



# Saints Alive!

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## Minister's Message

Greetings,

As I write this the rain is pouring down. At least it isn't snow! This winter's storms seem to come either Saturday night into Sunday or Tuesdays into Wednesdays! We have all had to work around these storms and work harder. I hope this rain is a foretaste of Spring, but February seems a little early to hope for that! But I do have snow drops around the foot of my statue of St. Francis in my garden. They are the first brave flowers of Winter/Spring and a joy to see from my kitchen window. Like Jesus being the first fruit of God's Kingdom, they remind us that Spring will come, that Lent will end in passion and joy. Other green shoots are poking up as well and they do remind us daily of new life.

March continues Lent and ends with Palm Sunday. On Wednesdays we are having Rite I Eucharist in the Guild Room and emphasizing saints days. The Rev. Dwight Fortune will be the Celebrant on March 10, as I have a Deanery meeting on that day. It is a quieter month for us, but with a new Vestry there is much that needs doing around the church. The Church of God has settled in and is being very respectful of our space.

Confirmation classes continue as we study the history of the Episcopal Church and move toward the Deanery Confirmation. Bishop Harris' leave of absence has been extended so we do not know yet who will be the confirming Bishop. Bishop Bud, our Deanery's Bishop has fallen and had his knee operated on which was very successful. He will be house bound for a while but should make a full recovery.

March 14th will be our Soup and Study Sunday Lenten Program. The last one's discussion was very wide ranging with our Lenten Meditation Booklet leading us in many directions. We still have copies and I have found it both entertaining and thought provoking. The Holy Week schedule is elsewhere in this Newsletter. We will be having an extra service this year on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, as we will celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter with two baptisms at 4PM!

Please take advantage of all that All Saints has to offer. We are a growing community and enjoy each of you participating in the services and other offerings.  
Blessings, Bailey



## 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](mailto:secretary2@verizon.net).

**Deadline for the April issue of Saints Alive is April 20<sup>th</sup>!**



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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.

## Dates to Remember

Monday, March 1st – NO Bible Study at 7:15pm

Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>- Lenten Service 12 Noon

Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>- Quilting & Crafting Circle

Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>- Confirmation Class following Service

Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>- Bible Study at 7:15pm

Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Program: Soup & Study after Service

Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>- Bible Study at 7:15pm

Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>- Confirmation class following service

## 2010 Lenten & Holy Week Services

Lenten Holy Communion on Wednesdays  
12:00 pm – noon in the Guild Room  
2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24

Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am  
Service begins in the Parish Hall

Maundy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>  
7:00 pm service in the church

Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
12:00-3:00 pm,  
12:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy  
1:00-3:00 pm Meditations and Silence  
7:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 pm  
Great Easter Vigil with Baptisms

**EASTER SUNDAY** - April 4  
9:00 am Breakfast  
10:00 am Festival Eucharist



Our **Quilting /Crafters Circle** will be meeting on Thursday, March 4th from **9:20 – 11am!** 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.



## Easter Flowers

It's time to order your Easter flower memorials for the altar. Each Sunday in March, during coffee hour, a member of the Altar Guild will be available to take your donation for memorial flowers, along with the names of those to be remembered. There will be lilies and tulips. Requested donation is \$25.00.

## 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.

## March Birthdays!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

3/3: Noah O'Neil, Arthur Taylor, Sandra Allard  
3/12: Chris O'Neil  
3/14: Kevin Lingard & Karen Kull  
3/17: Matthew Lavoie  
3/19: Amy Lavoie  
3/22: Marion Brousseau  
3/23: Mavis Ogg  
3/25: Barbara Nichols  
3/27: Yvonne Dwoske

## Birthday Prayers

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*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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Prayers for March

Saint Joseph- March 19<sup>th</sup>:

O God, who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and the spouse of the virgin mother: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Annunciation- March 25<sup>th</sup>

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarceration of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may be his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## From The Bible..

### A Penitential Order: Rite Two

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

John 1:8,9  
BCP Pg. 352

## Psalm 89

 Part I Misericordias Domini

1 – Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing,  
From age to age my mouth will  
proclaim your faithfulness.

2- For I am persuaded that your love is  
established for ever,  
You have set your faithfulness firmly  
in the heavens.

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## Catechism

Q: What is the mission of the Church?

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

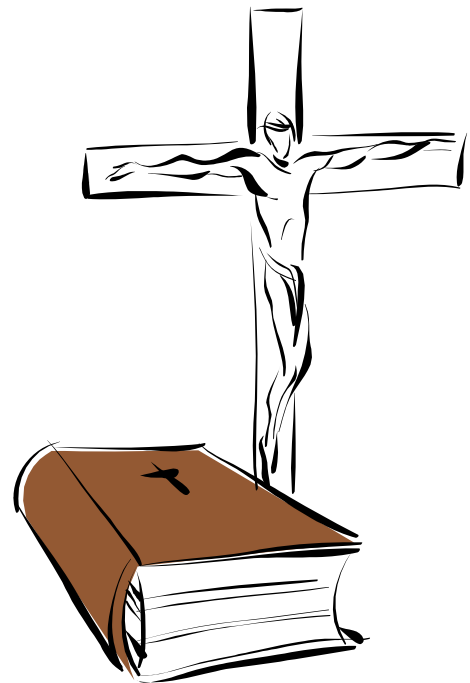
Q: How does the Church pursue it's mission?

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

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

A: The church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.

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## March 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	NO BIBLE STUDY TONIGHT! Cub Scouts	Church of God 7-9 pm	Lenten Service 12 Noon Guild Room	Quilters & Crafters Circle 9:20 – 11am  Church of God 7-9 pm Boy Scouts	Church of God 7-9 pm	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:00 am Service Sunday School Confirmation Class 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	Bible Study 7:15 pm with John Blenkiron  Cub Scouts	Church of God 7-9 pm	Lenten Service 12 Noon Guild Room  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
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31	1	2	3
The Sunday of the Passion PALM SUNDAY 10:00am Service begins in the Parish Hall  Holy Week Begins		Church of God 7-9 pm		Maundy Thursday 7pm Service in Church	Good Friday Service's from 12 - 3 12pm:Liturgy 1-3 Meditation & Silence 7pm: Liturgy	Great Easter Vigil with Baptisms 4pm

Sundays...Church of God  
2-5 pm