



FEBRUARY 2012

THE PARISH

All Saints Church Welcomes You

*As a visible sign of
God's presence in the world.
All Saints Church is a
Welcoming, diverse and urban
Christian community,
Actively proclaiming and living the
Gospel.*

Community

Community is where we find and create connections with others in a variety of ways.

Gathering together in love strengthens our relationship with God and each other.

Diversity

We are a congregation that reflects and embraces people from every family language, race and nation.

We honor the dignity of each person, respect the plurality of experience and opinion in the community, and intentionally learn and grow from our differences.

Growth

Growth happens when we invite others into our community.

Spiritual growth occurs as we discover and share our personal experience of God.

FROM THE ASSISTANT RECTOR:

The three days prior to my ordination to the priesthood the ordinands, of which there were four of us, gathered for a three day retreat facilitated by the priest who would serve as the preacher for the ordination. We gathered at the Diocese of Pennsylvania's camp property along the Chesapeake Bay, whose beauty would make even the skeptic believe in God's creative hand. While it rained most of the time, the moments when the rain slowed and the fog hovered atop the stillness of the Chesapeake we experienced the holy. Individually, and as a group there was no denying God's presence. Our retreat was scheduled by the daily office, Morning, Noon, and Evening Prayer followed by Compline and concluded with a noon day Eucharist with our ordaining Bishop. I was grateful to be able to spend the evening with a handful of parishioners who had made their way into the City of Brotherly Love, for dinner at one of my favorite places.

The ordination itself can best be described in the sentiments of a wedding; so much of the morning is a complete blur, probably from a combination of pure exhaustion, adrenaline, and overstimulation. The Cathedral is set up for ordinations in what my professor referred to as "Wimbledon" style, with congregants facing one another across what appears to be an imaginary tennis net. We processed down the middle of the church, with our presenters closely behind us, and I looked eagerly trying to catch the eyes of a familiar face or the smile of a loved one...the cathedral, with close to 500 or so people, made this a difficult task, while of course singing the processional hymn, and I was kind of disappointed to not readily sight anyone I knew. We made a sharp turn to the bathtub sized Baptismal font for the presentation of the ordinands and asperges (sprinkling rite), and when I made the turn, I saw a dozen or so All Sainter's whose glowing smiles and discreet waves and thumbs up said more to me than they will ever know. It was that moment that I remembered, what my Spiritual Director and so many others have had to remind me on this long journey.....you are never alone. Granted they were always reminding me that God was in my court, in this instance in a moment of somewhat fear and panic, I was reminded once again of the gift we have been given in community, in this community, the gift of one another.

I'm sure there will be great stories told of the ceremony, which was truly breathtaking. Of me trying to fumble to get off the floor after prostrating myself on the cold marble floor or the laying on of hands...but the moment that might go unrecorded, that may have been the most truly moving part of the service for me, was when the Bishop was celebrating at the Holy Eucharist, and literally a mountain of bread and several flagons of wine were on the table, as he said the prayers, as the bread was broken, as he shared it with the hundreds of people gathered...I thought to myself...now this is the abundance we have been blessed with!!! The abundance that we have been asked to share with our brothers and sisters inside our church, but outside our church also! A true foretaste of that heavenly banquet!

How do we invite others into this abundance we have been blessed with? How do we become messengers of this Good News we have experienced in being in community with one another.

With new years resolutions quickly being dissolved and our Lenten promises in the works, it seems like the perfect opportunity to think of ways we may be able to share All Saints

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THE PARISH IS A NEWSLETTER OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

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FEBRUARY AT ALL SAINTS—Services and Activities

Wednesday, February 1

7 Holy Eucharist, breakfast and Bible study
10 Parish Staff

Thursday, February 2

7 ASC Alliance
7 Internal Controls

Friday, February 3

4:30 Afternoon Tunes
6 Fun/Fab Friday

Sunday, February 5

7:45 Holy Eucharist

9 Family Eucharist

9:40 Church School

9:40 Sunday Forum

10:30 Holy Eucharist

12:30 Ghanaian Service

Tuesday, February 7

7:45 Morning Prayer

Wednesday, February 8

7 Holy Eucharist, breakfast & Bible study

Friday, February 10

4:30 Afternoon Tunes
6 Fun/Fab Friday

Sunday, February 12

7:45 Holy Eucharist

9 Family Eucharist

9:40 Church School

9:40 Adult Forum

10:30 Holy Eucharist

12 Worship Planning Meeting

12 EYC Meeting

12:30 Ghanaian Service

Monday, February 13

4:45 Feeding Ministry –Jeremiah's

5:30 LEM/LR Meeting

7:30 Centering Prayer

Tuesday, February 14

7:45 Morning Prayer

9 Property Committee

Wednesday, February 15

7 Holy Eucharist, breakfast & Bible study

7:30 Finance Committee

Thursday, February 16

4:45 Feeding Min. at Vet's Shelter

Friday, February 17

4:30 Afternoon Tunes

6 Fun/Fab Friday

Saturday, February 18

8:30 Vestry Retreat in Holden

Sunday, February 19

Blood pressure screenings

7:45 Holy Eucharist

9 Family Eucharist

9:40 Church School

9:40 Community Mtg. re: 9 a.m. Service

10:30 Holy Eucharist

12 Lay Pastors Meeting

12:30 Ghanaian Service

Monday, February 20

HOLIDAY – OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, February 21

7:45 Morning Prayer

Shrove Tuesday, February 21

7:45 Morning Prayer

6 Pancake Supper

Ash Wednesday, February 22

7 Holy Eucharist,

breakfast & Bible study

12 Holy Eucharist w/Bishop

12:45 Lenten Lunch

7:30 Holy Eucharist

Sunday, February 26

7:45 Holy Eucharist

9 Family Eucharist

9:40 Church School

9:40 Adult Forum

10:30 Holy Eucharist

12 EYC Meeting

12:30 Ghanaian Service

5 Choral Evensong

Tuesday, February 28

7:45 Morning Prayer

7 Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, February 29

7 Holy Eucharist, breakfast & Bible study

NEXT BAPTISMAL DATES SCHEDULED.

Our next dates for scheduling baptisms are Sunday: February 19 and Easter Eve (Saturday evening, April 7). Please contact Kevin Bean at 508-752-3766 x13 or kevin@allsaintsw.org

SAVE THE DATE

RUMMAGE SALE – MAY 19

Donations will be accepted beginning Saturday, May 12

SUNDAY FORUMS IN FEBRUARY

(9:40-10:25 a.m. in the Guild Room)

Sundays, February 5 and 12 - two-week series on Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina, literally meaning "divine reading," is an ancient practice of reading and praying the Scriptures. During Lectio Divina, the practitioner listens to the text of the Bible with the "ear of the heart," as if he or she is in conversation with God, and God is suggesting the topics for discussion. The method of Lectio Divina includes moments of reading (lectio), reflecting on (meditatio), responding to (oratio) and resting in (contemplatio) the Word of God with the aim of nourishing and deepening one's relationship with the Divine. We will experience two variations of this ancient practice.

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COUNCIL

EYC will be meeting this month on February 12 for our bowling party! Permission slips are on the Bulletin Board outside the Guild Room. We will meet in the Guild Room at 12pm (after church) and will head straight to the bowling alley! Our next meeting will be February 26th where will begin to look over our script and report back on the teen lock-in in Springfield.

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with others, with strangers, with neighbors. I once thought Lent was only about giving things up...chocolate, candy, soda, but one year someone challenged me to take something on instead of giving something up. Perhaps as you think of what you will give up or take on...you may consider taking on, the challenge and great joy that comes with inviting others into authentic Christian community, into our All Saints family, by inviting them to Bible Study, a fellowship meal, or our Sunday Eucharistic feast. Thank you for making my ordination to the priesthood so special, both in your physical presence, those that made the five hour trek down to Philadelphia, and your prayerful presence. I am so honored, and blessed to be here, and am so excited to celebrate God's abundance with you all.

Blessings, Lindsay+

LITTLE JAZZ MASS - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Join us on Sunday, February 12 at the 10:30 service for the Sung Eucharist celebrating Black History Month featuring Bob Chilcott's *Little Jazz Mass* with our boy choristers and St. Cecilia Choir.

LEGACY SUNDAY AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

February 12

Also on February 12, we will again celebrate Legacy Sunday at All Saints. At this time we will welcome new members of the Arbor Society and recognize all members of this legacy group. The Arbor Society is open to all parishioners who have notified the Rector that they have remembered All Saints in their wills or estate plans, regardless of the size of their gift. The Endowment Growth Committee is dedicated to promoting the growth of the endowment of All Saints in order to further the mission and ministry of the church. If you have questions or wish to advise us of your intent, please contact members of the committee: Kevin Bean, George Bernardin, Debbie Mathews-Finch, Sam Pickens, Janet Jones, or Diana Sullivan.

Why a Legacy?

The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.

Book of Common Prayer, p. 445

Many Christians, down through the years, have heeded this rubric from the prayer book and left bequests to support the mission and ministry of the church. We thank them for their gifts and we encourage all members of the Church to heed the words of the rubric. Writing a will gives us the opportunity to tell our loved

ones about the values, organizations, and other things that give meaning and fulfillment to our lives. It can also assure us that we are remembered for the good works we support during our lives and at the end of our mortal lives. In addition, a will can teach our children and others how to give. Through a will we can distribute our possessions in such a targeted way as to keep faith alive in the next generation. The simple act of including the church in your will can extend and expand an important ministry while influencing your loved ones toward a life of faith and generosity.

FEBRUARY 13 ASSEMBLY TO FOCUS ON YOUTH

JOBS An All Saints team, with Worcester Interfaith, has been working with leaders from other area churches to explore issues impacting our young people and their families. We will gather on **Monday February 13 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club (65 Tainter Street)** in Worcester to call on our municipal leadership and state representatives to commit to funding for summer jobs for youth programs. Please join with us in this action if you can (just let Kevin Bean know if you can come - kevin@allsaintsw.org or 508-752-3766).

ANNUAL MEETING – January 22, 2012

Vestry & Officers

Senior Warden: David Finch ; Junior Warden: Donna LoConte
Clerk: Donna Crocker; Treasurer: Charles Moser
Assistant Treasurer: George Tetler; Assistant Treasurer: Philip Magnusson

Class of 2013: Alexys Burbo, Derek Frimpong, Janice MorganJones, Marijane Pescaro. *Class of 2014:* Bruce Broadard, Ian Harvey, Gloria Lewicki, James Sanders. *Class of 2015:* Beverly Brown, John Congdon, Sarah Reynolds, Shelly Yarnie.

Delegates to Diocesan Convention: Beth Baldwin, John Congdon, Karen King.

We gave thanks to those whose terms have expired:

David Musselman - Junior Warden; Shelly Yarnie – Clerk;

Vestry members: Bonnie Johnson, Sally Talbot;

Delegate to Diocesan Convention: Neel Smith

FUN AND FAB IS BACK!

This great ministry of All Saints is gearing up in a major way. Friday programs for children 1st-12th grade begins Friday, February 3. This semester we have activities ranging from family game night, a series on nutrition and healthy eating, and an Earth Day extravaganza!! To volunteer please be in touch with lindsay@allsaintsw.org.

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

SHROVE TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 21 from 6-7 p.m.

PANCAKE SUPPER & MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION -
Food and crafts provided by the EYC, are followed by a brief child-friendly “Ash Wednesday” service with the imposition of ashes. Suggested donation: \$5 per person; \$15 family.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7 a.m. Holy Eucharist, breakfast & Bible Study

12 Noon Holy Eucharist with The Rt. Rev. Gordon P .Scruton, Bishop of the Diocese of Western MA, celebrant and preacher.

12:45 Luncheon in Guild Room, \$5 per person

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Imposition of ashes at all services

(Bring in your palms from last year by February 9 to be burned for ashes to begin our Lenten Season.)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, February 26 at 5 p.m.

Choral Evensong for the 1st Sunday in Lent. St. Cecilia Choir and adults.

ENGLISH AFTERNOON TEA

Sunday, February 26, 4-5 p.m.

Lenten oatcakes (no butter or eggs!), hot teas with warm scones, jams, butter and tea biscuits. Drop-in (4-5 p.m.) Come enjoy a fresh scone with a hot “cuppa”. \$5. per person, no reservation required. (Sherry will also be available). Proceeds benefit the All Saints Choirs. (Please call Candace Smith 508-799-8976 ahead of time if you have a group of six or more so that we can set adequate table space.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP TALLY (as of January 29, 2012)

Number of households who have made a 2012 pledge.....	238
Number of 2011 pledgers who haven't yet pledged for 2012.....	32
Number of parishioners in special circumstances which prevent them from pledging in 2012.....	25
Number of non-pledgers who otherwise have left pledging to others.....	110
Newcomers who have not yet made a commitment.....	15

Which line includes you? The bottom line is that we are still \$23,000 away from meeting our now reduced budget needs of All Saints. Can it be done? One hundred and fifty-seven individuals and families will determine the answer.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR 2012 PLEDGE?

Offering envelopes may be picked up on the stage in Huntington Hall for those who have made a pledge and requested envelopes.