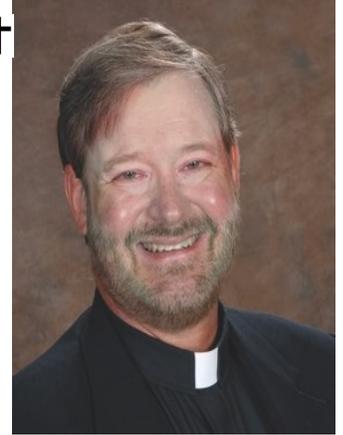


KEVIN'S KERYGMA by Fr. Kevin Warner †



*The king said to me (the queen also was sitting beside him),
“How long will you be gone, and when will you return?”*
[Nehemiah 2:6a]

That was the question posed by King Artaxerxes to Nehemiah after giving him leave to go and rebuild the temple.

“How long will you be gone? It is a question that, for me, has no definite answer yet, but my hope is to be back for Holy Week.

For those of you who missed last month’s article, I had surgery on February 14th to repair a complication from my original hip replacement. One of the tendons that had been moved for the original surgery did not stay put after being reattached and now I am told to be very careful, not to rush the recovery because the worst thing that could happen is a second separation.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards, and other assistance that has been rendered. Like most in the ministry, it is my preference to take care of others, but I am deeply grateful for the love and concern shown by the SJD community.

Finally, you are all in my prayers during this Lenten season. It is my hope that you are engaged in one of the Lenten offerings led by Frs. Lee and David, and that your preparation and recuperation will coincide as we celebrate Holy Week and Easter together.

Blessings!

Fr. Kevin †

II Timothy 1:11

Junior Warden View

Well hello everyone, I'm back! Well sort of anyways. As most of you know I was elected into a new 3 year term on our vestry. And at the Vestry retreat I selected to continue to be your Junior Warden. I am blessed and thank you all.

A really big change we made in February was to hire a sexton to be more readily available to us than the cleaning service we had. We are growing and fast! Our new Sexton is Anthony Patino and he's a friendly guy!

Because we are growing so quickly, and my mind is getting more quickly slower, I am re-instituting a system started a few years ago, the **SJD MAINTENANCE FORM**. There are now 2 locations with blank forms and a place to put them when completed. One is where it always was in the Parish Hall and the other one is in the work room in the Banner building.

When you see or know of something that needs repair or doing or anything of a buildings and grounds need, fill out a form and I will review it and do what is required. I just can no longer listen, nod my head and remember. Plus with it being written, I have a reference whenever we need to review a project.

So, help an old guy out, and fill out the form...

GOD Bless

Greg



Wednesday - April 8

Healing Service & Holy Eucharis 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday - April 9

Foot-washing, Holy Communion,
Stripping of the Altar 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday – April 1

Stations of the Cross, *DaySpring* 10:00 a.m.
7 Last Words, *SJD* Noon to 3:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil – April 11

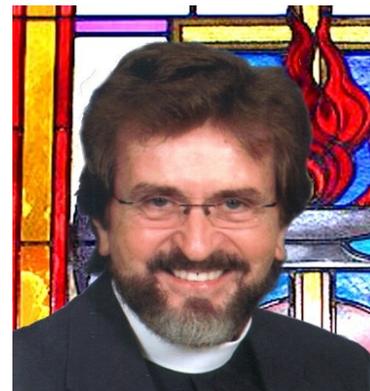
Easter Vigil Service 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 12

Holy Eucharist 7:45, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Egg Hunt (Pre K-5th) 10:00 a.m.

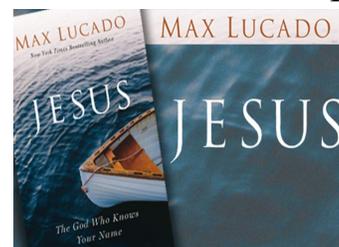
WORDS OF WISDOM
YOU BELIEVE JESUS IS GOD
BUT DO YOU THINK OF HIM
AS A REAL PERSON?



March is the month for Lent and the opportunity to prepare for glorious Easter. Special classes, Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon, will be held for those wishing to make ready for Easter by observing a Holy Lent. The History, Structure and Theology of Holy Eucharist is the class Father David will be presenting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday following a light supper. Then, at 2:00 p.m., on Thursday afternoon, you are invited to a video presentation by Max Lucado. I will be leading a discussion following the study.

The study on Thursday is titled “Jesus—The God Who Knows Yours Name”. To help you understand what this study is all about I offer the following quote from the series:

For thirty-three years, Jesus felt everything that we have ever felt: weakness, weariness, rejections. His feelings got hurt. His feet grew tired. His head ached. To think of Jesus in such terms almost seems irreverent. It is much easier to keep the humanity out of the incarnation. Clean up the manure from around the manger. Pretend he never snored or hit his thumb with a hammer. There is something about keeping Jesus divine that keeps him distant, packaged, and predictable. But we have to remember that the people who saw Jesus first saw him as a person. The study inspires us to spend time at the foot of the cross and search the heart of the one who would rather die for us than to live without us.



Each of the six weekly sessions will be an hour in length including discussion and will be streamed on the internet for those unable to attend.

Blessings,

Father Lee †

Ramblings of an Over-Caffeinated, Sleep Deprived Millennial



Notes on Watching the Live Stream

Hello Everyone! I wanted to assist with what seems to be a common issue: how to watch the Live Streams, how to watch their recordings, and how to share. We have great viewership on our Live Streams (see the numbers in the Annual Meeting Report or last month's article) and we are excited about how well they have been doing. But this is an offering for everyone, and I want to make it as easy as possible for all that are interested in viewing.

Watch the Live Streams – The easiest way to access the Live Stream is through the website, on the top right of the website (regardless of what page you are viewing on the site) there is a button that says: “Watch Live!”. When you hit that, it takes you to our Live Stream on YouTube. If you wish to be notified when we put out a video or start a Live Stream, you can Subscribe to our YouTube channel, it is the best way to stay up to date. From there you can go to YouTube to watch all our videos or you can receive either emails or notifications on your smart phones. All you need to subscribe is a google account, which is the same as a Gmail account.

Watching Past Live Stream's Recordings – Every Live Stream is saved to YouTube, and you can watch and rewatch any live stream on our YouTube channel. I have also made a page on our website to showcase all our [Live Streams](#). It is under the [Media tab](#), I hope this makes them easier to find. So all our video offerings should be findable on our Website and YouTube.

How to Share – Now I know this one is going to be difficult to explain, but I will try my best. I have heard from a few people their desire to share a service or sermon in the past. If you wish to share, every video on YouTube has a share button on it. You look at the bottom right of the video you are watching (not in full screen) and you can see the Share button. You click that and it will give you options on where to share. There are many options and you may need to scroll left or right to see the one you want, but let's concentrate on two: Facebook and Email. When you select the Facebook icon it will bring up options to share on your page or you can choose to share to someone else's page or other options. If you select email the computer (or phone) will bring up your primary emailer (outlook, gmail, apple mail, etc.), make a new email with the link in the body of the email. From there you can fill out the email as you please and address it to who you wish to send it to.

I hope this helps you all. I know it isn't very extensive, but I wanted to address some of the concerns I was hearing. Please enjoy our video offerings, and I will keep looking into making it easier to access.

Thank you all,

Tristan M. Warner
Media & Tech Specialist

OUTREACH TEAM

The Dominican Development Group announced the Mission project for 2020. The Iglesia y Albergue Santo Nombre de Jesus Catalina, Bani located 45 minutes west of Santo Domingo (the capital of Dominican Republic) will be the focus of our work beginning this summer.

Currently, Santa Nombre is an overloaded open-air pole barn created with trees who have had their bark removed and a roof made of tin. It will soon have a formed concrete floor, concrete block walls and first floor roof. The church will also serve as a Hurricane shelter for the residents of Catalina.

This will be the thirty-first church since the inception of the Dominican Development Group 22 years ago.



We have three Missionaries so far who planning on returning to the Dominican Republic this year – Linda Burmeister, Mark Hunter and Annie Hunter and we will be traveling to work from June 20 through the 27.

"Election Night Fundraiser - We are looking for about 14 volunteers to help out at both the South Shore Library and the Ruskin Library on Tuesday, March 17th from about 6pm-9pm. The work load is minimal, but the more people we get to help out (up to 14) the more money we raise towards the Dominican Republic Mission Trip. Please contact Katie Arp, or Mark and Annie Hunter if you have any questions or are interested!"

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us 813- 645-8366 or 813-842-0755

Mark and Annie Hunter, Team #3 DR Leaders St. John Divine



We are collecting individually wrapped candy for 100 Easter baskets for the Lord's Lighthouse children, Miracles Outreach girls and for SJD's Easter egg hunt. You may place your candy donations in the Lord's Lighthouse area of the parish hall. Thank you for helping.



Daily Morning Prayer – SJD is offering a service of Morning Prayer, in the Sanctuary, weekdays at 9:00am beginning . Please join us and start your day in prayer. If you are interested in learning to Officiate this service, please contact Fr. David.

March Outreach Focus

Our Outreach Focus this month is Choices Women's Center.

Choices has been in operation for over 25 years, providing compassionate Christian care and support to teens, women, couples and families in our community facing unplanned pregnancies. Choices is a non-profit medical clinic providing free medical services and accurate information on all options regarding unplanned pregnancy, including education on abortion, adoption and parenting. All of their services are provided in a warm and private atmosphere. Unlike other clinics, they do not benefit financially from any choice. Using their network of resources and referral services they seek to meet the challenges and needs of every client, regardless of circumstance. On Sunday, March 15, their Client Services Director, Rosie Silva will be our guest and share about the ministry of Choices. Not only do they provide pre-natal services, but also ongoing support for up to a year following birth and parenting courses. Their pantry is stocked with baby clothes and diapers for those who cannot afford them and so, we are asking all of you to bring in an item or two for our "Baby Shower" on or before Sunday, the 15th. Most needed at this time are baby/toddler clothes from infant up to 2T.



Sharon Van Loan

OUTREACH MISSION

Our mission as set out in scripture is to be a light to the world. SJD is an example of such a light. We help the poor in our community by providing funds, food, clothing and goods. We continue support of the Dominican Republic by mission trips and financial support. We serve school children by providing backpacks and supplies, babies by giving diapers and desperately needed items and the elderly by delivering food to shut-ins. We help young people who have been trafficked and abused, we contribute to worthy Veteran [charities](#) [causes](#) and we help animals. We give to people who suffer unbearable weather disasters. All this is accomplished only by the contributions of our caring parishioners and with our partnership with Episcopal Relief and Development. ERD continues to be first on the scenes of unbelievable suffering in the world. [Each month an outreach mission chosen by our church is set out for our attention.](#) If you would like to be a part of our Outreach Ministry please contact Sharon Van Loan. Let all of us through SJD Outreach continue bringing light to God's world.



MIRACLES OUTREACH

At Miracles Outreach we believe that miracles happen every day. We have the awesome opportunity to witness the transformation that our children go through. The girls with Miracles Outreach have been through more than an average person can fathom. You heard stories on the news of children being abused, neglected and abandoned along with these types of abuse we also work with victims of human trafficking. Yes, this happens right in our own backyard. This leaves many to ask who's going to take these children and give them Hope and the tools they need to succeed. At Miracles we provide them with Love, security, and structure to help them break the cycle and become strong independent women.

We cannot do this without the support of the community. In 2018 our organization took a leap of faith and purchased a 73-acre campus with the hopes, of helping more teen girls find a better way of life. That leap of faith cost over \$1,000,000.

We see miracles happen every day. Miracles come in both small and large accomplishments. A Miracles teen tackles her first day of school and gets through the day without a panic attack or any upsets. A Miracles child works with her therapist to cope and deal with her past and learns to give and accept love. This list goes on and on, but the reality is Miracles Outreach staff work hard to keep these teens no matter what challenges they face.

Our Outreach team had the opportunity to visit this new facility recently and all were touched by what is happening with this program. If you would like to know more about their visit and what is happening please contact the church office.

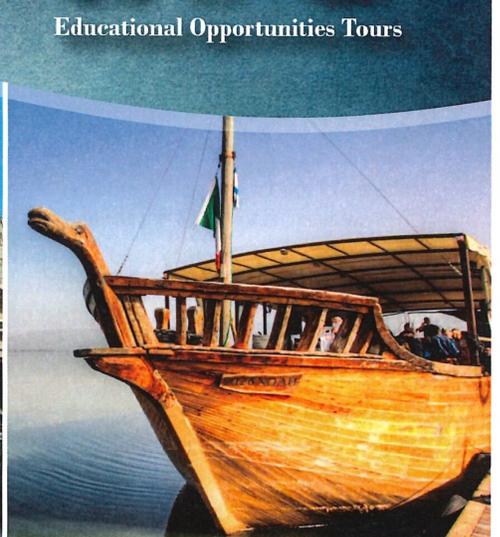
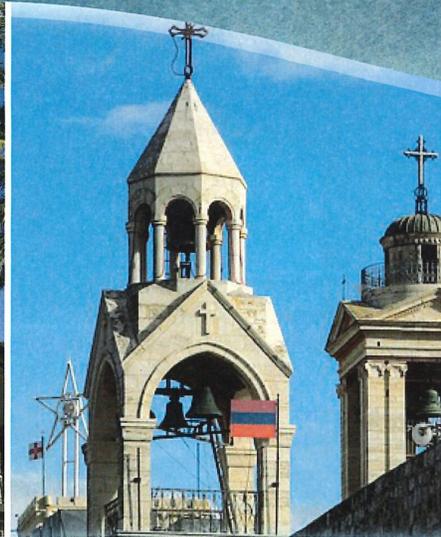
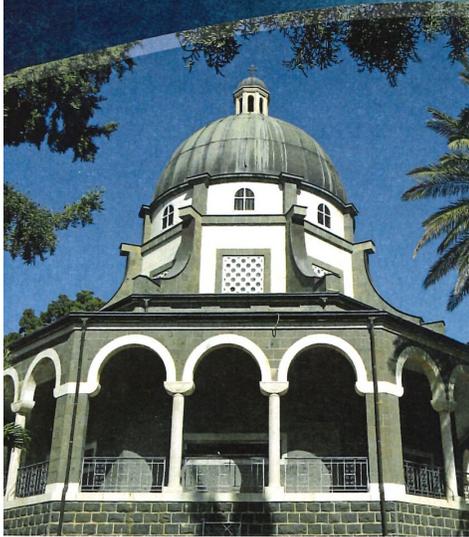
Please consider being a part of a miracle by making a [donation](#) of any amount to help with our cause. Will you walk in faith with us and be one of our Miracles? Remember that your donation is tax-deductible. Please contact 813-374-2184 or visit our web page at www.miraclesoutreach.org.



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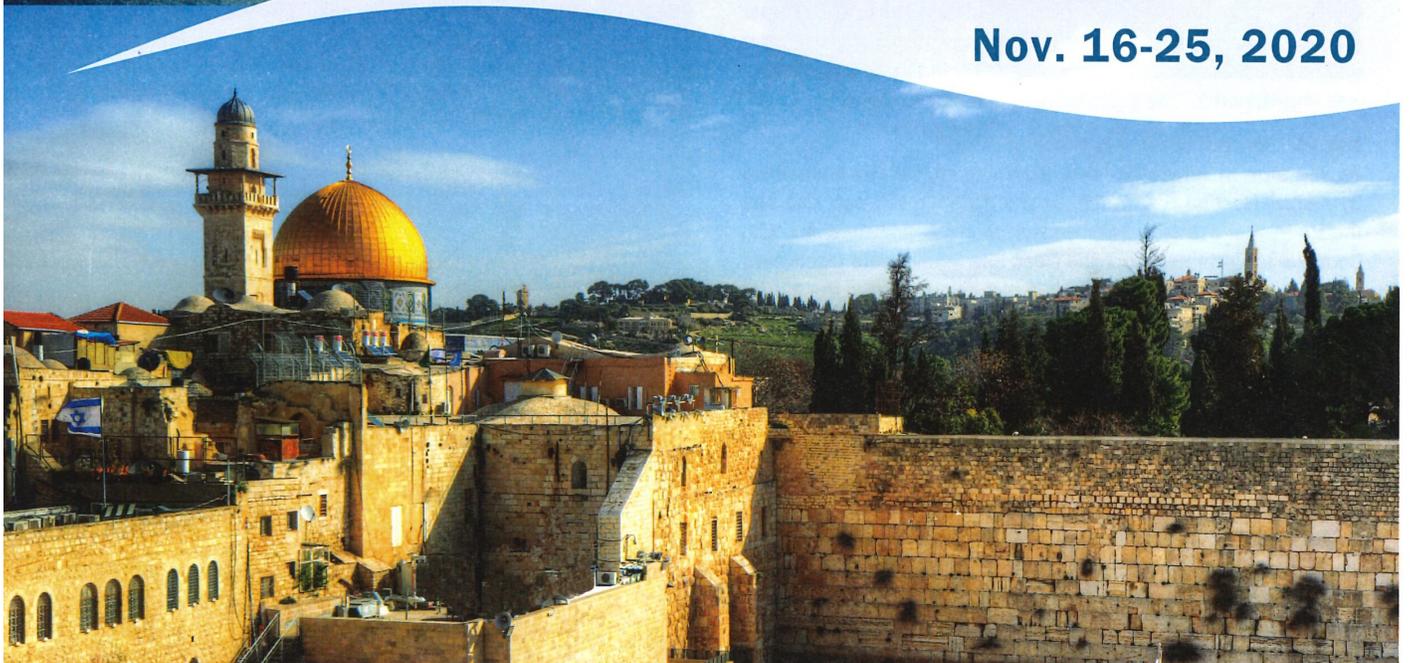
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3/5 Mary B. Hilderbrand
3/5 Kathi Davis
3/5 David R. Sample
3/6 Katherine Lanoue
3/7 Nancy Ann Setford
3/10 Robert Stamper
3/11 Barbara Garside
3/11 Rudy Ann Joseph
3/11 Chase Walker Garis
3/14 Katie Arp
3/15 Robert J. MacDonald
3/15 Eugene F. Doyle
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3/22 George Mieczyjak
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3/26 Nancy M. Lillie
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3/28 Dawn E. Hennen
3/28 Al DeMellier
3/29 Valerie J. Bryant
3/30 Dorothy E. Pagnini
3/30 Maureen Elaine Ashley
3/31 Roger D. Mills

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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3/4 Aubrey & Clare Thompson
3/10 Don & Carrie Van Gleder
3/15 Troy & Brenda Coman
3/20 Bill & Linda Duhn
3/22 Carl & Brenda Wales
3/30 John & Susan Howell





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