

Saints Alive!



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April 2011

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

GREETINGS TO THE BEGINNING OF SPRING!!!

April may be the cruelest month to some, (especially to T. S. Eliot) but I hope we have been through the cruelest and toughest months. It is wonderful to see the whole parking lot! The snow is gone and if we do not have the rains we had last year, things may be getting steadily better. I hope that attendance in church picks up and we can have a joyous month.

During coffee hour we have been enjoying soup and bread (plus a cake to celebrate with Yvonne the 100th birthday of Girl Scouting) and the Ten Commandments, and Christ's Great Commandments. April 3 we will be looking at the 5 Pillars of Islam as a way to begin to better understand the third religious group that looks back to Abraham as its founder.

April 9th will be the second of the four social meetings of the Deanery. The one we hosted was great fun and a way to meet others in our Deanery. This one will be a Magical Mystery Tour at Grace, N. Attleboro from 7-9. Rev. Ron and our Deanery Delegates have had a hand in the planning and I hope we will be well represented. Car pooling from our parking lot is possible and will save gas!

On April 10th our Lenten Program will look back at what we have learned and share our perceptions of the commandments and their meaning in our lives. From 2-4 there will be a Deanery Assembly Meeting. We will be looking at Grants and other issues of a wider nature. Anyone can come as well as Rev. Ron, me and our delegates. I think the meeting will be at St. Marks, Foxboro, but that is not final.

The 17th is Palm Sunday and we will begin in the Parish Hall and, if the weather is good, we will process outside and into the church. We start in triumph and end with the cross so we will be reading the Gospel, with many parts in the congregation, at the end of the service. We have been reading the Lenten Gospels in parts as they were very, very long this year. It has been wonderful to have so many participating.

April 21 is Maundy Thursday and our service is at 7 PM and Marilyn Fuller will be with us. Good Friday there will be two services: one is at 12 noon. From 1-3 I will be in the church and welcome people to come and go as they can. It is an important part of my Holy Week to spend those three hours in prayer and meditation. Please bring a book of prayers or meditations or just enjoy the silence. We will also have a 7 PM service.

April 24 is Easter Sunday, a day of joy and flowers. The Gloria and Alleluias return, the flowers on the altar are back and we get to sing our beloved hymns.

During this month we will be starting our Godly Play Church School program. It has taken time to get the grant to start this, to get the materials and to find teachers. But it will happen! It will be for our 3-6 year olds to begin with, but it can be used for older children.

Lent is a time to reflect on our relationship to Jesus and God and the Holy Spirit. It is a time to prepare ourselves for the journey of Holy Week and then the joy of our Lord's resurrection. As the flowers blossom and the forsythia turns the world a golden yellow, the resurrection can be felt in our hearts and in our lives. Come and share with us this precious journey,

Blessings,

Bailey

A Word from Your Deacon...

Boy does time move quickly!!! It doesn't seem like it has been almost a year since I first walked through the doors of All Saint's, Attleboro exploring the possibility that I might join you all as your deacon. But it has been close to a year. The truth is I am not very good at dates but I know that spring was moving fast and that the summer of 2010 was soon to be upon us. I am really glad it all worked out and I was able to join you as deacon at All Saint's and I suppose many thanks are in order.

First let me thank you, Rev. Bailey. Thank you for your welcome and enthusiasm, thank you for your patience with me and most of all thank you for the kind and caring spirit you bring week after week to All Saint's. Then so as not to overlook anyone, thank you all, thank you all for opening your hearts to me and guiding me through this first year and thank you all for your courage and determination in seeing the All Saint's family toward a new time in a rapidly changing world. You are all awesome!!!

I would like to think that we have been guided over the past year by the loving hand of our Creator in the work of building a community of faith. In fact I am certain that we have. I am certain that God's love for us is deeper than we can imagine and that it is the life giving power that is behind our journey together. Our lives together are blessed by God, our time together made holy by the presence of our Savior and our journey enlivened by the Spirit.

There is much to be done at All Saint's but as I complete the first year of my time as your deacon I can say one thing for certain, "we are up to the task". We are up to the task of bringing the good news we have come to know out into the world. I look forward to shouldering that work with you and know that we can do it with God's love our guide and God's grace our courage.

Thank you all so very much for shaping what has been a rich, rich year in the life of this deacon.

Rev. Ron



A Word from Your Warden...

Reflections and Tidings from Kathy Doller
(AKA the Warden's Report)

This Lenten season is a time to take some time for ourselves to reflect and look at our faith and our relationship with God - The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit, through our Lenten program and through however each of us takes part and observes this season. I recently came across a writing attributed to St. Teresa of Avila which really inspired me. It says:

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
no hands but yours, no feet but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which looks out
Christ's compassion on the world.
Yours are the feet with which
Christ is to go about doing good.
Yours are the hands with which he is to bless people today.*

I was struck at once by the power of this statement. It's both amazing and humbling to think, to realize that I, and each of us, are the means by which Christ's message of Love, Compassion and Peace becomes real in our world, and in our lives – for each other and ourselves. That we are his hands, his feet, that we are his voice for him and that it is through our eyes that Christ's compassion is seen and experienced in the world. On the back of a cross that I received as a gift on the weekend last year when I went on Cursillo – which means “A Short Course on Christian Living,” it says, ‘Christ Is Counting on You.’ It was and is a humbling thought – Who me? But I am just one person, a woman living a regular life - working, seeing and being with family and friends, attending church, but not anyone who is extraordinary. I have my good days and my not so good days like anyone else. Surely it takes a Saint to do that. But it is people – men and women, and girls and boys like you and me that are the means by which this world becomes a better place through spreading the Gospel – the Good News of Our Lord Jesus Christ, of Love, Compassion and Peace.

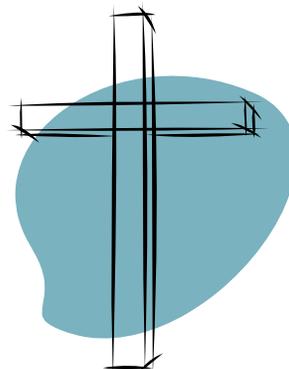
There is a saying which many people quote as an ideal motto for living: “Make random acts of kindness and senseless acts of beauty.” However, when I hear this saying it makes me cringe inside and feel uncomfortable, because I believe that the world would be a better place to live when people make *deliberate acts of kindness* - giving love, being caring, supportive and compassionate to one another in a purposeful way when we speak, act, work and play with one another. It seems far easier for people to speak harshly to one another, to judge and be critical, and to hold grudges against one another. How would your day be, how would you feel if the people you met and interacted with were kind, gentle, caring and supportive to you, and you responded in the same way to them? I know that when I smile, people most often smile back & when someone laughs it generally is very infectious in a healthy way. Maybe we should all have to learn and practice telling jokes – kind and funny ones that get people laughing, lightens the load and makes the day go better. We are allowed to laugh during Lent. And it's not just on a Sunday, when we also can eat some sweets.

On a different note, the Vestry, Bailey, Ron and I are busy looking forward to Holy Week – Palm Sunday through Easter. The kitchen downstairs has been re-certified and now has a new hand-washing sink and everything is in working order. We are planning to have an Easter Breakfast before our 10 am church service. This has been a happy and nourishing event – with good food and good company to start the day off right. We may now want to plan some Church Suppers, putting the kitchen to good use. We are moving forward with getting the elevator serviced and inspected so it can be re-certified and remain in use. We also have found a plasterer to repair the ceiling in the basement so that all of the area downstairs is usable and safe. The outdoor lights on the garage were repaired by the Rev Ron Tibbetts and his son – Thank You Very Much, and are now on in the evening on a timer. This makes it much safer for everyone who is coming for Boy Scouts, Bible Study, the Church of God events and whatever else is planned in the evening. We did receive a grant from the Diocese for developing programs when Dee was warden and we have now been able to purchase the exact equipment we need: a laptop, projector and screen to use for Movie Night, for educational classes and whatever other events we can imagine – any and all suggestions are welcome. We have been talking about what needs to be done to replace the fencing that is outside of the parish hall alongside the parking lot. We welcome any ideas and suggestions. With spring finally here, the weather should be cooperative so that we can get that accomplished.

We continue with our Lenten program of Soup and Discussion after our Sunday service. Each week someone volunteers to make soup, so each week it is a wonderful opportunity to have a great meal, learning more about The Ten Commandments and sharing our thoughts and questions with each other. Everyone is welcome and there is plenty of good food to go around. Godly Play is coming. Rev. Bailey has ordered educational materials and we have a sandbox and floor covering, thanks to Becky Dailey & Elaine Blackburn – on behalf of our parishioners, Vestry and Clergy, I am very grateful for your generosity and efforts to help us get this program going, as well as your great dedication and support on the Altar Guild, who ensures that our church is always arranged and beautifully prepared for services. We are moving forward in renewing and re-energizing our church family, nurturing young families, growing families, older families and individuals and strengthening our ties to each other and our community.

Peace and Blessings, Kathy

“Together We Can Do Great Things. Love, God”



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 –8:00pm

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!



April Birthdays Happy Birthday!

Phil Whitbeck	04/01
Beth Difiore	04/04
David Difiore	04/08
Michael Lavoie Jr.	04/11
Stephen Cote	04/12
Kathleen Hagar	04/13
Heinrich Ehlen	04/15
Cindy Edwards	04/16
Harriet Scarfo	04/20
Matt Taylor	04/23
Meghan Difiore	04/26
Philip Allard	04/29

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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

Monday in Holy Week **BCP p. 220**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 118:22-24 **BCP p. 762**

*The same stone the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.*

*This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.*

*On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

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.

Tuesday in Holy Week

BCP p. 220

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Wednesday in Holy Week

BCP p. 220

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Savior gave his body to be whipped and his face to be spit upon: Give us grace to accept joyfully the sufferings of the present time, confident of the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Song to the Lamb **Dignus es BCP. P. 93**

Revelation 4:11; 5:9-10, 13

*Splendor and honor and kingly power
are yours by right, O Lord our God,
For you created everything that is,
and by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people, and nation,
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne,
and to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
for ever and for evermore.*

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. Please 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.



The Literacy Center, at 80 North Main St., Attleboro, is announcing a Spring Tutor Training. Following completion of training, volunteers will be matched with an adult who wants to learn to read, improve writing or math skills, prepare for the GED, learn English, or obtain US Citizenship. Volunteers can make a real difference in someone's life. Training sessions will be Wednesday mornings, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm: April 6, 13, 20, and 27, May 4, 11, or Thursday evenings, 6:30 - 9:00 pm: April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12. For further information or to register, please call The Literacy Center at (508) 226-3603.

Poetry Corner...

I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

BY WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

*I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.*

*Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.*

*The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:*

*For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.*



JESUS' ETERNAL SACRIFICE

*God almighty, our holy one
Conquering, victorious and risen son
Savior, redeemer, Lord of light
You saved me, freed me, and gave me life
Is there a way that I can repay
What it cost you my Lord that fateful day?
When you gave your life upon the cross
For all mankind eternally lost
For I know I could never pay the price
The cost of your eternal sacrifice
For salvation is a gift that you freely gave
When you died and arose from the grave
The hope that came from your sacrifice
Is the hope we have of eternal life*

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What are the similarities and differences between the four Gospels regarding Christ's crucifixion? A Comparison.

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Along with the Resurrection, the crucifixion of Christ is one of the most important events in Christian history. It was this event that formed the basis of the sacrificial theology that marks Christianity.

The four Gospels are in substantial agreement as to the events surrounding the Crucifixion. Some writers include details that the others omit, but these can, for the most part, be worked into the flow of the narrative without disturbing the other Gospels.

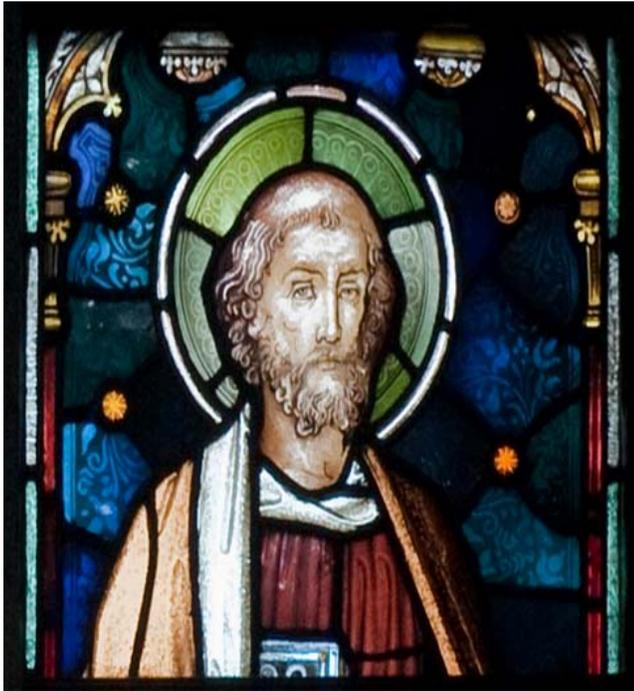
The following table summarizes the Crucifixion narratives. A blank indicates that the Gospel writer does not record the event, or places it in a different sequence.

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Jesus handed over to be crucified. (Matthew 27:31)	Jesus handed over to be crucified. (Mark 15:20)	Jesus handed over to be crucified. (Luke 23:25)	Jesus handed over to be crucified. (John 19:16)
Simon of Cyrene carries Jesus' cross. (Matthew 27:32)	Simon of Cyrene carries Jesus' cross. (Mark 15:21)	Simon of Cyrene carries Jesus' cross. (Luke 23:26)	Jesus carries his own cross. (John 19:17)
		Jesus speak to the women following him on the way to Golgotha. (Luke 23:27-31)	
Jesus arrives at Golgotha. (Matthew 27:33)	Jesus arrives at Golgotha. (Mark 15:22)	Jesus arrives at Golgotha. (Luke 23:33)	Jesus arrives at Golgotha. (John 19:17)
Jesus given vinegar and gall to drink. He tastes it, and does not drink. (Matthew 27:34)	Jesus given vinegar and myrrh to drink. He tastes it, and does not drink. (Mark 15:23)		
Jesus crucified. Time not specified. (Matthew 27:35)	Jesus crucified at the third hour (9 am). (Mark 15:25)	Jesus crucified. Time not specified. (Luke 23:33)	Jesus crucified. Time not specified. (John 19:18)
		First saying - "Father, forgive them..." (Luke 23:34)	
Soldiers part his garments and cast lots for his clothes. (Matthew 27:35)	Soldiers part his garments and cast lots for his clothes. (Mark 15:24)	Soldiers part his garments and cast lots for his clothes. (Luke 23:34)	Soldiers part his garments and cast lots for his clothes. (John 19:23-24)
Accusation on cross - "This Is Jesus The King Of The Jews". (Matthew 27:37)	Accusation on cross - "The King Of The Jews". (Mark 15:26)	Accusation on cross - "This is the King Of The Jews", written in Greek, Latin and Hebrew. (Luke 23:38)	Accusation on cross - "Jesus Of Nazareth The King Of The Jews", written in Greek, Latin and Hebrew. (John 19:19)
Two thieves crucified with Jesus, on either side. (Matthew 27:38)	Two thieves crucified with Jesus, on either side. (Mark 15:27)	Two malefactors crucified with Jesus. (Luke 23:33)	Two others crucified with Jesus. (John 19:18)
Jesus mocked by passers-by. (Matthew 27:39-43).	Jesus mocked by passers-by. (Mark 15:29-32).	Jesus mocked by passers-by. (Luke 23:35-37).	
		Soldiers offer Jesus vinegar. (Luke 23:36)	
Jesus mocked by both thieves. (Matthew 27:44)	Jesus mocked by both thieves. (Mark 15:32)	One malefactor mocks Jesus, the other asks to be	

		remembered in his kingdom. (Luke 23:39-42)	
		Second saying, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise". (Luke 23:43)	First saying "Behold thy mother..." (John 19:26-27)
Darkness from the sixth to the ninth hour (12 pm to 3 pm). (Matthew 27:45).	Darkness from the sixth to the ninth hour (12 pm to 3 pm). (Mark 15:33).	Darkness from the sixth to the ninth hour (12 pm to 3 pm). (Luke 23:44).	
First cry - "My God, My God..." at ninth hour (3 pm). (Matthew 27:46).	First cry - "My God, My God..." at ninth hour (3 pm). (Mark 15:34).		
Jesus given vinegar in a sponge on a reed to drink. (Matthew 27:48)	Jesus given vinegar in a sponge on a reed to drink. (Mark 15:36)		Jesus says "I thirst". He is given vinegar in a sponge on hyssop. (John 19:29)
		Temple veil torn (Luke 23:45)	
Jesus cries a second time, words not recorded, and dies. (Matthew 27:50)	Jesus cries a second time, words not recorded, and dies. (Mark 15:37)	Third saying "Father, into thy hands...". Jesus dies. (Luke 23:46)	Jesus says "It is finished", and dies. (John 19:30)
Temple veil torn, earthquake, graves opened, saints resurrected. (Matthew 27:51-53)	Temple veil torn. (Mark 15:38)		
Centurion says "Truly this man was the son of God". (Matthew 27:54)	Centurion says "Truly this man was the son of God". (Mark 15:39)	Centurion says "Certainly this was a righteous man". (Luke 23:47)	
			The legs of the others are broken; Jesus is spared. A soldier pierces Jesus' side with a spear. (John 19:31-37)
Joseph of Arimathaea asks Pilate for Jesus' body. Joseph wraps the body in a linen cloth, and buries Jesus in his own tomb. A stone is rolled over the door of the tomb. (Matthew 27:57-60)	Joseph of Arimathaea asks Pilate for Jesus' body. Joseph wraps the body in a linen cloth, and buries Jesus in his own tomb. A stone is rolled over the door of the tomb. (Mark 15:42-46)	Joseph of Arimathaea asks Pilate for Jesus' body. Joseph wraps the body in a linen cloth, and buries Jesus in his own tomb. (Luke 23:50-53)	Joseph of Arimathaea asks Pilate for Jesus' body. Joseph and Nicodemus wrap the body in a linen cloth with spices, and bury Jesus in a tomb. (John 19:37-42)
The Jews ask Pilate for a guard. He gives them a guard, and seals the tomb. (Matthew 27:62-66)			

The fact that the four Gospels are in very close agreement about the events surrounding the death of Jesus Christ indicates that they may have been recording an historical event. However, there are a few minor points of disagreement, which are understandable if we remember that the Gospels themselves were only written a number of decades after the death of Christ.

St Mark April 25



St. Mark

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Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank you for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Saint Mark

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Saint Mark [Lat. *Marcus*], Christian apostle, traditional author of the 2d [Gospel](#) (see [Mark, Gospel according to](#)). His full name was John Mark. His mother, named Mary, had a house in [Jerusalem](#), which the [Christians](#) used as a meeting place. Mark accompanied St. Paul and St. Barnabas, who was his cousin or uncle, on their mission to [Cyprus](#), but he left them at Perga and returned to Jerusalem. Paul refused to take Mark on his second trip, thus creating a breach with Barnabas. Tradition identifies Mark with the young man who "fled from them naked" at Gethsemane. Tradition also makes him an associate of St. Peter, who is thought to have furnished many of the evangelist's facts. The Alexandrian church claims Mark as its founder—the liturgy of that church is called the Liturgy of St. Mark. St. Mark is the patron of [Venice](#) and of its famous cathedral, where his relics are shown. His symbol as an evangelist is a lion. Feast: Apr. 25.

"Saint Mark." The Columbia Encyclopedia, Sixth Edition. 2008. *Encyclopedia.com*. (March 2, 2011). <http://www.encyclopedia.com/doc/1E1-Mark-St.html>

Hymn 231 For Saint Mark The Hymnal 1982

For Mark, O Lord, we praise you,
The weak by grace made strong;
His witness in his Gospel
Become victorious song.

May we, in all our weakness,
receive your power divine,
and all, as faithful branches
grow strong in you, the Vine.



From the Catechism... p. 850 BCP

Q. What is the great importance of Jesus' suffering and death?

A. By his obedience, even to suffering and death, Jesus made the offering which we could not make; in hi, we are freed from the power of sin and reconciled to God.

Q What is the significance of Jesus' resurrection?

A. By his resurrection, Jesus overcame death and opened for us the way of eternal life.

Q. What do we mean when we say that he descended to the dead?

A. We mean that he went to the departed and offered them also the benefits of redemption.

Q. What do we mean when we say that he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

A. We mean that Jesus took our human nature into heaven where he now reigns with the Father and intercedes for us.

Q. How can we share in his victory over sin, suffering, and death?

A. We share in his victory when we are baptized into the New Covenant and become living members of Christ.



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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- 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

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 on Sundays or during the office hours, 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 Dwske 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.

Easter Altar Flowers

Memorial donations for Easter flowers on the altars will be accepted Sundays during coffee hour through Palm Sunday, April 17. Please see Ruth Gower or another member of the Altar Guild with your request. A \$20 memorial donation is requested. Thank you. You may also call Ruth 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, the Five Pillars of Islam, and Jesus' Commandments. 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 May issue of *Saints Alive* is April 20th.

**Three Part Series:
Introduction to Centering Prayer
at the Trinity Church Spiritual Life
Center
Wrentham, MA**

**Please join us as we take time for
reflection.**

**Sunday March 27, 2011 at 4:00- 5:00 pm
Part 1- Relaxation- rest for the weary**

**Sunday April 3, 2011 at time to be
determined
Part 2- Mindfulness- paying attention**

**Sunday April 10, 2011 at time to be
determined
Part 3- Intentional quiet- centering
prayer**

This series will be facilitated by Diane Simoni, a clinical social worker, a member of Trinity Church, and a centering prayer practitioner. There will be time for learning and practicing: sitting in quiet and relaxing, being mindful in the moment, and praying by listening to God rather than speaking, i.e., centering prayer. The meeting times for part 2 and 3 will be determined by consensus at the first meeting.

Call Diane at 508-261-1862 for information and to RSVP. See the church website for directions: www.trinitywrentham.org. Come to the side door to the right of the building.

People of all faiths and inquirers are welcome.



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