

Saints Alive!

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Saints Alive Newsletter

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Welcome to the second issue of The All Saints Episcopal Church monthly newsletter! We are hoping that by creating this newsletter the lines of communication will remain open and everyone will feel a stronger connection to our community of faith. We encourage all members of the church to contribute to this endeavor. Please contact either Cynthia or Caitie by email, or leave your news or announcements in the mailbox labeled "Newsletters."

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Mission Statement

We are one with the Spirit
We are one with the Lord
We are a renewed community
of Faith;

A nurturing family called to share the Lord's message
of
Love, Compassion, and Peace



A Message from Rev. Bailey

Greetings,

April begins with Holy Week and Easter. After a season of Lent filled with flowers and fish swimming around our church walls, with new volunteers and ideas for raising much need funds to fill our deficit gap, with the wonderful symbols of Lent provided by the Altar Guild, the holiest week of our year begins. The Lenten group on Sundays has shared soup and learned more about our church history and the Book of Common Prayer. The Wednesday liturgies have been focused on the 23rd Psalm and Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In the midst of our busy lives, we have shared times of deepening our relationship to Jesus, of sharing stories and fun. All this has been preparation for Holy Week.

And now the pace intensifies as we move from the joy of the palm strewn procession on Palm Sunday, through the moment of deep communion as we share Jesus last supper with his disciples, to the darkness that covered the world on Good Friday. Jesus despair and suffering, the rending of the Temple curtain, the faith of one thief and the centurion,

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GOALS for 2009!*

- 1) Sign and Landscape
 - a. **Vestry** – Money, Presentation, Show Up, Recruit.
 - b. **Clergy** – Cheerleader
 - c. **Congregation** – Show Up, Contribute, Donations, Support, Expertise
- 2) Communication
 - a. **Vestry**- Creating newsletter, Phone Tree, Be Open, Info – clearance
 - b. **Clergy**- Write Articles, Recruit, Follow Through
 - c. **Congregation**- Read, Provide Info, Ask Questions, Input
- 3) Music
 - a. **Vestry**- Define what, Education at Music, Budget
 - b. **Clergy**- Supervision, Select
 - c. **Congregation**- Sing
- 4) Fellowship
 - a. **Vestry** – Find out Interest, Recruit, Delegate, Show Up, Be Example
 - b. **Clergy**- Show Up, Support
 - c. **Congregation**- Attend, Invite, Set Up, Clean Up, Participate

**All Saints' Episcopal Church Vestry Retreat 2009*

Altar Flowers

Anyone wishing to give flowers for the Altar on Sunday can sign up for a specific date on the flower chart in the Parish Hall, call the church office or contact Ruth Gower at 508-222-0963.

Easter Flower Memorials

It is time to sign up for Easter Flower Memorials! Please see Ruth Gower during coffee hour in the parish hall on Sunday's During March!

Sunday School

Sunday School classes are held on Sunday's at 10am.

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connects to our sufferings and times of despair and our faith. We can not get to the joy of resurrection without the pain and suffering of the Cross. Our Sunday School Children have been making crosses that have decorated the Parish Hall windows. All Saints has been through times of tribulation, but we are still a resurrection people.

That may mean different things to different people. We each experience times of new life in our lives at different times. Hopefully each of us can recall times when the darkness broke and light shown in our lives again. That is what the resurrection and Easter Day is all about. Among the new clothes and chocolate bunnies there is the gift of God's greatest love. No card, no Easter gift can equal God's gift.

In the weeks after Easter there will be many Saturday activities. Check the schedule and the write ups in this newsletter and attend as many as you can. We will be putting in new plantings this spring, there will be money raising events, a burst of new life and new energy. Come and be a part of it. Walk with us through Holy Week, rejoice in Easter, support the new happenings in the parish. We are people of the resurrection.

Rev. Bailey

Save The Date!

April 4th: Quilters & Crafters Circle 9am – 11am

April 5th: Palm Sunday (Service will begin in the Parish Hall)

April 9th: Maundy Thursday 7pm Service at All Saints
12pm Service at LaSalette in Attleboro with Rev. Bailey.

April 10th: Good Friday Liturgy: 12pm, Church will be open until 3pm. **Bishop Cedarholm will be with us for the 7:00 service.**

April 11th: Mothers Day Vendor Fair 9am – 1pm in the Undercroft

-Great Vigil of Easter: St. Pauls Church 80 Pleasant St. in Brockton. 7:30pm

April 12th: Easter Day Breakfast 9am, Service at 10am
-Sunrise Service at Capron Park 6:30am at the Newell Shelter. The Rev. Jay Fast, from the Covenant Church will preach.

April 16th: Vestry Meeting at 6:30

April 17th: Movie Night at All Saints. 6:30pm

April 25th & May 9th: Church Yard Clean Up

May 10th: Mother's Day Breakfast 9am in the Parish Hall. 10am Service

May 16th: Bake Table & Yard Sale 9am

Healing Intercessor

On the first and third Sundays, a Healing Intercessor will be available at the side altar for the laying on of hands for healing. You may pray for yourself or pray for others; your prayers can be general or specific and will be kept confidential. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please speak with Rev. Bailey.

Coffee Hour

Come join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service. Please wear your name tag. If you do not have one – see Mike Lavoie.

Lenten Service

Wednesday, April 1st in the Guild Room at 12pm. Rev Dwight Fortune is celebrant.

Bake Table & Yard Sale

A Bake Table and Yard Sale will be held on Saturday May 16th. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Last year we enjoyed the fellowship while FUNdraising! Please no large furniture or mattresses. If you have any questions regarding this event, or would like information, speak with Barbara Dykas 508-761-5526.

For A Birthday

From The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 830

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

April Birthdays

1st: Phil Whitbeck
4th: Beth DiFiore
8th: David DiFiore
11th: Michael Lavoie Jr.
12th: Stephen Cote
13th: Kathleen Hagar
15th: Heinrich Ehlen, Andrew Chretien. Matthew Pertrucci
16th: Cindy Edwards
20th: David Merkle, Harriet Scarfo
22nd: Curt Chretien
23rd: James Brederson, Matthew Taylor
24th: Sue Adams
26th: Meghan
29th: Philip Allard



Choir Members Needed

Fred Brewer, the organist is looking for a group of volunteers interested in singing during the offertory on Sundays. If you want to find out more about the All Saints Choir, please speak to Fred on Sundays!

Crafting & Quilting Circle

The members of the Quilting and Crafting Circle celebrated their one year anniversary at their recent meeting on March 7th! During the year they have enjoyed not only fellowship but have produced 10 quilts, which were donated to the Family Resource Center on Peck Street. The family Resource Center assists homeless families in the area.

In addition to quilting, members also participate in all manner of crafting in preparation for the annual Fall/Christmas Fair. Please join us, we are a fun group!

The next meeting will be on April 4th from 9am – 12pm. For more information, contact Brooke Wolosewicz at 508-226-2309.

They are also looking for a donation of a portable sewing machine. If you have one in good working order that you no longer use, please give Brook a call.

Movie Night

Movie Night will be held on Friday, April 17th at 6:30. We will be watching “Flywheel” Drinks and some snacks will be provided, but we are asking for people to bring along a snack or dessert item to share.

Heifer Project

The Sunday School students would like to thank the members of All Saints Episcopal Church for the generations donations that were made towards their Heifer Project. The Heifer Project helps millions of impoverished families acquire and raise animals, and then watch as they pass on the gift of their new skills and offspring to neighbors in need.

EUM Training

If anyone is interested in Eucharistic Ministry Training, please see Dee Scott for more information.

Attleboro Area Council of Churches

Boxes of cereal and juice boxes are being collected by the Attleboro Area Council of Churches. If you can donate to this on going project, please bring the items to church and leave them on pew in the back of the church.

Mother's Day Shopping Event

All Saints Episcopal Church will be holding a Mothers Day Shopping Extravaganza on Saturday, April 11th from 9am – 1pm. The event will include representatives from companies such as Mary Kay, PartyLite, Silpada, Tastefully Simple, Southern Living At Home to name just a few. Admission is free. Raffle prizes will be given out hourly. All proceeds from this event will be put towards renovating our Nursery Room as well as redeveloping a faith based program for children age 0 -3 and their parents.

Spiritual Life Center

Trinity Church, 47 East Street (Route 140)
Wrentham.

Email: spirituallife@trinitywrentham.org

Website: <http://www.trinitywrentham.org/spirituallife>

Phone: 508-384:3958

Lenten Quiet Evening: Friday, April 3rd. *Christs Journey, Our Journey.* A soup supper will be followed by meditations, led by The Reverend Tara K. Soughers.

Healing Workshop: Friday, April 24th 7-9 This will be led by Pat Warren.

Member Contact Information

Please take a minute to share your email and birthday information. We would like to update our records and include everyone in the weekly birthday blessings during our prayers. The email addresses will be for use within the parish. Please fill out the orange forms that are found in the Parish Hall. Thank You!

From The Catechism

Q: Why is the Church described as Holy?

A: The Church is holy, because the Holy Spirit dwells in it, consecrates its members, and guides them to do God's work.

Q: What is the mission of the Church?

A: The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

Q: How does the Church pursue its mission?

A: The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.

From The Book of Common Prayer, Pages 854 and 855.

The Law of the Garbage Truck

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his breaks, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, he was really friendly. So I asked, 'Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!'

This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.' He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of frustration, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so...

Love the people who treat you right.

Pray for the ones who don't.'

Quote of the Week

Life is ten percent what you make it
and ninety percent how you take it!

- **John Blenkiron**

Bible Study

Bible Study will meet again on Monday, April 13th at 7:15.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day

May 2, 2009 from 10am – 2pm at the Balfour River Walk. The event is free. All families and children are welcome. The event is geared as a day to promote physical activity, and healthy lifestyles to the families of the Attleboro community.

College Fair

Saturday, April 25th, 2009, The National Association of College Admission Counseling will be hosting a college fair at The Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence from 1 – 4pm. The Providence

Holy Week Prayers

Monday in Holy Week

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

Tuesday in Holy Week

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life; Grant us so to the glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Wednesday in Holy Week

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Maundy Thursday

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Good Friday

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Holy Saturday

O God, Creator of heaven and earth: Grant that as the crucified body of your dear Son was layed in the tomb and rested on this Holy Sabbath, so we may await with him the coming of the third day, and rise with him to newness of life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Easter Sunday

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*.

Book of Common Prayer- Collects: Contemporary -Pages 220 - 222

All Saints Ministries

Acolytes

We are thankful for our acolytes, including crucifiers, who assist at the alter on Sunday mornings. If you have a child in 6th grade or older he/she are able to serve in this ministry. For more information contact Kevin Lingard.

Adult Choir

Fred is trying to get together a group to sing at services. Contact Bailey Whitbeck or Fred Brewer.

Alter Guild

The Alter Guild sets up the alter for Sunday worship services for baptisms, weddings and funerals. Training is provided for those who are interested. Contact Ruth Gower.

Bible Study

Bible study is held on Monday evenings at 7:15 in the Guild Room. The Bible is explored in depth. Contact John Blenkiron.

Fellowship

Coffee Hour is held after services on Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall. Please wear your name tag – or see Mike Lavoie if you don't have one.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Lay Eucharistic Ministers are those that help our priest lead Sunday worship services. Duties include administering the chalice during the the Holy Eucharist. If interested Bailey Whitbeck at the parish office.

Lectors

If you don't mind reading in front of others, this ministry is for you. Lectors read the appointed lessons during the Sunday Worship Service. If interested contact Mike Lavoie.

Nursery

A safe and caring environment is provided for children through the age of 3 during the 10am service. Contact Cindy Akers.

Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee has the task of educating and inviting parishioners to give back to the Lord a portion of what He has given us in appreciation and thanksgiving for His blessings. Contact Kathy Doller.

Ushers & Greeters

Ushers and Greeters greet parishioners and guests and perform various functions during services. Volunteers are always welcome. Contact Jimmy England.