to a pastor, two assistant pastors and visiting clergy on Sundays. There were six Masses celebrated on Sundays at St. David Chapel, two at Fulmer Heights and three at the Penn Fruit Market auditorium. Fr. Healy recognized the need for a larger church and ground breaking took place in July 1951.

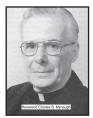
The real success of building the new church was that many parishioners donated windows, pews, Stations of the Cross, lighting fixtures, public address systems, shrines, and all the needs to build a beautiful, completely new church. Masses were first celebrated in the church basement in September 1952 and then in the Upper Church in December 1952. Father Healy was named second pastor in 1955 after the death of Fr. Curran but unfortunately also died seven months later.





Reverend Monsignor Adolph J. Baum, LL.D. 1956-1972

Monsignor Adolph Baum was appointed 3rd pastor in 1956 and saw to the completion of a new school and a new convent. The 1960's affected the church through the effects of the Second Vatican Council, which had the main altar established with the priest facing the congregation and the Mass was changed from Latin to English. Early in the 1970's the lay people took over as Ministry of the Lectors.



Monsignor Charles Mynaugh became the 4th pastor as Monsignor Baum's declining health forced him into retirement in 1972. He introduced the congregation to a more personal response to the "Peace Greeting" and the saying of daily Mass in the Chapel, previously used on Sundays only for a "crying room" and for Baptisms. Msgr. Mynaugh also brought to St. David the St. Charles Seminary Deaconate program with our first deacon, Thomas Furey. Several other men have come to St. David

as deacons and contributed their time and talents. The Charismatic Renewal program was introduced in the 1970's, as well as other spiritual programs like reconciliation services, consecration of the community of Willow Grove, and "Home Masses."

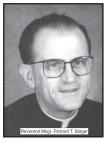


Reverend Michael Marek was appointed the 5th pastor when Msgr. Mynaugh transferred in 1976 over his concerns over parish debt levels. He continued to support the many spiritual programs that were part of this active parish and tried to manage down the large parish debt. He introduced "Increased Offertory Program" and other initiatives to reduce the debt; however, this financial pressure caused him to request a transfer in 1979. Rev. Marek brought many parish missions that filled the church to capacity.



That is when the 6th pastor came to St. David, Father Daniel Gallagher. Father Gallagher saw the strenuous task of parish debt and established the first parish Financial Committee to lend its recommendations for handling parish finances. Father started using lay people for Eucharistic Ministry. Father's greatest achievement took several years but through frugal spending and generosity of parishioners, the parish debt was reduced from \$700,000 to \$300,000 and finally the parish was virtually free of the large debt of

building the schools and convent. A final project of Father Gallagher was to air condition the church before requesting his transfer in 1992.



Our 7th pastor, Monsignor Richard T. Bolger came to St. David in June 1992. Aside from a desire to provide parishioners with clean, well-functioning buildings and equipment, Monsignor's foremost concern was the spiritual needs of the parish. He established shrines to St. John Neumann and Blessed Katharine Drexel in the parish chapel and encouraged parishioner support in existing parish organizations. He established the first St. Vincent DePaul Society in 1992 and the Pastoral Council in 1993. Monsignor expanded gifts for the

underprivileged at Norristown State Hospital, celebrated Mass once a month for nurses and health-care workers, and reinstituted the ministry of seminarians to the parish. Monsignor was instrumental in bringing to the St. David School campus the Our Lady of Confidence School, a Catholic special education school of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia designed to serve children/young adults with an intellectual disability. He, in addition, created a parish spiritual mission in honor of his sister, Marion. The Marion Bolger Recreational Program is a program that provides recreational and social activities for young adults with severe cognitive and physical impairments who have transitioned from the educational program.



Our 8th pastor. Rev. Richard P. Connors was assigned to St. David Parish in 1999 as an assistant to Msgr. Richard T. Bolger. After ten years Father Connors was assigned to Nativity BVM in Philadelphia. In 2013 Father Connors was assigned by Archbishop Charles Chaput as Pastor of St. David Church succeeding Msgr. Bolger. Drawing upon his past experience at St. David, Father Connors continued the direction and spirit that Msgr. Bolger provided from 1992 to 2013. With Father Connors' leadership and support all the spiritual, social and educational needs have continued and have grown. The

changing needs of Catholics present new challenges but with the help of many active, involved and caring parishioners and with Father Connors' support and encouragement, our parish needs continue to be met while the direction of the parish is strong.

In this directory you will find many organizations and groups that serve our parish. However, first and foremost is the celebration of the Sacraments, especially Mass and Confession, and meeting parishioners' spiritual needs such as baptisms, weddings, and funerals. As chaplain for our local nursing home and for Abington Hospital, the Sacrament of the Sick was made available. Children who attended Mass on Sunday always knew where to find the lollypops after Mass.

As vocations to the Church are few, many parishes that used to have more than one priest have found that the pastor is now the only one offering priestly ministry. But, at the same time, laity of the parish stepped up to assist in the needs of the people of our parish. The Parish Council, the Finance Council, and the 100th Anniversary Committee have particular importance. Having said the above, St. David is also blessed to have two Permanent Deacons, William F. Eliason (ordained 1995) and Christopher J. Mars (ordained 2017) who minister sacramentally and educationally to the parish.

Through the capable assistance of many people: choir, EM's, lectors, ushers, rectory staff, deacons, excellent schools, youth programs etc. and YOU, we are "living our baptism calling to witness to Christ". This is why we began as a parish 100 years ago, and it still the why we are parish today and every day.

Vocations from the Parish

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Daniel E. Mackle

Michael Speziale

Diocese of Camden

Robert T. Matysik

Diocese of Tucson, AZ

Domenico Pinti

Oblates of St. Francis De Sales

Edward F. O'Connell

C.M. - Vencentions

Elmer Bauer, Jr. C.M.

Missionaries of the Sacred Heart

Bro. David Graber

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Sr. M. Conradine (Agnes Lehman)

Sr. Irma Teresa Lutz (Stella Lutz)

Sr. Margaret Conboy

Sr. Eileen Thomas

Sr. Arleen Renshaw

Sr. Rita Alma

Sr. Clare Gertrude (Alice Davitt)

Sr. Loretta Therese (Elizabeth Phillips)

Sr. Richard Ignatius (Barbara Sender)

Sr. Theresa Anne (Catherine Cicala)

Sr. Francis Felice (Cecilia Sheridan)

Sr. Rosemarie Westermann

Sr. Linda Jean Nadzan

Sr. Mary Ellen McKenna

Sr. Susan Walsh

Sr. Suzanne Foley

Sr. Mary McCann

Sr. Mary Ann Spaetti

Sr. Marie Edwardine Leonard

Sr. Cecelia Lowen, O.P.

Sr. Maryanne Winterberg

Sr. Mary Theresa Campfield, IHM Scranton Diocese

Sr. Anna Joseph (Sarah Nelling)

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Sister Florentinus Marie McFadden Sister M. Annunciation Grant Sister M. Helen Frances Hosev Sister M. Angelita McHugh Sister M. Abmirabilis Haughey

Sister Joan Mary Ryan Sister Mary Beatrice Martin

Sister Maria Nolan

Sister Helene Marie Flynn

Sister Mary Anne Scanlan Sister Miriam Rose Curry Sister Maria Virgo Hegarty Sister Gertrude Miriam Harvey Sister M. Paraclete Flaig

Sister M. Rosa Mystica McNamee Sister Alma Dolores Lavelle

Sister Cyrenia Maria Caffrey Sister Marie Cornelia Dunleavey Sister M. Anne Joachim Schwarz Sister Marie Joseph O'Brian

Sister Mary Augustus Hennessy Sister Mary Anastasia Focht

Sister Maria Margaret McQuaide

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This has been a great year of celebrating the 100th Anniversary of St. David Parish. We look back on all the pastors, deacons, priests, religious and lay people that have touched our lives and were an enduring influence in building a strong parish. We work on continuing to build a parish that is true to our past and responsive to the present. It is only through your continued support of giving time, talent and treasure to the parish community that we can remain vibrant in the upcoming years. Each member of the parish has a role in sharing with the community our faith, hope and love which were characterized in the first 100 years. We thank God for our faith and remember, "Baptism is only the beginning".

-Father Richard Connors