

# All Saints Parish Notes

#### **Welcome to All Saints Parish**

As a community of faith, we . . .

- Welcome all seeking refuge, inspiration, and nourishing relationships with one another and with God.
- Provide a place devoted to creating beauty and experiencing God's grace.
- Empower people to act in service to others and to care for God's creation.

#### **MUSIC**

#### **CHORAL COMPLINE**

Sunday, 5 February, 7:00 pm
Our next service of choral compline is sung on 5 February, in observance of the feast of the Presentation. This candlelit service is designed as the final prayer of our day. Lasting 30 minutes, the liturgy is sung by the choir on behalf of the congregation and centered around the chanting of psalms, scripture, and prayers for a peaceful night. Join us monthly on the first Sunday of each month in-person or online as we conclude our weekend with reflection, calm, and peace.

Contact: <u>Stephan Griffin</u>, music@allsaintsbrookline.org

#### **CHORAL EVENSONG**

Mark your calendars for this year's Evensong services. All services are at 5:00 pm.

- 12 March, James Theodore Holly
- 21 May, Lydia of Thyatira

Contact: <u>Stephan</u>

# Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Sunday, 29 January 2023

#### **THIS WEEK**

#### HOLY EUCHARIST AND ANNUAL MEETING

This Sunday, 29 January, 10:30 am

The 128th Annual Meeting of All Saints Parish will take place Sunday during the 10:30 am service. The nursery will be staffed from 10:00 am until 12:30 pm. A movie will be shown for older children following Breakfast Club (starting at 11:15 am). Light refreshments will be served. We plan to be finished no later than 12:30 pm.

The service will be livestreamed, but you must be present to vote. A LIMITED number of copies of the <u>Annual Report</u> will be printed out. We will gladly reserve a printed copy for you, just let the office know you would like one.

#### PARISH FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

Watch the video of Wednesday's financial presentation on our YouTube channel.

#### **THANK YOU**

We are immensely grateful to our outgoing Junior Warden, Kari Limmer; and vestry members—David Harrison, Rebecca Mathews, and Julia Speyer. We very much appreciate their faithful Service to the parish.

#### SOCIAL HOUR HOSTS

In place of social hour this Sunday, the vestry is providing refreshments during the Annual Meeting in the sanctuary.

Social hour will resume as usual next Sunday. If you are interested, there are upcoming openings to host social hour. Sign up here.

#### TODAY'S CHURCH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

This Sunday's Breakfast Club team is Bruce Keary, Mary Urban Keary, and Michael Thompson. Grey Hannibal will volunteer in the nursery. Nirupa Matthan will volunteer with older children during Annual Meeting.

#### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

#### JANUARY VESTRY MEETING

At the January 18, 2023 Vestry meeting, the Vestry:

- Expressed profound gratitude to outgoing Junior Warden Kari Limmer and outgoing Vestry members David Harrison, Rebecca Mathews and Julia Speyer.
- Welcomed the nominees for the 2023 Vestry, who attended the meeting in a non-voting capacity.
- Authorized the Property Committee to engage Atlantic Heating and Air Conditioning to replace one fan coil unit in the nave and to spend up to \$26,000 from the Building Reserve Fund for the same.
- Discussed plans for the upcoming Annual Meeting and volunteered for various tasks related to running it.
- Discussed and approved the 2023 budget as presented by the Treasurer.

#### THE REV. ANOMA ABEYARATNE UPDATE

Anoma's shoulder surgery needed to be rescheduled. It will now take place on 15 February. Please continue to pray as she prepares.

#### **FEBRUARY MANNA MEAL**

For I was hungry, and you gave me food. For more information, visit our website.

• Casserole Kit Pickup Sunday, 19 February, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm or following weekdays during office hours

• Casserole Dropoff

Sunday, 26 February, after church by noon

<u>Sign up here</u> to lend a hand. *Coordinator: Nancy Snudden* 

#### **BAKE SALE FOR WINTER WALK**

Sunday, 5 February, after church

On Sunday, 5 February, All Saints youth will host a bake sale to support the All Saints Winter Walk team. Please sign up to bake items <u>HERE</u>. Please also support the team by buying baked goods at the bake sale—11:30 am on Sunday, 5 February.

Contact: <u>Danielle Dong</u>, danielledong@gmail.com or <u>Mary Urban Keary</u>, mukeary@gmail.com

#### WINTER WALK TO END HOMELESSNESS

Sunday, 12 February, 8:30 am, Copley Plaza

On Sunday, 12 February, a team of All Saints parishioners and friends join the Winter Walk to End Homelessness. If you would like to participate in the walk, or if you cannot participate in the walk but would like to contribute toward the team's fundraising goal, register or donate HERE.

Contact: <u>Danielle Dong</u> or <u>Mary Urban Keary</u>

#### ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY

All Saints is a member of Project Bread's coalition of 100 organizations in Massachusetts advocating for legislation providing permanent, universal school meals in the Commonwealth. This provision removes the stigma and barriers that limit access to good nutrition for the increasing numbers of children living in foodinsecure households. To get involved in the coalition, contact to *Wendy Wheeler* or Maggie Hogan.

Contact: <u>Wendy</u>, wendybwheeler@gmail.com; or <u>Maggie</u>, mahogan1@verizon.net

#### RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Do you consider All Saints to be your spiritual home? If so, do you make an annual pledge? We invite all who attend worship services at All Saints Parish to reflect on the grace that God has so generously bestowed in our lives. Worship is the heart of everything we do. Our youth and adult education programs deepen our faith journeys and create life-changing relationships with God in Christ. And, we partner with local unhoused and food insecure communities to help meet their needs through food, clothing, and other donations.

Your financial response to God's grace in your life will help nurture these programs at All Saints Parish. We invite you to join us as we build a community of love and strengthen our awareness of God's presence in our lives. You may make a financial donation during the offertory. You may give online or make a pledge at allsaintsbrookline.org/giving/. You may also mail your check to All Saints Parish, 1773 Beacon Street, Brookline, MA 02445.

#### UPDATING YOUR ADDRESS

Please contact the parish office if you have moved in the last year or if you would like to change any other personal information.

Contact: Office, office@allsaintsbrookline.org

## LIFELONG FAITH JOURNEY - CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

#### **NURSERY CARE AVAILABLE THIS SUNDAY**

29 January, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Nursery care will be extended to 12:30 pm this week to accommodate families with young children who wish to attend the annual meeting. The nursery is located in the Corner Co-op space in the undercroft. *Contact: Tammy* 

#### BREAKFAST CLUB MEETS THIS SUNDAY

29 January, 10:00 am

Breakfast Club will meet this Sunday.

Contact: Michael, mthompson5510@gmail.com

#### ANNUAL MEETING CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

29 January, 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

During this year's annual meeting, nursery care will be available for children ages four and younger. Older children are invited to join for the Breakfast Club (10:00–11:15 am), after which a movie will be shown in the dining room.

Contact: Michael

#### YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Sunday, 5 February, 11:30 am, Dining Room Confirmation class will meet after worship on Sunday, 5 February. All high school students are invited to participate in this program as they discern their adult relationship to the church. Please contact Tammy for a copy of the confirmation prep schedule.

Contact: **Tammy** 

#### **LIFELONG FAITH JOURNEY - ADULTS**

#### MEN'S BOOK GROUP

Saturday, 28 January, 8:00 am, via Zoom

The Men's Book Group will gather on Zoom on 28 January, at 8:00 am, to continue discussing *How the Word is Passed* by Clint Smith. Beginning in his hometown of New Orleans, Smith leads the reader on an unforgettable tour of monuments and landmarks—some that are honest about the past and some that are not—to offer an intergenerational story of how slavery has shaped our nation's collective history and ourselves.

For more information and the Zoom link, contact <u>Alan</u> McLellan.

Contact: Alan, mclellan.alan@gmail.com

#### RELIGION AND CULTURE BOOK GROUP

Saturday, 18 February, 8:00 am, via Zoom

In recognition of Black History month, the Reading Religion and Culture book group will read <u>The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song</u> by Henry Louis Gates Jr., which explores the meaning of the Black Church in America and spans more than five centuries, from the intersection of Christianity and the transatlantic slave trade to today's political landscape. The book is a companion to a PBS documentary of the same name which can be streamed online. We will meet over Zoom on **Saturday, 18 February, at 8:00 am.** We always welcome new members. Contact <u>Aaron Daniels</u> for the Zoom link.

Contacts: <u>Laura Daniels</u>, catalyze93@gmail.com, or <u>Wendy</u>

### EPIPHANY BIBLE STUDY: READING THE BIBLE THROUGH DIFFERENT LENSES

Mondays, 7:00 pm, via Zoom Register HERE.

We all read the bible through our lens—our own set of conceptions. During Epiphany, Richard is leading a series in which we will learn to see the bible through multiple lenses increasing our awareness of our own hidden biases and deepening our understanding of the true breadth of God's grace. Resources for the sessions are available on the All Saints website, so you can work at your own pace. You must register in order to get the Zoom link, but you will use the same link for every session you attend.

- This week's lens (30 January): Eco-theology
- Upcoming lenses: Disability, Queer, Intersex

Contact: Richard, rector@allsaintsbrookline.org

#### NEW FORWARD DAY BY DAY

Copies of the February-March-April issue of the daily devotional, *Forward Day by Day*, have arrived at the church. You may pick one up in person or arrange to have one mailed to you. These daily devotions are also available online.

Contact: Office

#### IN THE COMMUNITY

#### **CLOTHED FIGURE DRAWING CLASS**

Dean Road Drawing is a congenial group of ten to fifteen teens and adults who enjoy drawing from a clothed model, with stage lighting, run by parishioner <u>Karen Skillins</u>. The first session is free. The next Saturday drawing session will be on 11 February at 10:30 am.

If you would like to model for DRD, we offer \$10 for thirty minutes of your time. Everyone is invited to model. Artists like to draw a variety of individuals. You just sit and not move for a minimum of ten minutes and a maximum of half an hour. We always need more models—clothed, of course!

Contact: <u>DeanRoadDrawing@gmail.com</u>

### AN INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM FOR CHRISTIANS

Starting 27 February, 7:00 pm, Temple Beth Zion As we enter into our seasons of redemption, you are invited to join Rabbinic Intern, Josh Greenberg, in a series of four classes exploring classical Jewish texts concerned with suffering, sacrifice, redemption, and freedom and emphasizing the possible intersection of these sentiments with Christian texts of similar themes. We will consider what our traditions say on these matters to perhaps deepen our own religious identities and/or expand our spiritual practices as we make our way to the other side of a parted sea or to the mouth of an empty tomb—and beyond.

A suggested donation is \$36 for all four sessions. Sign up HERE!

#### **LINKS**

The most frequently used links in one place.

