



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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday (28 March)

Triduum—First Assembly, 7 pm
Nightwatch, 9pm

Good Friday (29 March)

Stations of the Cross, 9:30 am
Triduum—Second Assembly, 7pm

Holy Saturday (30 March)

Liturgy of the Word, noon
Triduum—Third Assembly, 7 pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday, 31 March, 9 and 11 am

THANK YOU

Let gratitude roll down like waters for the all the extra, faithful, and dedicated work offered by the choir, the Altar Guild, the flower arrangers, Eucharistic ministers, vergers, and other in preparing for and completing Holy Week services. All of us are thankful for those parishioners who enrich our faith and enliven our worship in countless ways. In addition, we recognize the enormous effort by our staff and clergy to make liturgies happen.

Holy Week and Easter

Spring/Summer Preview 2024

HOLY WEEK

ABOUT THE TRIDUUM

Triduum Sacrum—The Three Sacred Days—is the name given to the days leading up to Easter: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The rites and ceremonies we observe during this period developed over centuries with much local adaptation. Similar rites were described in the diary of Egeria from her pilgrimage to the Holy Land between 381 and 384 CE. On these nights, the faithful gather to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus in one single liturgy, which extends from the opening acclamation on Maundy Thursday to the dismissal at the Great Vigil.

This year, with the bishops encouragement, we are using authorized versions of the scriptures which provide more historically nuanced translations, an alternate New Testament reading on Good Friday, and new versions of the Solemn Collects which adds prayers lamenting Christian acts of prejudice and violence, and affirming the eternal covenant God has with the Jewish people, and, in addition to two of the traditional readings at the Great Vigil (Creation and the Exodus), we will be adding readings which highlight God's care for and relationship with the ancestors of the Muslim people, and others who, like all Christians, have been welcomed into a covenantal relationship with God through our ancestors in the Jewish faith.

PARISH PLANNING SURVEY

Over the past several weeks we have been seeking parishioner input regarding some major capital improvement projects including replacement of the sanctuary roof system and replacement of the 1961 Casavant organ. Additionally, we would like to do some long-range planning to improve the accessibility and overall functioning of our sanctuary and Parish House. Our total financing need is approximately \$4,000,000.

We are now in the final stages of our study where **we are inviting all families in our parish to make their perspectives known to us about these projects.** If you did not attend a one-on-one interview or one of the recent focus groups, we invite you to complete a short online survey so you may express your thoughts and opinions.

Click on the following link to begin the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AllSaintsBrookline>

Your advice, counsel, and willingness to participate in this process are essential. Thank you in advance for your participation.

WORSHIP

HOLY WEEK AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO OUR JEWISH SIBLINGS

Of all the worship services in the Christian year, the liturgies of Holy Week pose some of the most difficult and painful problems for us in our relationship with our Jewish siblings. In the Passion narratives we hear on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, the Gospel writers (writing decades after the events described) pit Jesus against “the chief priests,” “the elders,” “the crowds,” and, more generally, “the Jews.” It is vital to remember that Jesus and his followers were Jewish, as were many to whom the Gospels were written. The debates and vitriol we hear in these texts are elements of an intra-family dispute—siblings arguing and blaming one another in order to establish and secure a distinct communal identity for themselves over and against each other. We must also remember that the first century was a tumultuous and dangerous time for Jews. The Romans executed not only Jesus but countless others and ruthlessly destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple in 70CE. In subsequent centuries, Christian rhetoric became increasingly anti-Jewish and Holy Week, at various times in history, became a time when organized persecution of Jewish communities took place. Part of our ongoing work of repentance and reconciliation requires us to acknowledge the painful history of Christian atrocities perpetrated against the Jewish people, re-examine our Scriptures and liturgies with this history in mind, and commit to acting differently now.

FUTURE CHORAL SERVICES

Monthly Sunday Choral Compline

- The Second Sunday of Easter
7 April, 7 pm
- The Sixth Sunday of Easter
5 May, 7 pm
- The Second Sunday after Pentecost
2 June, 7 pm
- The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
1 September, 7 pm
- The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
6 October, 7 pm
- Commemoration of All Souls
3 November, 7 pm
- The First Sunday of Advent
1 December, 7 pm

Choral Evensong

- The Fourth Sunday of Easter, sung by the St. James School Choir, Hagerstown, Maryland
Sunday, 21 April, 5 pm
- The Feast of The Ascension
Thursday, 9 May, 7 pm

BECOME AN ALTAR MINISTER

People who feel a call to become an Altar Ministers, or Lay Eucharistic Ministers are always welcome to explore that call. Altar Ministers are trained to serve the chalice and assist in leading worship. If you have felt a call to this kind of service, or are just interested in what it may entail, please speak with Richard or any current Altar Minister.

Contact: [Richard](#)

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Participating in an Outreach ministry is a good way to meet fellow parishioners and to allow the Spirit to move in our lives, spreading the love of God to our neighbors. Over sixty households actively participate in Outreach activities. There are many ways to join. Which of these activities speaks to you or your family?

- Bring in non-perishable items that will be delivered to the Brookline Food Pantry when you come to church.
- Support our friends in the MANNA unhoused community in Boston by helping to prepare a nourishing meal each month.
- Shop for groceries for the families of Boston’s St. Stephen’s Youth Programs.
- Join fundraising walks—or support walkers—for our partner organizations that work to end homelessness and to support victims of violence

Contact the people below to learn more about these activities.

Contact: [Wendy Wheeler](#),
wendybwheeler@gmail.com

B-SAFE GROCERY DELIVERY

Groceries due by Wednesday, 10 April, 3 pm

We have committed to 50 bags of groceries and ten containers of laundry detergent per month, so we would appreciate your contributions.

Please sign up [HERE](#). You can leave them inside the Guild Room. To mark your calendars, future delivery dates are 8 May, 12 June, 10 July, and 7 August.

Contact: [Carol Pineiro](#), [Beth Bourgault](#)

B-SAFE SUMMER CAMP

We also support St. Stephen's Youth Programs' summer program by making and delivering lunches to their summer camp field trip to Canobie Lake Park on Friday, 26 July!

Contact: [Eileen Sweeney](#), eileen.sweeney@bc.edu; [Beth Bourgault](#), bethbourgault55@gmail.com; or [Carol Piniero](#), chpineiro@yahoo.com

MANNA SPOTLIGHT

The most recent edition of *Dispatches from MANNA*, the official newsletter of the MANNA community features a spotlight of the All Saints Parish team, as well as a reflection from Harold Petersen who volunteers at the Black Seed Writers Group. [You can download the pdf here](#), and from their website mannaboston.org. Thanks to all who are a part of the MANNA community.

MANNA SPRING/SUMMER SCHEDULE

For I was hungry, and you gave me food.

APRIL

- **Casserole Kit Pickup**
Sunday, 14 April, 10 am to 2 pm
or following weekdays during office hours
- **Casserole Dropoff**
Sunday, 21 April, after church by noon
- **Serving at the Cathedral**
Monday, 22 April, 11 am to 1 pm

MAY

- **Casserole Kit Pickup**
Sunday, 19 May, 10 am to 2 pm
or following weekdays during office hours
- **Casserole Dropoff**
Sunday, 26 May, after church by noon
- **Serving at the Cathedral**
Monday, 27 May, 11 am to 1 pm

JUNE

- **Casserole Kit Pickup**
Sunday, 16 June, 10 am to 2 pm
or following weekdays during office hours
- **Casserole Dropoff**
Sunday, 23 June, after church by noon
- **Serving at the Cathedral**
Monday, 24 June, 11 am to 1 pm

For more information visit our [website](#).

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

MOTHER'S DAY WALK FOR PEACE

Sunday, 12 May

Sign up at [this website](#).

Please join the All Saints Parish Team as we walk together from Dorchester Town Field Park at 8 am on Mother's Day. We walk to honor persons who have been murdered and to celebrate their lives; to support the families and communities who are grieving; and to share their healing journey. Every homicide affects: family, friends, teachers, and community. Please consider walking and/or donating towards our team goal of \$3,000. This is an extremely important event and cause!

Contact: [Honor McClellan](#), hem2753@gmail.com

HISTORY AND ARCHIVES TEAM

All Saints is blessed with a rich history and a remarkable collection of materials documenting that history, saved by generations of parishioners. If you are interested in helping to tell the stories of All Saints, from 1894 to the present, or enjoy organizing historical documents (and do not mind getting a little dusty), please consider joining the history and archives team. No experience is needed, and we can help you find a project that suits your interests, matches your skillset, and works with your schedule.

Contact: [Maggie Hogan](#), mahogan1@verizon.net

WHAT IS THE VESTRY?

The vestry is the elected leadership of the parish who shares the responsibility of overseeing the spiritual and material wellbeing of the parish with the rector and staff. The vestry is made up of nine lay people—three of whom are elected each year at Annual Meeting for a three-year terms and four officers (Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Clerk) who are also elected annually. The vestry meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Reports on the vestry meetings are included in the Parish Notes following the monthly meeting.

MARCH VESTRY MEETING

At the 12 March 2024 Vestry meeting, the Vestry:

- Authorized Wardens Maggie Hogan and Rusty Fenton to enter into contracts with and accept preservation restrictions on All Saints' building from the Massachusetts Historical Commission, including committing to match any grant funds received using either operating cash or endowment funds, in the event the parish receives an MHC grant.
- Authorized the Executive Committee to pay Bethlehem Arts \$3,000 from the Memorial Fund to produce a new crèche.
- Approved the expenditure of up to \$35,000 from the endowment, to be repaid by the Massachusetts Historical Commission grant and/or a future capital campaign, to be paid to Robert Olson & Associates for construction-ready drawings and prep work for the waterproofing of the Dean Road entrance and replacement of the Columbarium roof.
- Discussed Holy Week liturgical changes recently authorized by Bishop Alan Gates which affirm God's relationship with the Jewish people.
- Toured the various parts of the All Saints Parish building.
- Discussed priorities for the Welcome Committee, continuing earlier brainstorming work.

LED BY THE SPIRIT— IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO PLEDGE

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. Together, through our commitment to meaningful worship, lifelong faith journeys, and community support, we are building a community of love and strengthening our awareness of God's presence in our lives.

Our Stewardship goals for 2024 are 100% participation—As of January we have received 104 pledges which is 74% of our goal and still below our total number of pledges for 2023; and \$525,000 in total pledges—as of January we have received \$488,215 in pledges, which is \$36,785 away from reaching our goal.

You can make a financial donation during the offertory, by giving online, by mail, or by making a pledge at allsaintsbrookline.org/giving/.

ALL SAINTS IN YOUR ESTATE PLAN

A bequest to All Saints in your estate plan enables you to contribute to the future vibrancy of the parish. Many of our parishioners have taken this step by including the appropriate language in their will or living trust, or by designating All Saints as a beneficiary of a retirement plan or life insurance policy. A bequest can be of any size and can be cash, securities, or other property. Here are some of the advantages of creating a bequest:

- A bequest costs nothing now;
- A bequest may allow you to make a larger gift than you otherwise could;
- You retain control and use of your assets during your lifetime;
- You may modify your bequest if your circumstances change; and
- Gifts to All Saints from your estate may be tax exempt (please consult your estate planner or a tax specialist).

If you let All Saints know of your plans, we will be able to thank you now and, if you wish, acknowledge your commitment by adding you to our published list of planned giving participants. The amount of your bequest is always confidential.

We are deeply grateful to the people named below for including All Saints as part of their estate plans.

Anonymous
Ken Coleman and Sue Morelli
Margaret A. Hogan
Elinor Horner
Dr. Colin Johnstone and Dr. John Fong
The Rev. David Killian and Barbara O'Neil
Barbara Struck MacDonald
Bradley Arthur MacDonald
Tom Mahoney and Laura Vennard
Lynne and Richard Montross
Jim and Diane Paterson
Harold Petersen
Karen Dutton Petersen
Stephen Powell
Roberta K. Schnoor
Peter and Jean Stringham
Wendy Wheeler and Ian Reid

Contact: plannedgiving@allsaintsbrookline.org

SOCIAL HOUR HOSTS

Jo Shields and Mary Urban Keary will be hosting Social Hour after both the 9 am and 11 am services. Thank you, Jo and Mary! [Sign up here](#) to host social hour this spring.

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](mailto:office@allsaintsbrookline.org), office@allsaintsbrookline.org

LIFELONG FAITH JOURNEY - CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

All Saints offers a vibrant family ministry with opportunities for children of all ages and their parents and/or guardians. You may learn more about upcoming activities and events [at our website](#) or by contacting the Rev. Dr. Richard Burden

FAMILY MINISTER POSITION

The team of Rusty Fenton, Kate Ballas, and Richard+ have concluded candidate interviews and are in the process of calling our next Family Minister. You can read and [download a pdf of the position description here](#). Look for an announcement in the Easter season.

WHERE THE BIBLE SHOWS UP – GIDEON

Sunday, 7 April, 7:00 pm, via ZOOM

On Sunday, 7 April, middle and high school students will meet for Where the Bible Shows Up, a monthly Zoom discussion series in which we explore references to the Bible in art, literature, music, pop culture, and politics. We focus on the Bible's key stories ("the Bible's greatest hits") and then search for references to those stories in other places ranging from stained glass windows to Shakespeare to the Simpsons. In April, the focus is on Gideon.

Please contact Jason or see the weekly family newsletter for the Zoom link.

Contact: [Jessica Stokes](mailto:Jessica.Stokes)

BREAKFAST CLUB

Next gathering Sunday, 7 April, 10 am

No Breakfast Club 31 March or 14 April

The Breakfast Club is a church school program for PreK through fifth grade children and middle schoolers. Each Sunday, breakfast is served from 10:00 to 10:30 am. After sharing breakfast, children participate in discussion and activities that are coordinated with the liturgical seasons and with other special events taking

place in the All Saints community. Children rejoin their adults in the sanctuary in time for Eucharist.

Contact: Jason

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

Serving as an acolyte is an important and rewarding way for the youth of our parish to contribute to our worship services. Young people in grade four or above are eligible to participate in this ministry. We welcome all young people—whether you are a returning "veteran," a new fourth grader, or perhaps an eighth grader who is interested in joining for the first time. We train all new acolytes. Each member of the acolyte roster can expect to be scheduled about once every four to six weeks.

If you or your child is interested in participating in the acolyte ministry, please contact Meg Bridge.

Contact: [Meg](mailto:meg.bridge@post.harvard.edu), margaret.bridge@post.harvard.edu

LIFELONG FAITH JOURNEY - ADULTS

MENS BOOK GROUP

Saturday, 6 April, 8 am, via Zoom

The Men's Book Group meets every other Saturday at 8:00 am. We are reading *Hell of a Book* by Jason Mott. Join us! Email [Bruce Keary](mailto:Bruce.Keary) for more information and the Zoom link.

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

RELIGION AND CULTURE READING GROUP

13 April, 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 March, we will be reading [The Accidental Ecosystem: People and Wildlife in American Cities](#) by Peter S. Alagona. [The Guardian](#) has a good summation, "In The Accidental Ecosystem, Alagona delves into how we can build a tradition of coexistence by examining, chapter by chapter, many of the animals that have found natural niches in cities—among them deer, squirrels, wolves, bats, seals and eagles. He brings together a rich collection of cautionary tales and teachable moments, while also writing a history of how cities became habitats for wild animals." New members are always welcome. E-mail [Wendy Wheeler](mailto:Wendy.Wheeler) for the Zoom link.

Contact: [Laura Daniels](mailto:Laura.Daniels), catalyze93@gmail.com, or [Wendy Wheeler](mailto:Wendy.Wheeler), wendybwheel@gmail.com

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS

Sunday, 5 May

Our Lenten Courageous Conversations session held earlier this month focused on the concept of allyship, with both a general discussion on how we can become better allies in the pursuit of racial justice as well as a more concrete exploration of the many and varied ways (some not always obvious) we can each continue to seek meaningful repair individually, and collaboratively as a parish.

We look forward to having you join us for our next Courageous Conversations gathering On Sunday, 5 May. The Rev. Edwin Johnson from Episcopal City Mission will be guest preacher that day. You will find further details in the weekly Parish Notes during April.

Contact: [Susan Cleaver](#)

FORWARD MOVEMENT OFFERINGS

If you are looking to take on new habits in the new year, check out the [Forward Movement](#) literature rack on the Welcome Table in the church. There you can find copies of the February-March-April, and May-June-July issues 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 Easter, centering prayer, and belonging in the Episcopal Church.

Contact: [Office](#)

IN THE COMMUNITY

CORNER CO-OP APPLICATIONS OPEN

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.

CORNER CO-OP STAY AND PLAY

March 5 - April 12

Corner Co-op Nursery School is pleased to announce that our next session of Stay and Play, a play space for children of all ages and their caregivers, has begun. Families are invited to the Co-op on weekday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30 pm to connect, explore, and play. For more information and to register, please visit www.cornercoop.org/stay-and-play

CORNER CO-OP SPRING FUN FAIR

Saturday, 6 April, 10 am to 2 pm

Please join us at Corner Co-op for our Spring Fun Fair on Saturday, April 6 from 10 am to 2 pm. We will have something for grown-ups and kids of all ages: games, arts and crafts, face painting, a cakewalk, a silent auction, and a magic show by Edraz! Learn more at www.cornercoop.org/funfair.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

All Saints is home to a number of local music ensembles. Upcoming concerts are noted below.

- **THE BOSTON CECILIA**
Saturday, 11 May, 8 pm
[Mozart Requiem](#)
- **BROOKLINE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
Saturday, 18 May, 8 pm
[Liszt, Rautavaara, and Dvořák](#)
- **BROOKLINE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
Saturday, 16 June, 3 pm
[Summer Pops Concert](#)

LINKS



DIOCESE OF MASSACHUSETTS BISHOP SEARCH

In May 2023, Bishop Gates, after serving faithfully since 2014, announced that he would retire in 2024 and called for the election of his successor.

Summer 2023, the [Nominating Committee](#) was formed and began work.

Fall 2023, the Nominating Committee conducted survey and listening sessions around the diocese, and from this developed the [diocesan profile](#).

Late fall 2023, the [Transition Committee](#) was formed.

December 2023, the profile was posted, and the Nominating Committee began receiving nominations.

January 2024, the nominating and application period ended. The Nominating Committee began review of nominees.

15 March 2024, the [preliminary slate announced](#). A petition period ran from 15-22 March, wherein anyone meeting the canonical requirements could petition to be added to the slate of nominees. The petition process requirements and procedure are [available here](#). Now that the petition period has ended, we await the Standing Committee's announcement of the final slate of nominees.

7-11 May 2024, the Transition Committee has scheduled a series of open meetings around the diocese, giving the people of the diocese an opportunity to meet and learn more about the nominees for election as the diocese's 17th bishop diocesan. All in the diocesan community are invited to attend, particularly those who are voting members of the Special Electing Convention to be held on Saturday, 18 May at Trinity Church in Boston.

Meet and Greet Schedule

- Tuesday, 7 May, 7-8:30 p.m. at All Saints' Parish, Ashmont in Dorchester
- Wednesday, 8 May, 10-11:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Barnstable
- Wednesday, 8 May, 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Thomas's Church in Taunton
- Thursday, 9 May, 2-3:30 p.m. at Christ Church in Needham
- Friday, 10 May, 7-8:30 p.m. at Christ Church in Andover (with childcare)
- Saturday, 11 May, 10:30-noon on Zoom (with special Zoom rooms for youth and young adults, as well as for all others). Information about Zoom access and other details will be posted on the diocesan website as they become available.

18 May 2024, Special Electing Convention at Trinity Church in Boston. At this convention all canonically resident clergy of the diocese and lay delegates vote separately as "orders"; a majority of votes on the same ballot from both the clergy and lay orders is required for election. At our Annual Meeting in January, we elected Ethan Avery and Betsy Noecker to be our lay delegates to both this special Electing Convention, and the general diocesan convention in November. Following the diocesan election, a consent process takes place. Consents must be received from a majority of the diocesan standing committees and from a majority of the bishops exercising jurisdiction in the Episcopal Church in order for the bishop-elect to be consecrated.

19 October 2024, Pending consent, consecration and ordination of the 17th bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts at Trinity Church in Boston.

IN THE WIDER CHURCH

Dear Sisters, Brothers, and Siblings in the Lord,

I greet you in the name of our loving, liberating, and life-giving Savior, Jesus Christ.

Last May, I had the privilege of meeting the Rev. Canon Faiz Basheer Jerjes and his colleague, Sinan Hanna, of St. George's Anglican Episcopal Church in Baghdad—the only Anglican church in Iraq. After a moving conversation, Fr. Faiz asked one thing of our church: "Please don't forget us."

I assured him that we would not forget—and I need your help to honor that pledge, not only to him, but to the whole Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, which we have supported through the Good Friday Offering for over a century, through conflict, pandemic, and humanitarian disasters. The Episcopal Church will not forget them. We will not forget our siblings in Christ who cannot worship God freely. We will not forget those caught in the crossfire between warring factions in the land where our Lord walked. We will not forget that every human child of God—Palestinian, Israeli, Iraqi, Cypriot, Lebanese, everyone—deserves safety and security. As we mark our Lord's passion and death on Good Friday, we remember those whom he loves facing injustice and oppression today, and remember the urgency of love—true, sacrificial love.

On Good Friday, March 29, I invite you to remember the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East through a gift to the Good Friday Offering. By supporting life-giving ministries in the province, including St. George's, Baghdad; the eye clinic in Ras Morbat, Yemen; the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza; and numerous other institutions identified by their dioceses, you are ensuring that our siblings in Christ are not forgotten.

On the evening of Good Friday, we especially look forward to inviting the whole church to a concert of sacred music recorded at Christ and St. Luke's Church, Norfolk, in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia. You will find more details about this event, instructions on how to make a gift to the Good Friday Offering, and additional resources at iam.ec/goodfridayoffering.

This is my last Good Friday letter to you as your presiding bishop, and I want to both express my gratitude for your gifts in years past and encourage you to give again to support God's beloved in this area of the world. This is what love asks of us. Any questions about the offering may be directed to Archdeacon Paul Fehleley, Middle East partnership officer. He can be reached at (800) 334-7626 x6222 or via email at pfehleley@episcopalchurch.org. I remain

Your brother in Christ,

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate The Episcopal Church

Use the QR code below to find out more, and to make a donation.

