



All Saints Parish Notes

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, 11 February 2024

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.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the more than 20 people who provided delicious baked goods for last week's *Winter Walk Bake Sale*. We are delighted to report that, thanks to your generosity, more than \$2100 was raised! Another \$1700 has been pledged on the *Winter Walk* website, making our current donation: \$3800. It's not too late to add your contribution. You can do it on the [All Saints Team page on the Winter Walk Website](#).

SOCIAL HOUR HOSTS

Carol Piñeiro will host social hour in the Guild Room on 11 February. Thanks to Carol for hosting. If you would like to host an upcoming social hour, [please sign up on this google doc](#), or contact [Barbara MacDonald](#).

NO CHURCH SCHOOL TODAY



THIS WEEK

WINTER WALK TO END HOMELESSNESS

Sunday, 11 February

February is frequently the coldest month of the year. Walking two miles on the February 11 Winter Walk to End Homelessness may make your toes cold, but your heart is likely to be warmed as you bear witness through your feet and donations to our belief that we are indeed our brothers' and sisters' keepers. The following link will take you to the Winter Walk's All Saints page [HERE](#), where you can sign up to walk or make a donation.

Contact: [Danielle Dong](mailto:danielledong@gmail.com), danielledong@gmail.com; or [Mary Urban Keary](mailto:mukeary@gmail.com), mukeary@gmail.com

EVENSONG

Sunday, 11 February, 5 pm

The All Saints Choir will offer Choral Evensong commemorating the consecration of Barbara C. Harris. The service features music by Moses Hogan, Stephan Griffin, Kerensa Briggs, and Zanaida Stewart Robles. A light reception will follow.

We are delighted to welcome the Honorable Byron Rushing as our guest preacher. Bishop Gates is planning to attend, and a photographer has been commissioned by the Church Pension Group to take photos for use on the Episcopal Church website and at General Convention this summer.

Contact: [Stephan](#)

ASH WEDNESDAY

14 February 2024

Dust and Ashes: Self-Guided Prayer Walk

8:00 am to 5:30 pm

The church will be open and set up with stations to guide you on a prayer walk from dust to ashes and beyond. The prayer walk is suitable for all ages. The youngest will need adult guidance. Learn more about the history of Dust and Ashes [HERE](#).

Choral Eucharist, with imposition of ashes

7:00 pm

Our traditional choral Eucharist with the imposition of ashes begins at 7:00 pm. Begin Lent with this solemn service in person or online.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

FEBRUARY MANNA MEAL

Sign up [using this doc](#).

Our monthly commitment for the Monday MANNA meal includes vegetarian casseroles (beans, rice, corn, cheese, and spices), salad, rolls, and to-go sandwich lunches. We invite everyone to participate in ways that are comfortable for them. We also need a Sunday driver and Monday servers.

- **Casserole Kit Pickup**

*Sunday, 18 February, 10 am to 2 pm
or the following weekdays during office hours*

- **Casserole Dropoff**

Sunday, 25 February, after church by noon

- **Serving at the Cathedral**

Monday, 26 February, 11 am to 1 pm

Contact: [Mary Urban Keary](mailto:MaryUrbanKeary@gmail.com), mukeary@gmail.com

SAINTS ALIVE

The most recent issue of Saints Alive is available to [download from our website](#), and is available to be picked up at church. It was mailed out earlier this week.

PARISH PLANNING STUDY

At our recent parish-wide meeting, we provided an overview of some capital improvements needed at the parish. This work includes replacement of the sanctuary roof system, replacement of the 1961 Casavant organ, as well as a number of other improvements. Our total financing need is approximately \$4,000,000.

Consequently, we are seeking your input to help formulate a plan that will address necessary updates to our beloved parish home. This is why feedback from our parishioners is of the utmost importance at this time. Your opinions and suggestions will enable us to form a final plan that meets the needs of our entire parish while remaining within our financial ability.

We have retained Cornerstone Fundraising, a professional religious fundraising firm to direct a Planning Study for our parish. During the next several weeks, every registered member on our mailing list will be contacted and asked to take part in a study process. Members of the Cornerstone team will be conducting a series of interviews and parish-wide focus groups as well as an on-line survey.

Please make every effort to participate in the planning study so that we may complete this study with your open and honest input.

Your advice, counsel and willingness to participate in this process is essential so that we may perform this study with your open and honest input.

LIFELONG FAITH JOURNEY - CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

NO BREAKFAST CLUB THIS WEEK

There will be no Breakfast Club this Sunday.

Breakfast Club is our formation program for Children ages 4 through 5th grade and middle school students are invited to the Breakfast Club. Breakfast takes place from 10 to 10:30 am followed by discussion and activities from 10:30 to 11:15 am.

Contact: [Jason](#)

FAMILY MINISTER POSITION POSTED

The family minister job description has been posted at the diocese. You can read and [download a pdf of the description here](#). Lay and ordained candidates will both be considered. The position is part-time, approximately 15-20 hours per week. Compensation is based on the minimum standard guidelines established by the Diocese of Massachusetts and will be commensurate with experience for either lay or ordained applicants.

To apply please send a cover letter, resume/CV, and three references to The Rev. Richard Burden.

Contact: [Richard](#)

LIFELONG FAITH JOURNEY - ADULTS

MENS BOOK GROUP

Saturday, 10 February, 8 am

The Men's Book Group meets every other Saturday at 8:00 am. We will continue discussing *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion*, by Jonathan Haidt. Join us! Email [Bruce Keary](mailto:BruceKeary@gmail.com) for more information and the Zoom link.

Contact: [Bruce Keary](mailto:BruceKeary@gmail.com), bruce.keary@gmail.com

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING INFO SESSION

11 February, after church, Library

Are you curious about the Daughters of the King? Come to the library after church on 11 February to meet Daughters, and learn more about the program.

Contact: [Mary Urban Keary](mailto:MaryUrbanKeary@gmail.com)

RELIGION AND CULTURE READING GROUP

17 February, 8:00 am, via Zoom

Join us for a monthly discussion as we explore books about religious and spiritual topics that intersect with our multicultural world. For February, we will discuss *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston, a classic of the Harlem Renaissance. New members are always welcome. E-mail [Wendy Wheeler](mailto:Wendy.Wheeler@all-saints.org) for the Zoom link.

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PHILADELPHIA ELEVEN SCREENING

25 February, 2 pm, at the Coolidge Corner Theatre

[Purchase tickets here](#)

All Saints Parish and the Charles River Deanery is hosting a screening of the new documentary [The Philadelphia Eleven](#). The film chronicles the struggle that took place fifty years ago in the Episcopal Church to allow women to be ordained as priests. A discussion with filmmakers and others linked to this historic event will follow the screening. Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$5 for seniors and students.

FORWARD MOVEMENT OFFERINGS

Check out the [Forward Movement](#) literature rack on the Welcome Table in the church. There you can find copies of the February-March-April issue of the daily devotional, [Forward Day by Day](#). You may pick one up or arrange to have one mailed to you. These daily devotions are also available [online](#). You can also pick up a pamphlet covering various topics of interest like prayer and belonging in the Episcopal Church.

Contact: [Office](#)

GIVE

NEW ONLINE DONATION PLATFORM

When you make an online donation to All Saints you will notice a change. We have moved to a new donation platform called [Zeffy](#). Most online donation platforms take a small percentage of your donation to cover the processing costs and we typically ask that you increase your donation a small amount to cover those fees. This new platform flips that model and gives us 100% of your donation and then asks for (but does not require) an additional voluntary contribution from each donor. At the payment confirmation step, you will have the option (but are never obliged) to make an additional contribution. Under “support the 100% free platform we use” click “other” and enter the amount you wish to donate to Zeffy, even if that amount is \$0. We appreciate your generosity and so will they. On a mobile device, Zeffy also works with Apple Pay and Google Pay. If you have questions, contact Richard or Rob Hillman.

LED BY THE SPIRIT—STEWARDSHIP 2024

Stewardship goals for 2024

We are so grateful to everyone who has pledged! Below is an update on how close we are to reaching our goals. 100% participation—As of 1 February we have 103 pledgers and are 74% of the way to meeting this goal, and still below our total number of pledges for 2023.

\$525,000 in total pledges—as of 1 February we have received \$489,390 in pledges. This is \$35,610 away from reaching our goal.

WORSHIP

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

18 February 2024

It is customary at All Saints to chant the Great Litany in procession on the first Sunday in Lent.

The Great Litany was the first rite published in English. It was compiled by Thomas Cranmer, in 1544, drawing on litanic prayers from the Sarum Rite, the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, and a Latin litany composed by Martin Luther. It was created as a special supplication at a time when Henry VIII was at war with both Scotland and France. The rite was to be said or sung kneeling in the midst of the church on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays—a pattern that remained in place for centuries. Each subsequent revision of the Prayer Book has seen a variety of editorial changes to the Litany. In late medieval times, it would have been sung in procession, although

under Edward VI (Henry VIII's short-lived son), it was ordered to be said while kneeling. Elizabeth I allowed it to be used in procession "on occasion." The first Sunday in Lent is one such occasion at All Saints.

COMPLINE

Sunday, 3 March, 7 pm

As the evening settles in and the day's work is put away, we invite you to leave behind the past, set aside anxieties about the future, and rest in the present. Welcome to Night Prayer, also known as Compline.

Traditionally sung by monks before sleep, Compline offers a half-hour of reflection and meditation—a sanctuary where you can immerse yourself in the tranquility of chanted prayers and anthems, finding solace amid the cacophony of modern life. Surrounded by the soft glow of candles and the gentle scent of incense, Compline marks a moment of closure for the day, allowing for personal introspection, seeking forgiveness, and finding comfort in God's presence before restful sleep.

As the service concludes, the choir withdraws silently, inviting you to embrace a few moments of profound silence.

Contact: [Stephan](#)

SERAPHIM SINGERS CONCERTS

Saturday, 2 March, 8 pm, West Roxbury

Sunday, 3 March, 3 pm, Cambridge

The Seraphim Singers will present a concert *Inspired to Joy* on Saturday, 2 March (8 pm at Holy Name Parish, West Roxbury) and Sunday, 3 March (3 pm First Church, Cambridge) The concert will include the premiere of *Lauda*, a new commissioned work by Trevor Weston on poetry by Angelo Geter. All Saints Music Director Stephan Griffin will be the soloist for the new work and also for Duruflé's *Gloria*. Other works by Bach, Mendelssohn, and more. For more information and tickets visit [Serephim's website](#). (Virtual and in-person tickets available).

Contact: [Eileen Sweeney](#)

IN THE COMMUNITY

CORNER CO-OP ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Corner Co-op Nursery School, located on the lower level of All Saints Parish, is accepting applications for the 2024-25 school year. We are a parent-teacher cooperative whose goal is to provide children and families with support and guidance at an important developmental moment. We provide a nurturing and stimulating environment where children are free to explore and choose, experiment and discover, play and make friends.

Please visit our website, www.cornercoop.org, for more information about the Co-op and how to apply, and contact questions@cornercoop.org if you would like to learn more or take a tour.