

Saints Alive!



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March 2011

Minister's Message... Bailey Whitbeck, Interim

Greetings,

The beauty of blue skies, the cold winds, and melting snow, has given us hope for spring. It will come. As late as Lent is, we still have a wilderness to cross, temptations to face, and probably more snow before we reach Easter, resurrection and the renewal of the earth.

March will begin with last Sunday of Epiphany. It will include flowers and prayers for Jodie and Paul McGuinness and a reception during coffee hour that will include their pictures. Paul was with us for about a year and stood as he was able for the appropriate parts of the service. Being able to come to church and participate was very important to him. He loved passing the peace and felt very much at home. He died shortly after moving to Vermont. His family wanted there to be a way for his friends in this area to have a chance to gather and rejoice in his life. We are honored to be able to provide that place.

I will also be burning palms for the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please bring in your palms from last year. If they are not burned that Sunday, I will take them home to burn in the fireplace.

Starting on Ash Wednesday you will see a new image on our bulletin cover. It is of a tree that Phil and I met on our trip west last summer. You will notice the dead branches at the center of the picture and the new life at the edges. Part of the tree dies so that part of it can go on living. What a wonderful image for Lent and Easter!! Christ's death so that we might have life and have it abundantly is echoed in this tree. A colored picture will be near the back of the church with a devotional message to take with you. There will be two services on Ash Wednesday at 12 and 7. Please join us if you can. It is a very powerful service and a special way to begin Lent.

For our Sunday services in Lent there will be some changes from last year. We will be using Rite II, starting it off with the Decalogue and the Penitential Order. What is the Decalogue? It is the Ten Commandments. We will also be talking about them, two each week, after church, as our Lenten program. Also there is a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall for people to pick a week they could bring soup.

The other change will be in the reading of the Gospels. They are very long for Lent and instead of Rev. Ron or me being one voice for long periods of time, we will be asking for congregational support. There are parts each week for the congregation and for a few individuals. We have done this on Palm Sunday in the past, but it will be interesting to get more involved each week. It will also help bring the word of God to life in a new way.

We are also starting to work on our Church School and to implement the Godly Play for 3-6 year olds that we recently receive funding for. We also need leaders for our Middle School students.

Lent is a time for reflection. Some give up something, to remind themselves of Jesus sacrifices. Some take on a project, getting involved in outreach, recycling, feeding the poor. I have spent several Lents cleaning out closets and drawers, finishing half finished projects, getting back to simplicity. Some read a devotional book or prayers. What ever you choose, find something intentional, more exercise, eating better. It's the intentionality that is important, not the choice. Find something that brings you closer to God. Maybe 10 minutes of quiet time in the midst of a busy life. Size does not matter. But, letting God in does matter.

This Lent will be a time of fellowship and soup. It will be on reflecting on some of the oldest words in Hebrew Scripture and of hearing the Good News in new ways. Old and new, when woven together will strengthen our faith and bind us to our Lord.

Blessings,

Bailey

COMING EVENTS

Magical Mystery Deanery Tour 2011

Sub title: And what is a Deanery anyway and what does it have to do with me?

Many Episcopalians do not know what a **deanery** is until they get they become more deeply involved with their church. So for those of you who aren't sure what a **deanery** is let me explain.

The congregations in our diocese are grouped into **12 deaneries** whose boundaries are drawn according to natural watersheds, reminding us of our connections with God's creation and symbolic of the waters of Baptism.

Deaneries each elect two representatives (this would be Anne McKee and Jan Levangie) to serve on the Diocesan Council. Each also has a liaison on the diocesan staff. **Deans** are priests appointed by the bishops to enhance pastoral care and communication among the clergy of their respective deaneries.

Trinity belongs to the Taunton River Deanery, which incorporates the towns of Bellingham, Wrentham, Foxboro, Mansfield, Attleboro, N. Attleboro, Plainville, Franklin, Easton, N Easton, West and East Bridgewater, Brockton, Taunton and Middleboro.



Our deanery has applied and been given a grant (via the Congregational Development Grants Program) to **support and encourage congregational vitality** through **assisting congregations** in the implementation of our diocesan mission - growing congregations in mission. The **Program exists to challenge and to support all of our congregations as they prayerfully reflect on current and proposed programs that deepen and strengthen congregational life**. Our deanery has named our project the **Collaborative Ministry**.

The Collaborative Ministry's Purpose

1. **Strengthening congregations** in order to better Invite, For, Send and Serve
2. **Inviting people** into the life of our congregations in a more effective manner
3. **Providing forming (learning) opportunities** to various age and interest groups in our congregations
4. **Identifying members' qualifications, gift and calling** and connecting members with appropriate ministry opportunities and **equipping people for ministry in their daily lives**

Now that you know what a **deanery** is, know about the grant we have received and what the Episcopal Church's mission for us is. **Let's get to the fun part.**

Four parishes closest to us, including Wrentham have decided that in order to work together in a **Collaborative Ministry** we first need to get to know one another, thus we have put together the

Magical Mystery Deanery Tour of 2011

Visit four different churches in the Deanery ...

Meet new people ...

Enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun.

Make plans now to be a part of the Magical Mystery Deanery Tour 2011.

Saturday, April 9: Scavenger Hunt at Grace Church, N. Attleboro, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Saturday, May 21: Murder Mystery at Trinity Church, Wrentham, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Saturday, Sept. 24: Project Party at St. Marks, Foxboro, 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

We'll start and end each gathering with ten minute worship, and then spend the rest of the time together having fun. And while one church will host the gathering, members from the other churches will assist with bringing food and doing clean up. Signup sheets for each event will be posted; events are open to all, ages 10 and up.

Join us for the party!



Reflections and Tidings from Kathy Doller

Aka Warden's Report

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1
Thessalonians 5

'In all circumstances give thanks' – It is sometimes so hard to do, especially when upon rising, glancing out the window & seeing yet *"More snow."* *"Oh, no. Haven't we had enough already?"* But then a little later, while pausing to look out the window again, I really looked & saw what is out there – saw it wasn't such a massive amount of snow unlike most other storms had been this winter. I saw it in a different light, a different perspective; that the light snow covering the trees & the bushes was so beautiful, highlighting the branches and limbs, so that they looked like delicate lace. Sometimes all it takes for us to see something or someone in a different light, is to just shift our perspective just a little; whether it be in terms of time – waiting a while, or in terms of space & attitude – so that what once seemed ominous, threatening, depressing or just plain boring, now is seen as a gift, a beautiful moment & wonderful presence with us now.

For Lent, Rev. Bailey & Rev. Ron are taking us through The Decalogue, otherwise known as The Ten Commandments, bringing to us a new appreciation for the millennia old – 5,000 years at least, instructions that were handed down to Moses to bring to the people to help order our lives and form our relationship with God & others here on earth. I am reminded that Dee in Bible study one evening said that the BIBLE stood for Basic Instructions for Better Living on Earth, (or something like that). We will be having Soup & Discussion each Sunday in Lent beginning on March 13th, after the service to nourish our bodies as well as our minds.

Communication is essential for good relationships, & we have gotten feedback that you want to know more about what is going on & to hear us better. To that end, we have started to post the monthly Vestry Meeting Agenda & the Minutes of the previous month's meeting on the bulletin board outside of Robin's office. We also have the weekly posting in multi-color splendor that highlights the events for each week and coming events in the near future that is posted in the parish hall, next to Robin's office, on our All Saints' web-site & also is sent to those w/ email. And we have information inserts that are included in the Sunday Service Bulletin. We now are using the microphones when making announcements & speaking in church upfront, & we are checking out to see what we can do to amplify the service when speaking from the altar, so that everyone can hear & understand what is being said in church.

We also are working on necessary repairs to the building – the lock on the door handle for the accessible restroom off the parish hall now works – we no longer need the hook &

Warden's Message, continued...

eye for peace of mind. You just have to push in the button on the inside & when you turn the handle it releases the lock. On the outside, even when the door is locked from the inside, the handle will still turn but won't release the lock. If someone is not able to get out on their own, or perhaps there is a young one inside not wanting to come out, you can use any coin fitted into the slot that is on the door handle on the outside & just turn it, & it will release the door lock from the outside. We are getting estimates for repairing the ceiling in the basement & the phone line to the elevator so that the elevator can be used. We also need to get the carpet re-stretched in the front of the church & replace the fence that went along the parking lot, & fix the railing near the front door to the church. If there are any other things that need fixing, please let us know. Also, our kitchen is now officially certified which may open additional opportunities for us in terms of events and activities we can do. If you have any ideas, let us know. Please let any of the Vestry or myself know about any ideas or thoughts you have.

One of the programs we are introducing this spring at All Saints' is "Godly Play." Now what is that? What's God got to do with play. So often we are so busy doing whatever we are doing, caught up in our daily harried routines, tight schedules, must do's, & last minute to do's, that we miss the big picture and also miss a sense of joy, thankfulness & playfulness in life. Everything can be so serious. And God can seem so distant. And who usually associates church with playtime – when I was growing up, that was not one of the things you first thought of when you thought of going to church. Well, 'Godly Play' in this instance is an educational program that makes the learners active participants by enacting the stories & parables of Christ & the experiences of the people of God & in doing so gain a richer understanding & relationship with God.

So what does Godly Play mean for those who come to All Saints' – for all ages as well as for the children? Maybe it is an opportunity for us to bring more joy, rejoicing & conversations w/ God into our lives; an appreciation for all that has come before, all that is now & all that is yet to come. So that we can greet each new day with pleasure, welcoming God into our lives, allowing ourselves to see the power, mystery & wonder of God & all of his creation in the here & now & in the further unfolding of God's will & The Lord's message – of Love, Compassion & Peace in this all too human & imperfect world.

Peace and Blessings,
Kathy

"Together we can do great things. Love God"

March Birthdays Happy Birthday!

Noah O'Neil	3/03
Sandra Allard	3/03
Stacey Cole	3/07
Chris O'Neil	3/12
Kevin Lingard	3/14
Karen Kull	3/14
Joy Silva	3/14
Matthew Lavoie	3/17
Amy Lavoie	3/19
Natalie White	3/21
Marion Brousseau	3/22
Mavis Ogg	3/23
Yvonne Dvoske	3/27

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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

The Annunciation March 25 **BCP p. 240**

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary, may by 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 for ever. Amen

Prayer List

Please pray for all those on our prayer list. Jim, Priscilla, Mel, Bowie, 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, Amanda, Deb, Carol, Cindy and Caitie.

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:

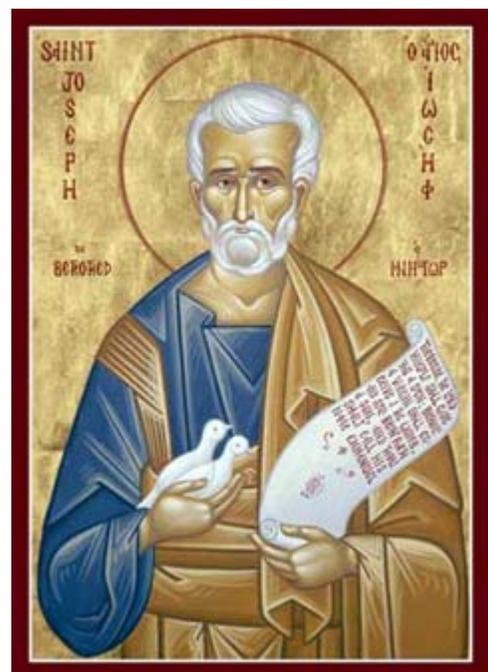
Prayers Old and New

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.

Saint Joseph March 19 **BCP p. 239**

O God, who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and spouse of his 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, for ever and ever. Amen

Orthodox Icon St. Joseph the Betrothed



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 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.

Forward Movement

Forward Movement is an official, non-profit agency whose mission is to reinvigorate the Episcopal Church day by day. Since 1935 we have published the quarterly devotional *Forward Day by Day*, as well as pamphlets, booklets, and books that encourage and nourish people in their lives of prayer and faith.

<http://forwardmovement.org>

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 Judy Little.

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.

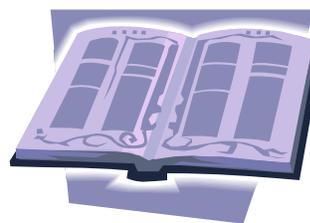
All Saints Mission Statement

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.



FORWARD DAY BY DAY – The new issue of **Forward Day By Day**, February/March/April 2011 are in the back of the church and on the table under the Flower List in the Parish Hall.

Poetry Corner...

Dawning Of A New Day

© *By: Lucia K Haase*

Miles across the snowy fields,
white-washed woodland fades to sky.
Here, the early morning yields
to last of night-time's lullaby.

Only sound of wind or breeze
across the land, goes echoing
through the air and distant leas
in this day's awakening.

Now, the sunrise peaks to hail
dual natures thriving here,
soon to warm all without fail,
distantly or very near...

and the dawning solace sings
quietly, in faithful chords;
I as though the hawk, take wing -
celebrating Christ the Lord.

Genesis 1:5...And there was morning, the first day.

*Psalms 5:3...In the morning, Oh Lord, you hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in
expectation.*



*Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
And worship him upon his holy hill;
For the Lord our God is the Holy One.
Psalm 99: 9*

Saint Joseph, March 19

Hymn 262

Words by, Hieronimo Casanate

By the Creator, Joseph was appointed
Spouse of the Virgin,
Guardian of the Incarnate;
He by his caring ministered to Jesus,
source of salvation.

Christ in whose presence
hosts of hell must tremble,
Ruler of all things,
Lord of earth and heaven,
Monarch of monarchs,
To his earthly father freely was subject.

To Christ eternal be all praise and glory,
who to Saint Joseph gave supernal honor;
grant that we also may like him be
faithful in our obedience.

Hymn 260

Come now, and praise the humble saint of David's
House and line, the carpenter whose life fulfilled
our gracious God's design.

The Architect's high miracles he saw, and what
was done, the Virgin's spouse, the guardian of
great David's greater Son.

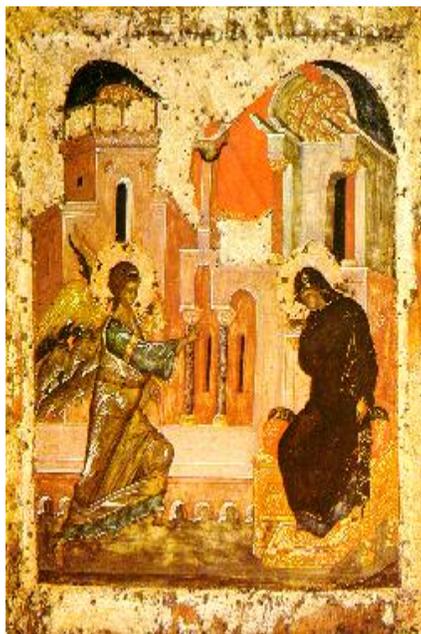
For him there was no glory here, no crown or
martyr's fame, for him there was the patient life of
faith and humble name.

But now within the Father's grace where saints and
angels throng, beside his spouse, before the Son,
he joins the heavenly song.

Words by, George W. Williams

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The Annunciation

Moscow School, 14th century.

Tretyakov Gallery, Moscow, 43 x 34 cm.

This icon represents the Annunciation, that is, the moment when "*The angel came in unto (Mary), and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt*

call his name JESUS." (KJV, Luke 1: 28-31).

In this painting the artist faithfully expresses the emotion and importance of the Annunciation scene. The angel occupies the left half of the picture plane, Mary occupies the right, and both stand out against the background constructed of architectural details connected in the middle of the picture. In contrast to the rather flat, forward-facing figures found in some icons, the announcing angel is shown from a side view which emphasizes depth and dynamic movement. The flow of drapery and the position of the wings reflect the fact that the angel has suddenly appeared and help strengthen the contrast with Mary, who is shown in a fixed and motionless pose. The beautiful gold and blue-green of the angel also emphasizes its heavenly origin and is balanced by the dark clothing worn by Mary, a representative of earth and humankind. While the angel's hand is outstretched as the messenger speaks God's message, Mary's head is bowed as if in agreement and humility. Both figures are well-proportioned and accurately express the content of the scene. The overall color scheme of the background consists of a combination of yellow, cream, shades of orange, and black, which gives the icon a warm tone. The two figures in the foreground stand out against the surrounding colors, but do not clash with them.

In fact, Mary's clothing seems to correspond to the dark colors found in the roofs above her and in the angel, helping to unite foreground and background. The angel's coloring is unique in the painting and emphasizes its heavenly nature and function as one who announces the will of God to the world.



[Source: [David and Tamara Talbot Rice](#)]

The Annunciation theme had been well established in icon painting and could be traced, like many other themes, to the traditional Byzantine prototypes. One of the most admired icons of this type, *The Annunciation of Ustyug* (Novgorod, 1110-30, shown on the right) demonstrates how closely the early Russian icons preserved the Byzantine heritage, while infusing it with a new Russian style. In this *Annunciation* the composition is more monumental than in its 14th century Muscovite version. The Angel and Mary are strong, uncompromising figures who seem to speak directly to the viewer; here the impact is immediate and forceful. While the figures may lack some of the later icon's movement, they are, nevertheless, equally impressive in their monumentality and spirituality. The angel seems to resemble ancient statues, and its facial features, hair, and the flowing garments make us think of classical antiquity. [B.B.]

What you always wanted to know about Ash Wednesday, but were afraid to ask! Interesting...

Ash Wednesday

By, James Akin

Q: What is Ash Wednesday?

A: Ash Wednesday is the day Lent begins. It occurs forty days before Good Friday.

Q: Is Ash Wednesday based on a pagan festival?

A: Heck, no. Ash Wednesday originated in the A.D. 900s, long after Europe had been Christianized and the pagan cults stamped out.

Q: Why is it called Ash Wednesday?

A: Actually, Ash Wednesday is its colloquial name. Its official name is the Day of Ashes. It is called Ash *Wednesday* because, being forty days before Good Friday, it always falls on a Wednesday and it is called *Ash* Wednesday because on that day at church the faithful have their foreheads marked with ashes in the shape of a cross.

Q: Why do they have their foreheads marked with a cross?

A: Because in the Bible a mark on the forehead is a symbol of a person's ownership. By having their foreheads marked with the sign of a cross, this symbolizes that the person belongs to Jesus Christ, who died on a Cross.

This is in imitation of the spiritual mark or seal that is put on a Christian in baptism, when he is delivered from slavery to sin and the devil and made a slave of righteousness and Christ (Rom. 6:3-18).

It is also in imitation of the way the righteous are described in the book of Revelation, where we read of the servants of God (the Christian faithful, as symbolized by the 144,000 male virgins):

"Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God upon their foreheads." (Revelation 7:3)

"[The demon locust] were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any green growth or any tree, but only those of mankind who have not the seal of God upon their foreheads" (Revelation 9:4)

"Then I looked, and lo, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads." (Revelation 14:1)

This is in contrast to the followers of the beast, who have the number 666 on their foreheads or hands.

The reference to the sealing of the servants of God for their protection in Revelation is an allusion to a parallel passage in Ezekiel, where Ezekiel also sees a sealing of the servants of God for their protection:

"And the LORD said to him [one of the four cherubim], 'Go through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark [literally, "a *tav*"] upon the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it.' And to the others he said in my hearing, 'Pass through the city after him, and smite; your eye shall not spare, and you shall show no pity; slay old men outright, young men and maidens, little children and women, but touch no one upon whom is the mark. And begin at my sanctuary.' So they began with the elders who were before the house." (Ezekiel 9:4-6)

Unfortunately, like most modern translations, the one quoted above (the Revised Standard Version, which we have been quoting thus far), is not sufficiently literal. What it actually says is to place a *tav* on the foreheads of the righteous inhabitants of Jerusalem. *Tav* is one of the letters of the Hebrew alphabet, and in ancient script it looked like the Greek letter *chi*, which happens to be two *crossed* lines (like an "x") and which happens to be the first letter in the word "Christ" in Greek (*christos*). The Jewish rabbis commented on the connection between *tav* and *chi* and this is undoubtedly the mark Revelation has in mind when the servants of God are sealed in it.

The early Church Fathers seized on this *tav-chi-cross-christos* connection and expounded it in their homilies, seeing in Ezekiel a prophetic foreshadowing of the sealing of Christians as servants of Christ. It is also part of the background to the Catholic practice of making the sign of the cross, which in the early centuries (as can be documented from the second century on) was practiced by using one's thumb to furrow one's brow with a small sign of the cross, like Catholics do today at the reading of the Gospel during Mass.

Q: Why is the signing done with ashes?

A: Because ashes are a biblical symbol of mourning and penance. In Bible times the custom was to fast, wear sackcloth, sit in dust and ashes, and put dust and ashes on one's head. While we no longer normally wear sackcloth or sit in dust and ashes, the customs of fasting and putting ashes on one's forehead as a sign of mourning and penance have survived to this day. These are two of the keys of Lent. In fact, Ash Wednesday is a day not only for putting ashes on one's head, but also a day of fasting.

Q: Is there another significance to the ashes?

A: Yes. They also symbolize death and so remind us of our mortality. Thus when the priest uses his thumb to sign one of the faithful with the ashes, he says, "Remember, man, that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return," which is modeled after God's address to Adam (Genesis 3:19; cf. Job 34:15, Psalms 90:3, 104:29, Ecclesiastes 3:20). This also echoes the words at a burial, "Ashes to ashes; dust to dust," which is based on God's words to Adam in Genesis 3 and Abraham's confession, "I am nothing but dust and ashes" (Genesis 18:27). It is thus a reminder of our mortality and our need to repent before this life is over and we face our Judge.

Q: Where do the ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from?

A: They are made by burning palm fronds which have been saved from the previous year's Palm Sunday, they are then blessed by a priest -- blessed ashes having been used in God's rituals since the time of Moses (Numbers 19:9-10, 17).

Q: Why are ashes from the previous year's Palm Sunday used?

A: Because Palm Sunday was when the people rejoiced at Jesus' triumphal entrance to Jerusalem. They celebrated his arrival by waving palm fronds, little realizing that he was coming to die for their sins. By using palms from Palm Sunday, it is a reminder that we must not only rejoice of Jesus' coming but also regret the fact that our sins made it necessary for him to die for us in order to save us from hell.

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Psalm 103: 12-16

***As far as the east is from the west,
So far has he removed our sins from us.
As a father cares for his children.
So does the Lord care for those who fear him.
For he himself knows whereof we are made;
He remembers that we are but dust.
Our days are like the grass;
We flourish like a flower of the field;
When the wind blows over it, it is gone,
And its place shall know it no more.***

From the Catechism... p. 846 BCP

Q. What do we learn about God as creator from the revelation to Israel?

A. We learn that there is one God, the father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

Q. What does this mean?

A. It means that the universe is good, that it is the work of a single loving God who creates, sustains, and directs it.

Q. What does this mean about our place in the universe?

A. It means the world belongs to its creator; and that we are called to enjoy it and to care for it in accordance with God's purposes.

Q. What does this mean about human life?

A. It means that all people are worthy of respect and honor, because all are created in the image of God, and all can respond to the love of God.

Q. How was this revelation handed down to us?

A. This revelation was handed down to us through a community created by a covenant with God.

More News...

SPRING LEARNING EVENT 2011 -

Episcopal Village Mission Event
Cathedral Church of St. Paul
138 Tremont Street, Boston.

Saturday, March 5, 2011, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

The Spring Learning Event will introduce your parish to exceptional speakers and some of the latest thinking around trends and ideas in the Episcopal Church. This year we will focus on some of the new and successful ways that parishes are reaching out to local communities and bringing new people into the doors of the church. For more information, go to diomass.org, events and Diocesan Episcopal Mission.

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) or you can go to iTunes and subscribe for free.

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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

THINK SPRING!!!!!!

While you're sitting out winter and thinking about spring... Begin to clean out your space and donate usable items to our annual YARD SALE!

The date - rain or shine (even snow) will be Saturday, May 21st, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm.

Items to be donated may be brought to the church in April prior to the Yard Sale, for sorting and pricing. Please consider helping with this project. A small raffle table with baskets has been suggested. If you have questions or suggestions, see Yvonne Dvoske during coffee hour. Yvonne is chairperson for this event.



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.

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.

2011 Lenten & Holy Week Services

Ash Wednesday, March 9th

Ash Wednesday Liturgy and Imposition of Ashes:
12:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Lenten Program – Soup and Discussion after church Sundays, March 13th, 20th, 27th, April 3rd, 10th

The program will be to look at the Ten Commandments. What do they mean to us today? We will look at two commandments each week.

Please sign up for a Sunday to bring your favorite soup.

Palm Sunday, April 17th, 10:00 am. Service will commence in the Parish Hall.

Maundy Thursday, April 21st – 7:00 pm
Holy Eucharist

Good Friday, April 22nd 12:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy
Church will remain open until 3:00pm – meditations and silence.

7:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

EASTER DAY, Sunday, April 24th.

9:00 am Breakfast and 10:00 am Festival Eucharist.



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!

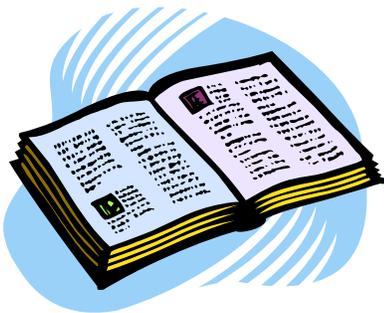
Welcome to All Saints Episcopal Church monthly newsletter, *Saints Alive!* We are hoping that by creating this newsletter the lines of communication will remain open and everyone will feel a stronger connection to our community of faith. We encourage all members of the church to contribute to this endeavor. Please leave your news or announcements in the mailbox labeled "Newsletters" in the hallway, email to secretary2@verizon.net or to me, cyncyn4044@aol.com. Thanks! Cindy Edwards and Caitlin Medeiros, Editors.

Deadline for the April issue of *Saints Alive* is March 20th.

More News...

Sunday, March 6th – 10:00 – 11:15 am Sunday Service and Parish Hall Reception for family and friends of Paul McGuinness.

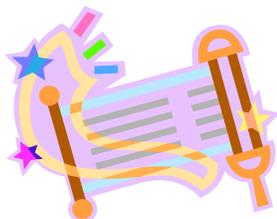
Bible Study is now **Thursday** evenings in the church office area at 7:00 pm.



On Tuesday, March 22nd – SMALL CHURCH WEBINAR Church office, 6:45– 8:30 pm

THANK YOU to ONE AND ALL who donated the wonderful potluck food after our Annual Meeting and to those who made Valentine's cakes for 2/13.
GREAT FOOD, GREAT JOB!!

Saturday, March 12th - **Congregation Agudas Achim** is having a "**Gala Celebration**" of 100 years of Jewish Life in Greater Attleboro at the Attleboro Art Museum, 86 Park Street, Attleboro, MA. The evening will begin with a wine reception & hors d'oeuvres at 7:30 pm followed by a Triboro Youth Theater performance, 100 years of Jewish Broadway Composers, and a special dessert presentation at 9:45 pm. Tickets are \$36.00 @ and please RSVP by March 1, 2011, 508-222-2243. Dress for the evening is festive attire.



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Church of God

2 – 5 pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 13THDaylight Saving Time Begins!!!!

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