



# READ ALL ABOUT IT

News and information for the Parish of All Saints-by-the-Sea

February 15, 2015

## LENT AT ALL SAINTS

The season of Lent offers us a gracious opportunity to examine our lives in order to identify where we fall short and to turn our wills back toward God, whose nature is always to have mercy. Lent is an occasion to consider our spiritual health and deepen our spiritual lives. We do this by choosing well our Lenten disciplines that leads us more deeply into relationship with God and one another. This Lent, All Saints offers many opportunities to deepen your walk with Christ. Through seasonal opportunities for worship, devotion, and study, we hope you will find yourself not only willing but able to please God and participate more fully in the work of God's kingdom.

### ***The Lenten Season Begins This Week With Ash Wednesday***

Ash Wednesday is this week, **February 18**, marking the beginning of the Lenten Season. Imposition of ashes will be offered at **noon and at 7:30 p.m.** in an effort to accommodate varying schedules. Please note: no Eventide on Ash Wednesday.

*A helpful lesson from our Jewish and Muslim cousins: take the day off from work and school to observe our holy day of penitence and fasting.*

### ***Eventide During Lent***

Our weekly Eventide service is a time where the All Saints' Community of God's friends gathers to pray, share, sing, rejoice and become, as God calls us. Modeled after the ancient Vespers Office, the service revolves around ancient symbols, interpretive "windows" into the presence of the transcendent God. Everyone is invited to the Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Eventide, as we experience the ancient symbols and retell the ancient stories of this Holy Season of Lent.

### ***Lenten Quiet Day - Saturday, February 28, 9:00am-2:00pm***

Lent allows us a wonderful opportunity to quiet our minds and grow closer to God. We have a special time set aside at All Saints this month to enhance our spiritual journey through this especially prayerful time of the year. You are invited to experience a Lenten Quiet Day to add to the meaningfulness of the Lenten journey. We will gather on Saturday, February 28, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The day will include a gathering time in the Parish House for coffee and muffins; three opportunities for individual prayer and contemplation; gathered discussion; Eucharistic worship; and lunch catered by Connie Lindberg. Treat yourself to this time of self-care, fellowship, and alone time with God. You will leave refreshed and inspired! The suggested donation for the day is \$10.00. A sign-up sheet and an envelope for checks is located on the Information Table (please make checks payable to All Saints-by-the-Sea). If you have questions or concerns, please contact Rev. Vicki at 969-4771.



## JOIN THE MADNESS!

### LENT MADNESS RETURNS TO ALL SAINTS

If you are looking for a Lenten discipline that is fun, educational, occasionally goofy, and always joyful, join the Lent Madness journey! Lent needn't be all doom and gloom. After all, what could be more joyful than a season specifically set aside to get closer to God? Join the Rev. Vicki Mouradian as she leads Team All Saints through Lenten Madness.

Based loosely on the popular NCAA basketball tournament, Lent Madness pits 32 saints against one another in a single-elimination bracket as they compete for the coveted Golden Halo. But it is more than that: Lent Madness is really an online devotional tool designed to help people learn about saints.

On the weekdays of Lent information is posted at [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) about two different saints, and then participants vote online to determine who goes on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Saintry Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the Golden Halo. Saintry Scorecards (suggested donation \$2) are available this morning on the Information Table. A brackett will be displayed on the patio to help you track the madness. Lent Madness is one fever you'll want to catch this season!

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#### ***Lenten Resources Available at Book Table Today***

The Book Table will be open on the patio today with fresh titles and Lenten resources for all ages – including a *Journey Through Lent*. Be sure to stop by!

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#### ***Lenten Formation Series: Called to Life***

Have you wondered where God is calling you? In the Episcopal Church, baptism is understood as becoming a full member in the Body of Christ. As baptized members of the Body of Christ, we all have ministries to which we are called - our "baptismal vocation." In the midst of life's busyness, we don't always give ourselves time to reflect on the deeper meaning of our lives in light of our faith. This Lenten season, you are invited to participate in ***Called to Life***, an adult formation series where we will explore how to listen for God and why we are all called to serve others.

During this free, six-part series we will gather together with the intention of deepening our connections between faith and everyday life, exploring vocation in relation to our whole lives. Join the conversation! Come explore Scripture and learn a new prayer practice, build relationships, share your story and listen to others' stories to gain perspective on your own call to baptismal ministry.

Rev. Aimée and Rev. Vicki will facilitate these groups: one will meet Wednesday evenings; the other,

Thursday mornings.

Each group will meet in the Parish House on the following dates:

Sign up at the Information Table on the patio.

<b>Wednesday Evening Group: 7:15-9:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Thursday Morning Group: 10:00 a.m.-noon</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 25</li> <li>• March 4</li> <li>• March 11</li> <li>• March 18</li> <li>• March 25</li> <li>• April 1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 26</li> <li>• March 5</li> <li>• March 12</li> <li>• March 19</li> <li>• March 26</li> <li>• April 2</li> </ul>

# WORSHIP LEADERS

<b>Presider</b>		The Rev. Aimée Eyer-Delevett
<b>Preacher</b>		The Rev. Vicki Mouradian
<b>Assisting Clergy</b>		The Rev. Vicki Mouradian
<b>Crucifer</b>	8:00	Caryn Reeder
	10:00	Trey Pinner
<b>Acolytes</b>		Kate Roberts, Will Roberts
<b>Director of Music</b>		Steve O'Connor
<b>Organist</b>		Charles Talmadge
<b>Intercessor</b>		Joe Rawls
<b>Lectors</b>	8:00	Charlotte Tyler, Caryn Reeder
	10:00	Sheri Benninghoven, Leslie Ridley-Tree
<b>Lay Ministers</b>	8:00	Robert Brown, Alice Scott, Mary Walsh
	10:00	Trey Pinner, George & Sally Messerlian, Betsy Kain
<b>Ushers</b>	8:00	Steb Chandor, Lore Dobler, Ed Yoon
	10:00	George Ittner, John Stewart, Sheri Benninghoven, Frank DiTirro
<b>Greeters</b>	8:00	Jim & Pat Dow
	10:00	Diane Hayes, Frank DiTirro
<b>Information Table</b>	8:00	Need Help
	10:00	Chip & Brenda Nichols
<b>Flower Power Delivery</b>		Pen & Mary Alice Tudor
<b>Refreshment Table</b>		The Outreach Committee
<b>Welcome Center</b>	8:00	Lynn Cowell
	10:00	Sally Green
<b>Sunday School</b>		PreK-2: Heather Childress(T), Christine Frontado(A) 3-5: Robert Brown(T), Alyson Eyer-Delevett(A) 6-8: Michael Swift(T), Ginna Graham(A)
<b>Next Week's Lections</b>		Genesis 9:8-17, Psalm 25:1-9 1 Peter 3:18-22, Mark 1:9-15

## GIVING OUT OF GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S GIFTS

At our Annual Meeting, we heard from Rev. Aimée that we are just beginning our ministry together, perched on the edge of what God will do with and through us. What this will be is still ours to discover together, and is a task both exhilarating and daunting. We acknowledged that there will be some challenging times



– including overcoming some difficult financial realities. The need to discuss our church's financial reality was fitting so that we can overcome it together, grounding our solution in the common purpose and mission to which God calls us.

Chip Nichols offered an important way forward: ***"If every one of our 420 member households gave \$750 over and above***

***whatever they have already pledged for 2015, it would erase the \$315,000 deficit we are budgeting."*** Rev. Aimée did so and invited others to join.

***We know not everyone can make this additional \$750 pledge, and some can do much more. But giving out of gratitude for God's good gifts to us is something everyone can do. Your outgoing and current vestry & clergy have also met the challenge and pledged a total of \$8,450 toward closing our deficit. Please prayerfully give as generously as you can to be a part of the solution.***

Pledge cards are available in the pews this morning, or you are also invited to call the church office. As we move forward as a household of God, we will walk forward in faith together, confident that God calls us to the place where our deep gladness and the world's hunger meet.

# PARISH CALENDAR

## Sunday, February 15

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 am Healing Prayer
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Choral)
- 2:00 pm Ann Funk Memorial

## Monday, February 16 -OFFICE CLOSED

## Tuesday, February 17

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 10:30 am Community Kitchen

## Wednesday, February 18

### ASH WEDNESDAY - NO EVENTIDE SERVICE OR SUPPER

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study in Parish House
- 12:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service

## Thursday, February 19

- 11:30 am Christ-Centered Prayer in Parish House
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal in Church

## Sunday, February 22

### BISHOP BRUCE'S VISIT ~ CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 am Centering Prayer
- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (Choral) & Confirmation
- 11:00 am Wise Women in Parish House

This Lenten season, you are invited to give a dedication for the succulents on the high altar for \$35. There is also an opportunity to do the same at Easter, with your name and dedication being printed in the Easter bulletin. Please contact Anne in the Church Office (969-4771).

*Please note the change in meeting location.*

## Sunday, February 22: Bishop Diane Jardin Bruce Visits; Confirmation Sunday

Please join together in welcoming Bishop Diane Bruce on Sunday, February 22 when she visits All Saints. She will preach and preside during both worship services. During the 10 o'clock service, this year's class of confirmands will be confirmed. Please plan to attend church for this joyous day!

*If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting last week, please pick up a copy of the 2014 Annual Report at the Information Table on the patio. You can also read the report on our website as well as listen to the full audio of the meeting.*

## New Vestry, Other Leadership Posts Elected

Parishioners elected members for Vestry, Diocesan Convention Delegates, and Nominating Committee at the Annual Meeting last week. Elected to the Vestry were: **Charley Cairns, Chuck DiTirro, Tom Mack (Senior Warden), Sally Messerlian, Nathan Sigler, and Raye Haskell Melville.** The vestry has elected **David Telleen-Lawton as Jr. Warden.** Bios of our newly elected vestry leaders are available in the 2014 Annual Report, a copy of which is available at the Information Table on the patio, as well as on our website. Delegates to the Diocesan Convention are: **Phil and Sally Wilcox, Ed and Grace Yoon, Chuck DiTirro, and Mary Esperti and Diana Andonian** as Alternates. The 2015 Nominating Committee is **Tony Askew, Susan Gulbransen, Barbara Toumayan, and Bill Macfadyen.**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DELIVER FLOWERS THIS WEEK

After the 10 a.m. service our beautiful floral arrangements are made into bouquets to be delivered by willing volunteers to sick or senior members of the parish, or those celebrating special occasions. If your route home this morning takes you near Carpinteria, Patterson Ave area, or Hollister Rd. please stop by the Flower Room.