



Saints Alive!

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Interim's Message

Greetings,

This is a delayed April Newsletter. Here is both part of the Easter Letter and the original Newsletter.

"Alleluia. He is Risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!"

That is the Easter greeting between Christians for over 2,000 years. After the pain and uncertainty of Jesus' trial, crucifixion, and burial; the concern that this was the end of all that the disciples had believed about their new relationship with God, their fear of the authorities, a morning breaks. It is the first day of a new week. Jesus' burial was hurried. The usual preparations of the body were not done. Darkness had covered the earth for three hours. Earthquakes had shaken the area. The curtain in the Temple that separated the people from the most holy area of the Temple had been torn from top to bottom, opening up the availability of God to the people. All these things show that God was still very present in the life of the creation. But what about the future?

Several women dare to go to the tomb to finish the preparations of Jesus' body. In one Gospel they worry about the huge stone that will block their entrance to the tomb. But the rock had been rolled away! Over and over again the things that humans use to block access to God were removed.

And then the Easter miracle. The tomb is empty! At first that is all they know. There are angels that say Jesus has risen. Then the risen Lord appears to Mary of Magdala. Then to other disciples. Then to more and more people. Word spreads: "He is risen!"

And we join in the shout of joy. We still put the words in the present tense, not to be historically accurate, but because our faith tells us he is still risen in our hearts and lives. Easter Day was a one time event, as were all the events of Holy Week. Yet we celebrate them year after year down the centuries, because we feel the new life, we experience God's promises fulfilled in our lives and in each generation. We want to pass this joy on to our children. It gives us hope in our daily lives, no matter how dark they may be, they may appear.

And we pass on the message that all barriers to God have been destroyed. Not even death can separate us from feeling God's love. The lilies and other spring flowers that beautify our church are a reminder of the

glory of God's creation and the power of new life.

These days have been a powerful image of Jesus' trials and Christ's resurrection. To get to the joy of new life, we are called to go with Jesus to Jerusalem, through trial and death. Then like Jesus' followers we wait. Waiting is hard. For winter to be over, for spring to come, more people to come to All Saint's and enjoying our community and faith. Waiting was hard for Jesus. As he moved slowly toward Jerusalem he warned his disciples over and over again what would happen. That is one way to deal with the emotional impact of a future or past event. Talking about it with friends. Even when our friends or the disciples don't get it, it can help. But only we can move forward.

After a hard winter when things seemed to slow down in both the world and the parish, we have a new sense of energy in our Church School, in the Vestry and in the parish in general. More and more people are coming forward with ideas or offers of help, and we need each and every one of you. We will need many of you to help with the Yard Sale. The Christmas Fair was a wonderful success and helps us realize what we can do when we try.

Holy week began with a celebration of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. He had reached the end of his earthly journey. These final days were filled with the last acts and words that summed up his ministry and his message of God's love and God's judgement on those who could not love at the deepest level all of God's creation. I rearranged the service to allow us more time to be with Jesus in Jerusalem. We went from the triumphant procession, through the Eucharist, before we read the Gospel that carried us on to Golgotha.

Thursday we celebrated the institution of our Communion Service at the Last Supper. To remind us of its connection with Passover we had Matzos for our communion bread. Then we undressed the altar area, taking away all the moveable objects that brighten our services. At the end, the reserved sacrament is removed from the Ambry and its door left open to remind us that we are moving toward the empty tomb. After the sanctuary light was extinguished, we left in silence. Friday we had two services. At 12 noon we had the solemn Good Friday service with reserved sacrament. I find the three hours a time to slow down, to let the message of Jesus enter my heart. After the Good Friday liturgy, which takes about 45 minutes, I remained in the church to offer meditations and times of silence until three. I find this a very holy time and it is part of my

Warden's Message

"The joy is truly in the journey".

I have heard Denise Austin say this many a time. Each time I decide that it is time to lose weight for the upcoming summer, I turn on my TV and start exercising to Denise while she gives you motivational words during her ½ hour show. In the winter we all tend to "slouch" down. Whether it is around the house, exercising, dressing, or working, there's something we do less of in the winter cold months than we do in the spring and summer. Now that the spring is here, it is time for us to get up and get moving!

I look at that quote from her and also think of us here at All Saints. It is a true joy to be on this journey as Warden here and watching the transformation and the growth that is taking place. We really have been moving along this year. This year's vestry has many new and great ideas. I asked to put together a wish list of fundraising activities and the ideas just poured out from everyone. Please add to the list your idea. It doesn't mean that you have to be the head person on that fundraiser; you can if you want to, but it's not required. Maybe there are a few people who have the same idea and you can join together to make it happen.

What a special day Easter is! Take a moment and remember what this day is about. Remember Jesus Christ's resurrection. New life – just like Jesus gives us. Its amazing to think of the tremendous sacrifice he made. We set aside this time to remember that He is Risen. I'll never forget when I was going to Sunday school here and one of my teachers (of course I can't remember who) gave us plastic eggs filled with candy and asked us to open it and dump out the candy then open the egg again. She asked "Well, what do you see?" I said "nothing, its empty". She said "That's right! Just like the cave when the stone was rolled away and everyone learned that Jesus had risen". That has always remained in my mind.

Easter breakfast is at 9 on the 4th. We are having fresh chicken eggs from a real farm this year. Thank you Barbara Boynton for getting those for us. I am writing this before we have had the breakfast, but I know that they will be awesome! After service that day, we are having the egg hunt for the kids. If it is nice outside, we'll have the hunt on the side of the yard, like last year. Thanks Cindy for organizing it.

Last year we did not have to take any money out of the DIT, we were fortunate not to have to. Having a retired priest really helps. Unfortunately, there were some large expenses that we were not expecting that occurred. We have voted to take out \$10,000.00 to pay those expenses. If it could be avoided, it would. This \$10,000.00 will cover those and provide a small cushion for some of the new expenses.

Are you spring cleaning? Remember the yard sale for June. Bring down all your lovely treasures and store them here for sale in June. If you can help out in any way that day, let myself or Barbara Dykas know.

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preparation for the joy of Easter. We also had a Good Friday Service at 7pm with reserved sacrament for those who could not come during the day.

On Saturday afternoon at 4 we had The Great Vigil of Easter. Two of our children Alex and Lily were baptized as we lighted the new fire and from it the Pascal candle that will burn each Sunday until Pentecost. We recited part of the Old Testament, baptized the children and then turned the lights on and lighted the candles on the altar. We shouted "He is Risen. Alleluia," the Gloria was sung for the first time since the beginning of Lent, and we moved into the Eucharist. It felt very different from our usual Sunday Service and is considered the first service of Easter. Our Easter celebration continued at 10AM on April 4th. The children and I "unburied" the Alleluia that we "buried" the first Sunday of Lent. We also rolled the rock away from the tomb the Altar Guild sets up each year, and enjoyed an Easter egg hunt after the service. The children also received a pansy plant as they left.

Easter is not a day but a season. Each Sunday in April we will be celebrating anew the gift of new life we have been given. As the days grow longer and more and more flowers appear, the new energy that is emerging at All Saints' will be enhanced. We gain strength to face the challenges ahead with the knowledge of God's love for us. Easter is more than a season, it is an attitude of hope and joy in all we do. It is as the heart of All Saints.

Rev. Bailey

Warden's Message cont'd

Last year brought in \$1736.00. Let's aim for \$2000.00 this year!

The fire alarms have been replaced throughout the church. They were over 10 years old and needed to be done. There are 20 of them between the upstairs and the downstairs.

The nursery will be painted shortly. Nick has offered to cover the wall mural and both he and Marian Cote will paint the walls a warm yellow. Marian let me know that she is a real Martha Stewart. She had some great ideas for the trim. I said "go for it". Once it's done, go take a look and see how great it looks.

The downstairs undercroft is almost done being painted. Thank you to those who have volunteered their time painting. I'm sure if you feel the urge, there's more that can be done. Please see Mike L if you wish to help.

We are ready for spring to arrive. Some of my tulips have started to sprout already. Watch the blossoms grow--- just like we are! Maybe we'll forgo the old saying "April showers bring May flowers" and it won't rain too much this month.

My blessings to you all, Dee Scott

Our **Quilting /Crafters Circle** will be meeting on Thursday, May 6th from **9:30 – 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.



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.

You will notice that our wonderful Stations of the Cross have arrived and are up in the church. Thank you to all who provided the funds and for this tribute to the ongoing faith of All Saints Episcopal Church.

THANK YOU – Thank you to the men who provided the Easter Breakfast before the service on Easter Day!!!!

April Birthdays!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

- 4/1: Phil Whitbeck
Matthew Lavoie, Jr.
- 4/4: Beth Difiore
- 4/8: David Difiore
- 4/12: Stephen Cote
- 4/15: Heinrich Ehlen
- 4/16: Cindy Edwards
- 4/20: David Merkle
- 4/23: Matt Taylor
- 4/26: Meghan Difiore
- 4/29: Philip Allard

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

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.

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!

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.

Prayers for April

Prayer for the Unemployed:

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling, and receive just payment for their labor through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Guidance:

Direct us, O Lord, and all our doings with your most gracious favor, especially with those effected by the floods and continue your help for the days to come, in all our

GETTING SPRING FEVER????

Get in the spirit....think **YARD SALE.....**

Again this year the church is going to have a **YARD SALE on Saturday, June 12th**. It was a very successful fundraiser and fellowship day last year. Help is needed to make it a great FUNdraising event again this year. Doing Spring Cleaning? Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Any questions or for more information, speak with Barbara Dykas.

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 April issue of Saints Alive is May 20th!



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 its 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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Dates to Remember

Sunday, April 11th – Confirmation Class following following the service

Tupperware orders are due.

Monday, April 12th – Bible Study at 7:15pm

Monday, April 19th - Bible Study at 7:15pm

Wednesday, April 21st – Vestry Meeting 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 25th - Confirmation class following service

Monday, April 26th – Bible Study at 7:15 pm

Saturday, May 15th – Confirmation at St. Thomas Church, 111 High St., Taunton, MA

Saturday, June 12th – Yard Sale

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | | 1 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm | 2 Good Friday 12:00 pm 7:00 pm | 3 Easter Vigil 4:00 pm |
| 4 The Sunday of the Resurrection EASTER DAY 9:00 AM Breakfast 10:00 am service | 5 Bible Study 7:15 pm with John Blenkiron Cub Scouts | 6 Church of God 7-9 pm | 7 Rev. Bailey in office | 8 Quilters & Crafters Circle 9:20 – 11am Church of God 7-9 pm Boy Scouts | 9 Church of God 7-9 pm | 10 |
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Sundays...Church of God
2-5 pm