



Saints Alive!

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May 2010

Minister's Message

Greetings,

Holy Week and the Easter weekend were wonderful. The readings and liturgies for Holy Week were a powerful way to enter Jesus' story. The Great Vigil of Easter with its two baptisms was very special as we do not celebrate it often. The new fire was lit, not in the dark of night, but on a beautiful afternoon. The Pascal Candle was carried to its place near the baptismal font to the Exsultet. The two babies were cooperative and received the gift of new life. At the Peace they receive lovely baskets from All Saints put together by the Edwards as part of their ministry to the church. Then it was Easter!! The children who had helped to bless the baptismal water, helped to roll away the stone in front of our small tomb. We shouted Alleluia, lit the candles and turned on the lights. Easter had begun! We handed out pansies at the end of the service that Roberta Todd had gotten for the Altar Guild.

Easter Day was another wonderful celebration of resurrection and joy. The children unburied the Alleluia that they had buried on the first Sunday of Lent and then helped to roll away the rock in front of the tomb. The candle in the tomb was lit and the light of Christ shown out again as it will until Pentecost. Pansies were again handed out and the children's activities ended with an egg hunt.

We will continue the Easter season in May. Each week we will celebrate an aspect of the risen Lord. Each week will deepen our understanding of what resurrection means and what it can mean in our lives.

May 9th, Mother's Day will begin with a breakfast at the church. Our men are becoming very accomplished cooks. Come and enjoy. Two weeks later is Pentecost on May 23rd. That is the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. Last year's coffee hour with birthday cakes was so successful we will do it again. There is a sign up list in the Parish Hall for cake makers. Who has a birthday during your month? It is a way to meet people in a new way. There will also be a Deanery Meeting from 2-4 that afternoon, a place to be announced. Our 5 Delegates are invited, but so is anyone who is interested in working with other churches for a year on a specific project, which the churches will decide. It should be an exciting meeting.

The next weekend is Memorial Day weekend, and no it is not the end of church attendance or pledging. As the weather improves it is harder to get to church. Families get caught up in spring sports, family activities, and just enjoying the good weather. Finding a place for church may not be easy, but it is worth while. Last summer we moved the service time to 9, but this year it will remain at 10. I hope that that will allow more people to attend. Our pledging and attendance held up amazingly well last year and I hope we can only do better this year.

The spirit of All Saints remains strong. I am honored to be your priest and to serve you as you grow in numbers and faith. I look forward to this merry month of May as we continue to celebrate the joy of Easter and move toward the season of Pentecost and mission that fills the summer. Come and share your faith with us,

Blessings, Bailey

Warden's Message

"Four things for success: work and pray, think and believe." Norman Vincent Peale.

April showers bring May flowers. Well, we've had enough April showers this year to bring fields and fields of flowers. I'm ready for the warm weather now. We had a taste of the warmth and I thought that we could slide by without the heat. I was wrong. Thank you for putting up with the cold inside the church for a couple of Sundays. I turned the heat back on until we are receiving regular weather of 65 or higher.

Mother's Day is fast approaching. We are planning a Mother's Day breakfast on May 9th at 9 AM. Please come and join us for fellowship before the service. Buffet style breakfast will be served. See Jim Scott if you are willing to help out that morning in preparation or serving. We also have a gift for each of the mother's that day. Don't miss it!

Graduation is approaching for most colleges in May as well. My oldest is graduating on May 22nd. I will not be at church that Sunday, May 23rd. For all the graduates out there – Congrats to you and your family. You have made a huge step in your life and all the time spent in studying is so worth it. High School graduation is not far behind. Kevin Lingard is graduating this year – give him a pat on the back and say congrats to him as well.

The nursery is completed. Thank you Nick for the wonderful job on the walls and for the painting. What a beautiful color! Marian Cote did a super job on the details and trim too. The kids are loving it!

Yvonne Dvoske passed out a Fall Fair flyer for input on this year's fair. If you haven't completed one, please see her with all your suggestions and availability. Every little bit helps. Monthly crafting meetings will be scheduled to work on the fair. Please check the flyer for upcoming times and dates. It's going to be a great success!

The yard sale is in June. Please bring down your all your wonderful treasures and drop them off before church on a Sunday or during the week while Robin is here. See Barbara Dykas or myself for the hours you are available to help out that day. The more hands the better.

Please give me a call and leave me a message anytime if you need me. Please let me know when to call you back or send me an email message if you haven't heard from me within 24 hours. My contact information is Deidrescott@comcast.net. Phone number is 508-639-9509. Nothing is too small to talk about.

Blessings,
Dee

Our Newsletter: Saints Alive!

Welcome to 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 leave your news or announcements in the mailbox labeled "Newsletters" in the hallway or email to secretary2@verizon.net.

Deadline for the June issue of Saints Alive is May 20th!



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Confirmation SATURDAY 5/15/10

Cindy, Ben and Brianne Akers, David, Beth and Megan Difiore, Jim Scott and Tim Mons will be confirmed or received on Saturday, May 15th at St. Thomas Church, 111 High St., Taunton at 10AM. Members of the congregation are invited to join them in this Deanery Confirmation. To see many people joining the Episcopal Church from several churches is a very special event. When we are baptized we are baptized into the Christian faith. It is in this ceremony that the promises that were made on our behalf, if we were baptized as children, are reaffirmed as we choose a denomination. We will hold our own celebration during coffee hour for the confirmands on Sunday, May 16th.

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.

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 nametag. If you do not have one – see Mike Lavoie.

Wanted!

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!

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 the pew in the back of the church.

All Saints Episcopal Church 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

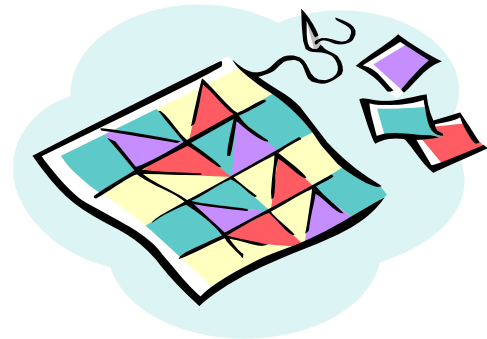
Think... FALL FAIR 2010!

Think fall – winter – Beautiful colors, crisp weather, no rain!!!!, little snow, Think Fall Fair!!! Yes, that far ahead. It was a huge success last year and will be again this year! Yvonne Dvoske has volunteered to be the Chairperson again this year and she needs everyone's help in making this the best fair ever! Please be thinking of how you can help. Perhaps it may be manning a table, making a basket, contributing to the gift card wreath, making crafts on Saturday mornings, baking, growing plants, or suggest a new name for the fair. New ideas are always welcomed and we are only limited by our own imaginations. If you have not filled out the questionnaire in the parish hall regarding the fair, please take the time to pass it in. At the last fair meeting on Sunday, people voted to have the fair on October 24th instead of the November date. This will give us a jump start on the various fairs held in the community. Just as we all "pulled together" last year, let's make this fair special. Let's let everyone know that the saints are really alive at All Saints Church!



Quilters/Crafters

The next meeting will be Thursday, 9:00-11:00 am. Though May's Quilter/Crafter Circle will be my last as coordinator, All Saints Episcopal would like to continue this mission project and ministry. If anyone is interested in becoming the new coordinator, please contact Dee Scott, Rev. Bailey or me. There are still many cotton fabrics, various other sewing/quilting materials and a sewing machine that was generously donated by Peg Shpack for the mission. There is also still a need for the blankets we have made. I would like to thank everyone for their continued support in this mission that I found a calling to for over the last two years. It has been a small contribution, but has led to warmth for members of our community who are in need and warm feelings in those of us who have donated time, money, and materials. Thank you, Brooke Wolosewicz, 508-226-2309.



Prayer List

May Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

May 1st: Lindsey Decker
May 3rd: Suzanne Goodwin
May 12th: William Darling
May 12th: Barbara England
May 14th: Nick Wolosewicz
May 21: Sybil Bibeault
May 23rd: Cindy Akers
May 23rd: Matt O'Neil
May 25th: Ruth Gower
May 29th: Becky Dailey
May 31: Priscilla Hall



Dates to Remember

Sunday, May 2nd-5th Sunday of Easter
10:00 am service
Monday, May 3rd-Bible Study, 7:15 pm
Sunday, May 9th-6th Sunday of Easter, Rogation Sunday,
Mother's Day Breakfast, 9:00am. Service at 10:00.
Monday, May 10th – Bible Study 7:15 pm
Thursday, May 13th – Ascension Day
Saturday, May 15th – Confirmation 10:00am at St. Thomas
Church, 111 High St. Taunton, MA
Sunday, May 16th, 7th Sunday of Easter, The Sunday after
Ascension Day. 10:00 am service.
Monday, May 17th – Bible Study 7:15 pm
Sunday, May 23rd, The Day of Pentecost, 10:00am service.
Monday, May 24th, Bible Study 7:15 pm.
Sunday, May 30th – Trinity Sunday, 1st Sunday after
Pentecost, 10:00 service.
Monday, May 31st, Bible Study 7:15 pm
Saturday, June 12th, Yard Sale



Please pray for all those on our prayer list. Priscilla, Bud, Joyce, Mel, the Milhous family, Bowie, Peg, Marion, Pam, Deb, Patricia, Edward, Brendan, Janie, Yvonne, Pat, Lillian, Wendy, Art, Paul, Harold, and Gloria.

We also remember and pray for all our men and women in the military, and for all those who strive for justice and peace throughout the world.

Prayer for those in the Armed Forces of our Country:

BCP page 823

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Rogation Days

BCP p. 258 #1 For Fruitful Seasons...

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

The Visitation (May 31)

BCP p. 240

Father in heaven, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping your word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

From the Catechism...

p. 855BCP

Question: What is the mission of the Church?

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

Question: How does the Church pursue its mission?

Answer: The church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, pro-claims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.

Question: Through whom does the Church carry out its mission?

A. The Church carries out its Mission through the ministry of all its members.

Prayers

BCP 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.

O God, whose love has kept me through another year. Thank you for all that you have given me. Help me to use my life rightly, that I may grow braver, kinder, wiser, and truer year by year. Help me to conquer my faults and live more to thy glory. Grant me thy grace to help all those around me and to show love for others. Be with me step by step all through this New Year, and keep me safe until the end. In Jesus' name. Amen

Saint Philip and Saint James (May 1st)

BCP p. 240

Almighty God, who gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth: Grant that we, being mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

All Saints Ministry Opportunities

Acolytes

We are thankful for our acolytes, including crucifiers, who assist at the altar 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.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild sets up the altar 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 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.

Property and Grounds

Property and Grounds are responsible for the care of our Church building and grounds which include, but not limited to, maintenance, minor repairs, grounds care. Contact Mike Lavoie.

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Church of God Sundays 2-5						Church of God 9-5
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5 th Sunday of Easter 10:00 am Service Healing Station	Bible Study 7:15 pm Cub Scouts	Rev. Bailey 10-5 Church of God 7-9	Rev. Bailey 10-5	Boy Scouts Church of God 7-9	Church of God 7-9	Fair Craft Day 9:00 am
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
6 th Sunday of Easter MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 9:00 AM 10:00 am Service	Bible Study 7:15 pm Cub Scouts	Church of God 7-9	Rev. Bailey 10-5	ASCENSION DAY Boy Scouts Church of God 7-9	Church of God 7-9	CONFIRMATION 10:00 am St. Thomas 111 High St. Taunton
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7 th Sunday of Easter Sunday after Ascension Day 10:00 am Service Healing Station Celebrate with Confirmands	Bible Study 7:15 pm Cub Scouts	Church of God 7-9	Rev. Bailey 10-5 Vestry Meeting 6:30 pm	Boy Scouts Church of God 7-9	Church of God 7-9	Birthday Party
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Day of PENTECOST 10:00 am Service Church's birthday Taunton Deanery Meeting, 2-4	Bible Study 7:15 pm Cub Scouts	Church of God 7-9	Rev. Bailey 10-5	Boy Scouts Church of God 7-9	Church of God 7-9	
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UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

Saturday, June 12th – Yard Sale
Saturday, October 23rd – Fall Fair, 9-2 pm