



Saints Alive!

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Minister's Message

Greetings,

I am writing this before the Annual Meeting at the end of January. Check the weekly email for a list of new members. February will be another busy month. With over 50 in church each week, Cindy and Brie Akers in the nursery, Barbara England and Jim Scott working with our older children, and Yvonne Dvoske providing inviting Coffee Hours, Sundays are lively. Near the beginning of this month will be hosts to the Church of God, Full Gospel. They are a Spanish Church which needs a place for about 6 months until they find a permanent home. They will be in the Church after 2 PM and several nights a week. Mondays are still reserved for our Bible Study. Their drums will grace our choir. We look forward to this chance to help another church in their time of need.

February 7th will be another of our complex Sundays. As Episcopalians we believe in inclusiveness. This Sunday is a perfect example. It is Scout Sunday and members of the Troop that we have hosted for years will attend our service. It is SOUPER BOWL Sunday as well as Super Bowl Sunday and we ask each person in the congregation to bring in a can of soup for the Food Bank. We are joining other churches in adding much need resources during a time of great need to the Food Bank. Bring as many cans as you can, breakfast cereal for the breakfast feeding program or cash. This is a very worthy cause. We will also be Commissioning the new Vestry on that day, just before the peace. They will need your blessing as well as God's to help lead and guide our Parish for the next year. There will also be a Confirmation Class after Coffee Hour.

February 14 is Valentine's Day. Last year the men of the parish provided a breakfast for our Parish starting at 9AM and we have asked them to please do it again. During Coffee Hour, with the help of the Church School children, I will be burning palms for the Ash Wednesday services. I invite you to bring any of last years palms with you to church. If they are not used for the services, I will take them home and burn them. They can also be thrown away as they have been blessed but not consecrated.

February 17 is Ash Wednesday and we will be having two services at noon and 7 PM. This is the beginning of Lent and a profound service. I hope that you will be able to make one of them.

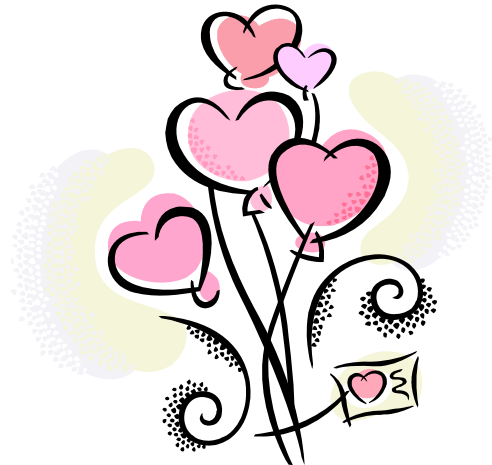
February 21 is the First Sunday of Lent. I have enjoyed using *Enriching Our Worship* as the themes of Epiphany, the hymns, readings and liturgy have resonated with each other. This provides a richness to our experience.

But for Lent I have always enjoyed using Eucharist Rite I. Many of you may never have worshiped with this part of the Book of Common Prayer. It is more penitential as our familiar Rite II. It was designed to be close to the prayers found in the 1928 Prayer Book. Because of its more old fashioned language and somber tone, I find it fits the theme of Lent.

Lent is a time out of time, to slow down, review our life, to join Jesus in his desert experience. Rite I helps me to feel this difference in pace and relationships and I hope that it will help guide you as well. For Palm Sunday and Easter we will return to Rite II. Along with Coffee Hour we hope to follow last year's program of soup and study. Because of my commitment to the Confirmation class, we will not be having the Soup and Study each week. We have ordered 40 books from Episcopal Relief and Development that contain daily meditations. That will allow you to do your own Lenten study. We will discuss the issues that the prayers have raised when we meet.

February 28th will be a quieter day, as of now! We will be having another confirmation class after church and our usual Sunday activities. It will fit Lent's theme of quietness and reflection better after a hectic month. With the new Vestry learning the ropes and working on our communal goals, with Lent bringing us closer to Jesus as we walk with him through the Wilderness, I am looking forward to this month. Come and join us.

Blessings.
Bailey



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Stewardship Matching Grant

Last year as part of Pledge Drive we received the offer of a Diocesan Matching Grant. WE were able to raise our pledges by over \$9,000 from the previous year and received \$10,000. This year we did not receive word that we were eligible for a Grant until after our pledge drive. If we can raise our pledges now or have new pledges up to \$5,000 this winter, the granting committee will match it. This is very generous of them as they rarely give a parish this grant two years in a row. It is a sign that we have many people trying to help us become a viable parish. Even an increase of one dollar a week (\$52.00 a year) will be matched by the Committee and will be a big help to our Parish. Please consider how you might be able to help.

Saints Alive Newsletter

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 March issue of Saints Alive is February 20th!



Dates to Remember

Monday, February 1st – Bible Study at 7:15pm

Sunday, February 7th – Scout Sunday and Commissioning of the Vestry for 2010.

-“Souper Sunday” – Please bring a can of soup and leave it in the back of the church. The soup will immediately be taken and distributed by the Food Bank.

-Confirmation Classes begin after church
(Confirmation Class Dates: 2/7, 2/28, 3/7, 3/21, 4/11, 4/25. Confirmation on Saturday 5/15 at St. Thomas Church in Taunton.

Monday, February 8th- Bible Study at 7:15pm

Wednesday, February 10th- Vestry Meeting

Sunday February 14th- Shrove Sunday –Palms will be burned for Ash Wednesday

Monday, February 15th- Bible Study at 7:15pm

Sunday, February 21st- 10:00am Service – Lenten Program with soup and discussion after church

Monday, February 22nd- Bible Study at 7:15

Sunday, February 28th- Confirmation class after church.



Our **Quilting /Crafters Circle** will be meeting on Tuesday, **February 9th** from **6:00- 7:30 pm**. Join us for some fellowship and to work on a great mission project on the second Tuesday of each month. If you have any questions, contact Brooke Wolosewicz 508-226-2309.

Altar Flowers

Please fill in any dates for memorials, birthdays, anniversaries, etc on the week you would like. The suggested donation is \$25.00. Please speak to Ruth Gower or Bailey if you have any questions. This is a wonderful way to honor loved ones and to beautify our altar. Bailey

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.

February Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

February 1st Lauren Difiore
Sandra McKearney
February 9th Kathy McDonald
February 10th Frances Anne
February 20th Phillip Cote
February 26th Brooke Wolosewicz

Birthday 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

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

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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Church of God 7-9 pm		Church of God 7-9 pm	Church of God 7-9 pm	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany 10:00 am Service Sunday School Confirmation Class Boy Scout Sunday	Bible Study 7:15 pm with John Blenkiron Cub Scouts	Quilting & Crafting Circle 6-7:30pm Church of God 7-9 pm	Vestry Meeting 6:30 pm Rev. Bailey in office	Church of God 7-9 pm Boy Scouts	Church of God 7-9 pm	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Last Sunday after Epiphany 10:00am Service Sunday School Shrove Sunday	Bible Study 7:15 pm with John Blenkiron Cub Scouts	Church of God 7-9 pm	Ash Wednesday Service at 12pm and 7pm Rev. Bailey in office	Church of God 7-9 pm Boy Scouts	Church of God 7-9 pm	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
First Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Service Sunday School Lenten Program	Bible Study 7:15 pm with John Blenkiron Cub Scouts	Church of God 7-9 pm	6:30 pm Rev. Bailey in office	Church of God 7-9 pm Boy Scouts	Church of God 7-9 pm	
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Second Sunday in Lent 10:00 am Service Sunday School Confirmation Class						

Sundays – The Church of God
2-5 PM