



# Saints Alive!

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February 2011

## Minister's Message... Bailey Whitbeck, Interim

Epiphany and the snow storms go on and on! The sun is out as I write this and shines on the ice and snow. Lovely, if you do not have to shovel it, drive in it or walk in it. I have a greater understanding of why artists and poets lived in garrets!! High above the life the rest of us struggle with. My prayer is that everyone in the parish is safe. Prayer and mediation help with the frustrations and down feelings, but I have found so does yelling, especially when I am out walking Raleigh. The neighbors may think I have lost it or maybe they join in as I move along.

I'm glad that Epiphany goes into the beginning of March. It is the longest that it can be before Lent. I am never ready for Ash Wednesday, but this year we have some space to make plans for a Lenten program, to have our Church School Children help me burn last years palms for Ash Wednesday, and be spiritually ready.

And we have a lot to be ready for. We have a new Warden, Kathy Doller, who has really caught on to the small church teachings we have been receiving and is excited about the future. Continuing on the Vestry are Barbara Boynton as Treasurer and Roberta Todd as Clerk. We have three new Vestry members, Judy Little, Marion Cote, and Richard DeCusati. They also will bring new energy and ideas to Vestry meetings which have been moved to Sunday afternoons. I may move my office hours to Tuesday but will keep Wednesday's as a day to stay late and do visits at least once a month.

On February 13, John Dulin, who is on the Board of the Case/Bristol County Grants, will visit. We received a grant for our new Church School Program "Godly Play." They have a wider basis of distribution than we were aware. He is a member of St. Thomas, Taunton, and someone I have known from my time there. He will be interesting and helpful. We will also be celebrating St. Valentine's Day in a variety of ways. Come and enjoy the celebration.

On February 20 and 27 we will be focusing on our Christian Education program as a whole and how we can enrich the understanding of both children and adults. We can plan for Lent and Holy Week.

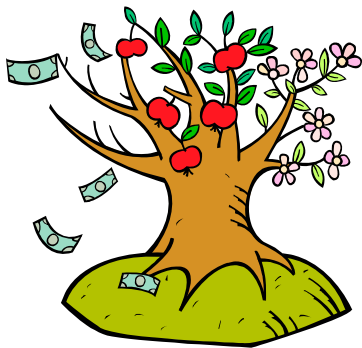
Stay safe and hold on to the hope that spring will come. Keep faith with our Lord and All Saint's. Come when it is safe and keep us all in your prayers.

Bailey

# COMING EVENTS

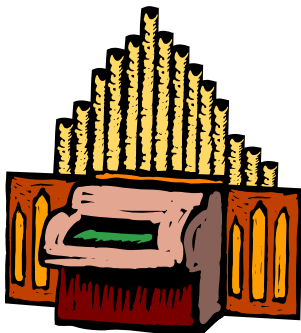
**Sunday School continues in the Guild Room with Mike Lavoie for the older children. Professional Nursery & pre-school care is available in the nursery.**

Please mail your pledge card to the church or bring it with you on a Sunday so you may add your leaf to our growing tree.



**Welcome!**

Please welcome Marilyn Fuller as our new organist. Marilyn will be will us twice a month from now on.



## BIBLE STUDY

7:00 P.M. Thursday evenings in the Church Office. Enjoy the fellowship as we explore the Bible.



Save the Date!

February 11, 2011

7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

All Saints will be hosting the first event sponsored by the Deanery whose purpose is to join our communities for an evening of fun and fellowship. It will be held in the undercroft. Grace Church, North Attleboro and Trinity Church, Wrentham will provide the food, while St. Mark's Church, Foxboro, will assist with the clean-up. Our job will be to serve as host, provide the coffee and drinks, and set up for the evening. Game night will include a brief time of worship, team "speed checkers", time for socializing and eating. February 11 marks the first of four deanery events that will join our communities in the 2011 Magical Mystery Deanery Tour. Please contact the Rev. Ron Tibbetts at [rontibbetts@yahoo.com](mailto:rontibbetts@yahoo.com) if you are interested in helping with the planning, setting up or hosting this event.



**Welcome to All Saints Episcopal Church monthly newsletter, *Saints Alive!*** 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](mailto:secretary2@verizon.net). Thanks! Cindy Edwards, Editor.  
**Deadline for the March issue of *Saints Alive* is February 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## **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.

## **Church Calendars**

Church calendars are now available in a basket on the Parish Hall counter. There is a manila envelope in the basket for calendar donations. Thank you!



## **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.

## **From the Catechism... p. 845 BCP**

**Q. What are we by nature?**

**A. We are part of God’s creation, made in the image of God.**

**Q. What does it mean to be created in the image of God?**

**A. It means that we are free to make choices; to love, to create, to reason, and to live in harmony with creation and with God.**

**Q. Why then do we live apart from God and out of harmony with creation?**

**A. From the beginning, human beings have misused their freedom and made wrong choices.**

**Q. Why do we not use our freedom as we should?**

**A. Because we rebel against God, and we put ourselves in the place of God.**

**Q. What help is there for us?**

**A. Our help is in God.**

## February Birthdays Happy Birthday!

Lauren Difiore	2/01
Sandra McKearney	2/01
Kathy McDonald	2/09
Phillip Cote	2/20

### 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

## About the Icon

St. Joseph is shown on the extreme left, as an elderly man with white hair and beard. The Theotokos (Greek for God-bearer, The Virgin Mary from the Eastern Orthodox Church)) stands beside him with her arms extended toward her Son, Jesus. She is traditionally shown in blue garments. The doors of the temple are seen in the background, and the infant Christ is held by the elderly St. Simeon the God-Receiver in front of and above those doors. Behind St. Simeon stands Ste. Anna the Prophetess, who proclaimed on seeing the Christ Child that he was the long-awaited Messiah.

*Taken from **The Icon Book**, by Boojamra, Essey, McLuckie, and Matusiak.*

## Prayer List

Please pray for all those on our prayer list. Jim, Priscilla, Mel, Peg, Marion, Pam, Deb, Patricia, Edward, Brendan, Janie, Yvonne, Pat, Lillian, Eldon, Wendy, Art, Paul, Harold, Gloria, Ruth, Judy, Diane, Jim, Filiberto, the Cole Family, Bobby, Mary, Helen, Laura, Amanda, Deb and Tommy.

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 the sick:**

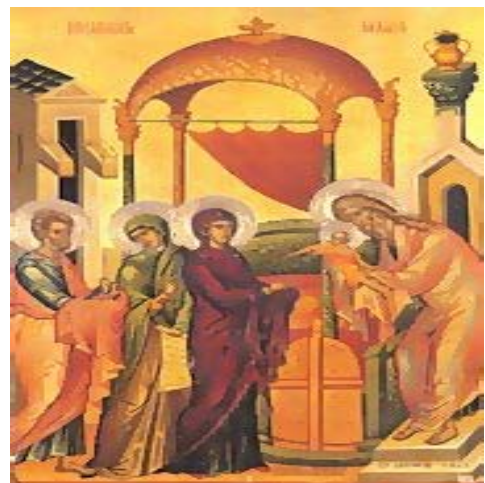
Prayers Old and New

*O Lord, who does feel the pain of the world: Look upon all sick and suffering persons; especially..... Enfold them with thy love, that in the midst of pain they may find thy presence; to doctors and nurses grant tender hearts and healing hands; and give health again in body and soul, for thy tender mercy's sake. Amen.*

**The Presentation  
BCP p. 239**

**February 2**

*Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade or older he/she are able to serve in this ministry. For more information contact Bailey Whitbeck at the parish office.

## 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 7:00 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.

## 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.

### **All Saints 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.*

# Saint Matthias

February 24

Not nearly as well known as any of the others, Matthias was the apostle chosen to replace Judas after he betrayed Jesus and committed suicide. Matthias wasn't chosen by Jesus and isn't even mentioned in the synoptic gospels. Instead, he was chosen by casting lots after Jesus reportedly ascended to heaven. After being chosen, Matthias disappears completely from the New Testament canon and isn't mentioned in any other reliable historical records.

The choosing of Matthias is depicted in the first chapter of Acts:

So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles. [Acts 1:23-26]

There's no information about who Joseph Barasabbas was, or why either of them were candidates for becoming an official member of the Twelve Apostles. It's not even clear why there was a need to replace Judas in the first place, unless it was for the sake of maintaining the symbolism of twelve, the number of the original Hebrew tribes. According to Clement of Alexandria:

Not that they became apostles through being chosen for some distinguished peculiarity of nature, since also Judas was chosen along with them. But they were capable of becoming apostles on being chosen by Him who foresees even ultimate issues. Matthias, accordingly, who was not chosen along with them, on showing himself worthy of becoming an apostle, is substituted for Judas. [Stromateis vi.13]

A medieval Greek historian claims that Matthias was crucified in Colchis, an area of the Caucases, but there is no independent evidence of this having really occurred. Another Christian legend claims that Matthias was stoned then beheaded by Jews in Jerusalem.

Clement of Alexandria quotes a single sentence which he attributes to a Gospel of Matthias, but that's the only piece of the document which remains. There are also mentions of the existence of this gospel in Origen, Eusebius, and Jerome. Given how many gospels were created and attributed to various apostles and other companions of Jesus, it's likely that a Gospel of Matthias existed. Since Clement died in the early 3rd century, this could have been a relatively early gospel.

By, Austin Cline









## More News...

This Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> is “**Souper**” **Bowl Sunday**. Please bring a can of soup to be donated to the Attleboro Council of Churches, Food'n Friends program. You can also wear your favorite team shirt!

Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> – Presentation by John Dulin  
from the Bristol Fund Grants

**Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – Acolyte and Chalice Bearer Training after the church service.**

**Food'n Friends is looking for the following donations:**

Sleds

Board Games

Indoor Activity Kits

Gift cards to local supermarkets

This will help with a Back to School Breakfast for kids and their families on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The donations will be used for door prizes and a small gift for each child. If you can help, please contact the Attleboro Area Council of Churches @ 508-222-2933.

**Sacred Time**, is a half-hour podcast modeled after the Cathedral's former radio broadcast, *SUNDAY MORNING at St. Paul's*. This was America's longest continuously broadcast religious radio program and was discontinued when WCRB was bought by WGBH last year. At the time the program was discontinued, it was ranked second in greater Boston for its time slot with approximately 15,000 listeners.

Each week, *Sacred Time* features sermons by the Cathedral's clergy and other notable preachers, scriptural and literary readings, and prayer, as well as music performed at the Cathedral by the Cathedral Choirs and other groups. You can listen on our website ([www.stpaulboston.org](http://www.stpaulboston.org)) or you can go to iTunes and subscribe for free.

### **Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center –**

A ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of MA – located in Greenfield, NH

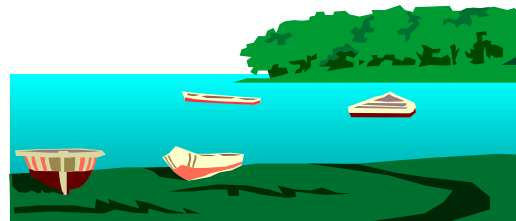
*An active, fun and challenging program*

*A healthy and safe camp environment*

*A well trained staff focused on campers' needs*

*A small group approach – campers feel at home*

A Christian community that inspires campers to grow in faith. Financial Aid available – Contact the church office, 508-222-2233, or call the camp for an application, 603-547-3400. Camp website: [www.bchcenter.org](http://www.bchcenter.org)





## WARDEN'S MESSAGE:

With Hope & Prayer: Reflections from Kathy Doller

Now is the time for us to continue on our journey, and we have a strong foundation to support us. I feel blessed to be your warden, and blessed to be following in Dee's footsteps. Dee was a great warden, and she is still with us. She worked hard and she helped all of us at All Saints' build a stronger community and a deeper trust among us. This strong foundation serves us well as we move forward. Inspiring & raising our spirits as we work together to create and promote our unique purpose here & now in Attleboro and further develop the community and life we want for each other and ourselves.

Sometimes it is all we can do to just put one foot in front of another and to get by each day. And in those times, it is so important that we turn to God and to one another, to keep hope in our hearts and looking forward. To find inspiration in the small beauties around us – a bird singing, small & large tracks on the snow, the warmth of the wintry sun through a window, or a crescent moon and the morning star in the early morning sky as the day dawns as we go about our mundane daily tasks of walking the dog and clearing the ice from the car windows. We are "Saints Alive" and we can be a beacon of hope where all can gather together to renew, restore and re-energize ourselves to serve God and further His Will on earth, and the Lord's message of love, compassion, and peace.

There are a number of things already happening at All Saints'. We have a new Vestry – with Marian Cote, Richard DeCusati and Judy Little, who join Rev. Bailey and Rev. Ron, Barbara Boynton - Treasurer, Roberta Todd - Clerk, and myself, which forms our new Leadership Team. We will be meeting to deal with the parish's needs, working on a Lenten program, and also identifying other ways we can have fun and do good together.

One such opportunity is our Magical Mystical Deanery Tour which starts at All Saints' on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm! – All are welcome. Please see the bulletin for more information or talk to Rev Ron or myself, and please sign up to help out that evening. Next, on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> we have a visit by John Dulin from St. Thomas' in Taunton and from the Case House / Bristol County Grants Program. It also is Valentine's Day on the 14<sup>th</sup> and it would be fun to celebrate that with some love-ly cakes as well. Also, All Saints' Parish is signed up for the Small Church Webinar (a seminar on the Web) sponsored by the Diocese. The first meeting was on January 25<sup>th</sup> and Roberta & I found that All Saints' has a lot in common with other small parishes in the diocese, and we learned a lot while enjoying that evening. The Webinar is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month for the next 5 months. The next date is Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Parish House in the Secretary's Office. Anyone who is interested is invited to come and join us. Please let me know if you are coming so we can get everything set up.

All Saints' means so much to us; it is our home, family, a comfortable and safe place to be ourselves and be with others, different though we may be or seem to be. It is my pleasure to serve you and work with you in this coming year. Please do let me know your thoughts, concerns, needs and hopes. I am available to talk with you at any time, at church or after the service, or you can reach me by my cell phone, 774-265-0737, which is always with me. Peace and blessings, Kathy

## February 2011

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			The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple	Church of God 7-9 pm  Boy Scouts	Church of God 7-9 pm	
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5th Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Service Rev Bailey Sunday School <b>SOUPE</b> SUNDAY	Office Hours Rev. Bailey  Cub Scouts	Church of God 7-9 pm		Church of God 7-9 pm  Boy Scouts	Taunton Deanery <b>GAME NIGHT</b> 7-9 PM  Church of God 7-9 pm	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
6th Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Service Rev. Bailey Guest: John Dulin Sunday School	Cub Scouts  Valentine's Day	Church of God 7-9 pm	Office Hours Rev. Bailey	Church of God 7-9 pm  Boy Scouts	Church of God 7-9 pm	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
7th Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Service Rev. Bailey Sunday School Healing Station <b>VESTRY</b> <b>MEETING</b>	<b><u>March</u></b> <b><u>NEWSLETTER</u></b> <b><u>DEADLINE</u></b>  Cub Scouts  President's Day	Church of God 7-9 pm  Washington's Birthday	Office Hours Rev. Bailey	St. Matthias The Apostle  Church of God 7-9 pm  Boy Scouts	Church of God 7-9 pm	
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8 <sup>TH</sup> Sunday after Epiphany 10:00 am Service Rev. Bailey Sunday School Healing Station <i>Acolyte/Chalice</i> <i>Bearer Training</i>	Bible Study Guild Room 7:00 pm  Cub Scouts					

### SUNDAYS

## Church of God

2 – 5 pm