

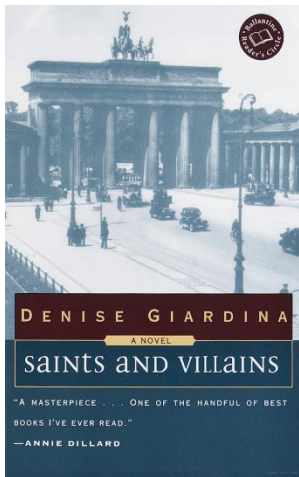
Shepherdstown Ministerial Association *Invites you to:*

# A COMMUNITY READ

**Lent 2025 in March & April**

## ***“Saints and Villains”***

**By Denise Giardina**



A novel about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian and Nazi resister. Bonhoeffer risked his life in vocal resistance to German nationalism and finally lost it through his participation in a failed plot to assassinate Hitler and topple his regime. (Books may be purchased at “The Four Seasons Bookstore,” 114 W. German St., Shepherdstown, WV, (304)876-3486.)

### **\*MEET THE AUTHOR EVENT\***

Dr. Denise Giardina will be with us to discuss, “Saints and Villains” on Tuesday, April 8 (Place & Time: TBA). Dr. Giardina is a West Virginian native and taught English at West Virginia State College. She is a licensed lay preacher in the Episcopal Church.

### **\*SMA Community Read Discussion Group\***

The Discussion Group will be held on four Tuesdays in Lent at 7 p.m. at the Parlor at Trinity House (Trinity Episcopal Church). Both In-person and on Zoom. Dates: March 11, 18, 25, April 1. Facilitators will be the Rev. Gethin Weid and the Rev. Karen Erskine-Valentine.

### ***How can you participate?***

- 1. Join the SMA Community Read Discussion Group in the Parlor at Trinity House on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. In-person and on Zoom. Dates: March 11, 18, 25, April 1 and meet Dr. Giardina on April 8.***
- 2. Read the novel on your own and attend an evening with the author on April 8, Place & Time: TBA.***
- 3. Don't have time to read? No problem, come and meet the author and learn more about Dietrich Bonhoeffer on April 8, Place & Time: TBA***
- 4. Watch for individual church events or studies related to Dietrich Bonhoeffer.***

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