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The Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist

The Rev. David DeSalvo, Priest-in-Charge



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday Worship Online



9:00 am Morning Prayer on Zoom

PC/Smartphone/tablet: <https://bit.ly/StJBSundayMorning>
Join by phone: 312-626-6799 or 929-205-6099,
Meeting ID: 993 0976 0596, Password: 025189

Worship will include "A Sacred Meal for a Dispersed Community" as part of the morning liturgy. Participants are asked to bring bread and wine for the Agape Meal.

Immediately followed by a Zoom virtual coffee hour

Note: the Bulletin will be provided by email and visible on screen.



Sunday Lectionary Readings

- 2 Kings 2:1-12
- 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
- Mark 9:2-9
- Psalms 50:1-6

Announcements

- Morning Prayer: Sunday, Feb 14 at 9:00 am on Zoom with Agape Meal. Followed by Zoom Coffee Hour.
- Shrove Tuesday Zoom Supper, Tuesday, Feb 16 at 6 PM on Zoom. We enjoy our favorite Shrove Tuesday meals together and then make ashes for imposition on Ash Wednesday.
- Bible Study: Wednesday, Feb 17 at Noon on Zoom. Scripture: Letter to the Hebrews, Theme: The Early Church. Contact Fr. Dave for the Zoom invite.
- Ash Wednesday Service: Wednesday, Feb 17 at 6:00 pm joint Zoom Service with Wakefield UCC. Meet their new Pastor, Dr. Tere Krueger. Bring your own ashes (we will create ashes at home—on our own or with others on Zoom after Shrove Tuesday supper) OR contact Fr. Dave to send you ashes. See more below about ashes at home.
- Study Group: The Sacred Ground study group "circle" will meet Feb 23 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.



Father Dave's Office Hours

Wednesday, Feb 17 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
On Zoom: <https://bit.ly/StJBOfficeHours>
or call Fr. Dave at 302.824.6272

Emergencies, please call Fr. Dave at 302.824.6272

Shrove Tuesday

Zoom "Pancake" (or whatever) Supper

Bring your "traditional" Shrove Tuesday pancakes -- or whatever you prefer for dinner. Gather online for a friendly supper.



After the meal we will make ashes for imposition on Ash Wednesday.

Join on the usual "Sunday" Zoom link:

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Ash Wednesday Service

with First Congregational Church of Wakefield UCC

6:00 pm on Zoom



We will again join with our brothers and sisters at FCCW to observe Ash Wednesday...this year on Zoom.

Bring ashes. Join us for pancakes and to make ashes Tuesday evening (more about ashes below)

OR contact Fr. Dave to send ashes in advance.

Hosted on Zoom by FCCW

Join on PC or Smartphone:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85360892418?pwd=c1pkSklaTCtL3ZReDlpSVh2bHZmQT09>

Join by phone (audio only):
929-205-6099 or 301-715-8592
Meeting ID: 853 6089 2418
Passcode: 825091

More from Fr. Dave about ashes at home...

+Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. John the Baptist Church,

I would like to share a few thoughts about Ash Wednesday 2021:

Infection and death rates from the novel Coronavirus continue to increase in every state. Therefore, indoor and in-person gatherings for worship on Ash Wednesday 2021 are being discouraged by Bishop Hirschfeld. This includes ashes-to-go activities, since one cannot impose ashes in a public setting while maintaining six feet of distance. No criticism of churches that are imposing ashes-to-go, but StJB is not taking this risk.

Worshippers may receive the ashes, however, in their own household settings during a Zoom, live-streamed or recorded church service. Any baptized persons, including older children and teens, may place the ashes on the foreheads of others in their households, or on their own foreheads. One does not have to be ordained or licensed to impose ashes on others or on themselves.

Guidelines for Making Ashes
At home before the Ash Wednesday service:

- Gather ashes and place them in a small dish or bowl. Ashes may be from your own fireplace or fire pit, or from the burning of leaves, or writing sins or regrets on a piece of paper and then burning them. If you have palm branches or palm crosses from previous years, these are particularly appropriate to burn. Very little ash is needed.
- Determine which household member will place the ashes on the foreheads of others. The appropriate words will be in the bulletin.
- Join the Zoom service at 6pm on Ash Wednesday using the link provided (or click the link on Facebook to view the recorded service later).
- Listen carefully to the explanation of the action offered by the presiding minister before the service begins.
- After the readings, the homily and the call to a holy Lent, the worship leader will say the prayer that references the ashes. The leader will then pause. The designated member of the household will stand before other members, dip a thumb into the ashes, then trace the sign of the cross on the forehead of each family member with that thumb, while saying the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Note: Those who are alone in their household may impose ashes on their own foreheads, saying the same words.

6. After each person in the household has received the ashes, the service continues.

Please stay safe, and be especially careful anytime you have an open flame in your home.

David

More from Father Dave

In this world of online, email and video connections, Fr. Dave is busy! If you have not yet seen his messages...



Visit our website's "Church Online" page:

<https://www.stjohnnb.org/church-online>
for pastoral letters, videos and prayers.



Thanks to all for sending in your pledge cards and for continuing to support the Building Campaign.

If you have not yet pledged, to see us continue to grow and serve the community, please click on the form above or click here to download a 2021 Pledge Form, print it, complete it and mail it in. Or if you prefer to pledge online, send an email with your pledge information to the church at stjohnnb@gmail.com.

Prayer List: Elijah, Jack, Claire, Joanne L., Tim, Sean, Jenifer and family, Paul, Joanna, Nathan, Fran, Maria, Dan, the Walker family, Joe and Carol, Sue A. & Jim, Anne, Barry, Harry, Thomas, Sebrina and Tyler, Diane, Pat F., Hazel, John, Tess, Jeffrey, Michele, Peggy Sue, Martha, Deidre, Victoria, Caroline, Julie, Harrison, Paula, Olara, John, Glenda, Tyler, Roberto and family, Meg, Joanne, Tony S., Pamela, Earl, Michael, Galen, Dennis, Evan, Sharon, Ed, Amos and Jan, Steve, Martha C., Dick, Jerry, Brian, Hap, Ken, Tara, Sydney, Murphy, Kathy, Alex, Autumn, Ofin, Bobby's family, Julie, Kirt and his family, the Froehling family, Ruth, Richard and Lisa, Connie, Meagan, Sal, Mickey, Dave T., Pam D., John, Rick and Nancy, Johnny, Stacey, Brian, the family of Joan, Steve, Patty, Jim, Mary Beth's family and the Tylers, Robert M., Jean and Wanda, Barbara, David M., Robert., The Branca family, Robert M.

Military Prayer List: Jeremy, Colton, Kevin, David, Maxwell, Martin, Tyler, Alex.



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