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"Behold, I make all things new." Rev. 21:5

Beloved friends:

Here we find ourselves right smack in the middle of the Easter season. Christ is Risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Easter is a season of newness, of rebirth, and we are all invited to open our hearts and our eyes to see how God calls us into resurrection life. When we are filled with new hearts and new spirits, things change. The Easter season reminds us that by virtue of our baptisms, we have all died and then risen again with Christ, and our lives as Christians are never the same as life without Christ. It means, often, giving something up in order to gain this incredible new things:

> New life means a real dying, a real letting go of something old in order for something new to come into being. It might look like parents who learn that a son or



**New Things** 

daughter is gay and let go of, empty themselves, of the hopes and dreams they had for their child [and I'd add to that, let go of their prejudices and stereotypes about gay people - SE] and allow a new relationship and new hopes to be born. It looks like a nation who does not simply bemoan the presence of violence in the world but invests in those things that make for peace – for whom military solutions are not an automatic response to conflict. It might look like a family that puts off a long anticipated vacation because they have committed to getting out of debt and living within their

means. The Rev. Sara Potter, "Tidings," Vol. XI, Issue 5

Consider what new thing you are being invited to this Easter season. Keep your eyes peeled for a new survey of lay ministries at All Saints' - probably some ministries you've never even heard of! - and start thinking about how you might want to do something that will nourish your deepest self. In particular, we need many more people involved in children's and youth ministries - Sunday School teachers, and, even more immediately, someone to coordinate our acolytes. Keep reading your scripture for the Bible Reading Every Day program (or start now; there's no time like the present). Continue in fellowship with the apostles and the breaking of bread, while considering how you might seek and serve Christ and also seek justice and dignity for all. It's a new season. You are new creatures through Christ our Lord. The Lord is indeed risen. Alleluia!

Mother Sandra+

# <u>Milestones</u>

Births, accomplishments, graduations, the passing of loved ones, special joys or memories, etc.: please let us know what's going on with you and your loved ones.

★ Jan Windbiel got his driver's permit on Saturday, March 24!

**☆Emily Spottiswood** recently competed in the Montgomery County Special Olympics swim competition where she won two gold medals (25 vd free and 50 yd free) and one silver (25 yd back). She was all smiles as she stepped onto the platform, raising her hands in victory, to receive each of her medals. Emily worked hard for the last seven months preparing for the competition. With her two gold medals, she qualifies for the state competition (although we are waiting to hear how many spaces are available for those who qualified from Montgomery County).

### **☆Bev and Dick Kratz** were

recently selected by the Executive Committee of Montco Senior Adult Activities Center to be honored at their upcoming "Young at Heart Spring Fling" fundraiser, May 4, at The Empress Room in Blue Bell. Bev and Dick have served and volunteered for more than 16 years for Norristown Meals on Wheels. Congratulations!

### ☆Bev and Dick Kratz are

great-grandparents for the third time! Their great-grandson, Luke Samuel Alderfer, arrived in their lives on Thursday, April 12.

**☆Tommy Durante** enlisted in the Air Force in March; he'll start basic training on September 4.

☆ In April, All Saints' members have generously donated 92 pairs of white cotton socks so far, which will be given to The Clinic (Phoenixville) to aid their patients.

**For your milestones:** E-mail <u>allsaints535@yahoo.com</u> with "Milestones" in the subject line, or drop a handwritten note in the parish office mail box by the main entrance.

- 26 Deb & Keith Heckard Viola Van Der Meulen & James Morrison
- 27 Louise & Fr. Steve Nelson

# FYI

## Best way to reach

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## Birthdays (May)

- 3 Brianna Harrity
- 5 Candy Schwartz
- 7 Phil Gottshall
- 12 Arianna Nero
- 13 Tracy Baildon
- 14 Marie Fargo
- 21 Shirley Woodside
- 25 Jarett Dello Buono
- 27 Doris Hockridge Laurie Sawyer

## Anniversaries (May)

7 Karen & Jack
Spottiswood
18 Marilyn & Jack Clemson

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Do you currently serve as an usher/presenter at worship?

Or might like to serve in this vital but simple ministry?

Please join us **Sunday, May 6** *Immediately following* 10 a.m. worship

We'll share about behindthe-scenes and up-front activities that involve ushers and presenters at All Saints'. Ideas, suggestions, and questions are encouraged! If you are interested but unable to attend, please call Karen or Jack Spottiswood (610-279-1119).

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# Children and Youth Sunday - May 20

We'll continue with our <u>third-Sunday</u> schedule:

• No 8:00 service.

• 8:00-10:00 Breakfast An opportunity for worshippers from both services to join for fellowship and conversation. (Refer to page 4 for additional details.)

• **9:00** – Rite II service with a few hymns

• 10:30 – Contemporary worship **upstairs** – Wear jeans if you'd like, and enjoy uplifting, low-key, alternative worship.

# Senior and Junior Youth Groups

Pack your bags and get ready for the Youth Group Retreat, at Camp Innabah in Spring City, May 11- 13. Final counts are needed by April 29, so let us know that you are coming. We will check in around 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 11. We will discuss transportation once we know who is going. We will return to All Saints' on Sunday, May 13 around 11:00/11:15 a.m.

We hope to see you there.

Mrs. Porcelli and Mrs. Griffin (Jr. Youth Advisors)

Mr. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Harrity (Sr. Youth Advisors)



## SUNDAY MORNINGS

### 8 a.m. Eucharist

**10 a.m. Choral Eucharist** Rite II, including music. Child care is available for children 4 and under, 10 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (If your older child wants to attend, please <u>ask</u> the volunteer on duty.)

### 11:15 a.m. Christian Formation

- Coffee, tea and hospitality
- Sunday school and youth
- forums. (For preschool age
- through 12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Adult forums

### 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

9 a.m. Rite II Eucharist with opening & closing hymns

**10:30 a.m. Contemporary Eucharist** in activity room

# Breakfase May 20 Extended Service

Sunday, May 20, Children and Youth Celebration Sunday, is the third Sunday of the month when worship services are held at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The breakfast committee will serve breakfast from <u>8:00 a.m. to 10:00</u> <u>a.m.</u> This will allot plenty of time for all parishioners (along with their families and friends) to join us for our final meal service of the current church year.

Our menu will include scrambled eggs, plain and blueberry pancakes, French toast bakes, sausage, bacon, toast, cold cereal, fruit, coffee/tea/milk/juice, and of course "sweet treats". The committee will also provide a celebration cake following the 10:30 service.

Bring your appetites and join us on the 20<sup>th</sup> as we "break fast" together and celebrate our younger members!

Cindy and Nick Durante, Committee Chairs



## Need to talk to Mother Sandra, ask for info, advise about

pastoral concerns...etc.?

Write a brief note on the notepad now available in the Rector's mailbox by the main entrance.

Look for the lavender-colored tablet with Mother Sandra's name on.

Mother Sandra



Please send announcements about yourself or a special graduate in your family to Donna Longobardi, Parish Administrator by **Sundays**, **May 13 and June 10**.

Announcements will be published in All Saints' June and Summer editions of *The Messenger*.

Information may be handwritten or typed. Delivery by foot, snail mail, and email will be happily accepted.

allsaints535@yahoo.com

# scrips4less

It is estimated that one out of every three Americans are without prescription drug coverage. Scrips4less is a community outreach program designed for anyone without prescription drug coverage.

Scrips4less has supplied All Saints' with free prescription discount cards to distribute to members of All Saints' congregation. The discount card will save you up to 80% on prescription medications. This program has no paper work and absolutely no cost. Simply present the scrips4less card to your pharmacist to receive a discount on your medication. The cards are accepted at all major chain pharmacies including: Costco, CVS, Kmart, Target, WalMart, Walgreens, and even some independent pharmacies.

If you would like a card, please contact Donna, 610-279-3990 allsaints535@yahoo.com.

We'll be happy to send you a card.





Thank you for supporting our Senior Youth Group Hoagie Sale. We made 138 mouth watering hoagies. We enjoyed making the hoagies and we even got extra orders as the aroma of fresh hoagies filled the church.

- The Sr. Youth Group

The Junior and Senior Youth Groups thank you for bidding at our bake auction. As always, the delicious baked goods went for steep prices and helped us to raise \$644 toward our Youth Retreat in May.

- The Jr. and Sr. Youth Groups

# Second Time Around Shop End of Season News

As we begin the month of May and the five Wednesdays we will be open this month, we must also look to our last day of operation before summer vacation – May 30. We have chosen this as our last day before vacation to give our staff a much needed rest and to accommodate activities planned for the summer. That means BAG SALE the last two Wednesdays of the month to clear out ALL merchandise at a discounted price and get the shop ready for a total clean up and restocking over the summer. Some notes as we wrap up this season of the Second Time Around Shop....

First - Praise and Thanks A call went out that we needed more plastic grocery bags. Wow - what a response! We now have lots of plastic bags-thanks! We also want to thank all of you for the continued clothing and merchandise donations throughout the year. These donations result in the monetary contribution we are able to give to the church twice a year. The blessings that the area community residents receive by purchasing quality items at such a low price – well, see for yourself: many smiling faces and expressions of gratitude each time we are open.

Second – Specific Needs: <u>Brown paper bags</u> – needed for the end of May 'bag sale.' We know these are harder to come by – but any bags you could donate would be greatly appreciated.

<u>Rolling carts or stands</u> – To avoid 'aching backs' and strains, we would greatly appreciate the donation of any cart or stand with wheels that we can use to display merchandise and move in and out of the shop each week. Waist height is especially appreciated.

More merchandise – in good condition – our donations have dropped over this past year and, of course, this affects how much we sell and the overall profit. As you clean out those closets, have a yard sale, or just decide to downsize, please keep us in mind. As always, we appreciate good, clean merchandise *without* stains, tears, missing buttons, chips, etc. The Second Time Around Shop tries to keep the reputation of quality merchandise at a low, low price. We will accept donations throughout the summer – just leave your donations outside the shop door. Once again, thank you.



One more 'plug' for the thrift shop: we are now a staff of eight, including Nancy Ritter, Clara Mae Panczak, Kathryn Gallagher, Marge Kinsey, Donna Penman, Jean Dean, Betsy Gottshall and Marcia Carneavale.

Many Wednesdays – we are missing up to three, or even four, of our staff, due to vacations, illness, appointments, etc. This can leave quite a gap in staffing. Please consider joining our group of volunteers – men or

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## **End of Season News**

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women - and help whenever you can. We offer smiling faces, expressions of gratitude, and hard work which result in feelings of usefulness - awesome benefits. Just show up on a Wednesday or contact any current staff member, and welcome!



**Can you** smell the fresh salt air and feel the ocean?

## **Cape May Retreat** September 4, 5, and 6 (Tuesday thru Thursday)

Parish adults and "Young at Hearts" are invited to the up coming Cape May Retreat at Holiday House in Cape May, New Jersey. The cost for the three-day getaway will be about \$120 per person (additional information will come out as received). It will include two breakfasts and two dinners. You will need additional funds for three lunches and your personal spending. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the vestibule during the summer months. Payment is due no later than Sunday, August 26. Make checks payable to All Saints' Church and place

in an envelope marked <u>All</u> Saints' Retreat with your name on the outside.

**Ouestions?** Contact Phil Gottshall, Coordinator, (610) 489-6124

# Acolytes to be Honored "

On Children and Youth Sunday, May 20, gold crosses will be given to senior acolytes who are graduating: Tommy Durante, Kelsey Griffin, and Andre Jones. A Jerusalem cross will be given to Austin Taylor for four years of service and a silver cross will be presented to Emma Griffin for one year of service. On behalf of the All Saints' parish, we extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation to these young people and to all our acolytes for their dedication and commitment.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrity Acolyte Coordinators

## **BRED:** What do you see?

As the Bible Reading Every Day (BRED) project progresses, it has been interesting to hear feedback about what the participants are experiencing. One member was pleased to discover that many of the Bible stories were familiar. Another was disturbed by

the violence in some of the cultural practices. A third commented that sometimes the stories end abruptly, and it would be nice to find out what happened to the people afterward. A fourth member mentioned reading the Bible through several times already, and each time finding something new. That happened to me in reading the story of Hagar and her son Ishmael. After Abraham and Sarah kicked them out, Hagar wandered in the desert with little Ishmael until their water skin was empty. They cried to God, who responded with one of his favorite answers, "Do not be afraid." Then he got down to practical matters. "God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink." (Genesis 21:19)

I had never noticed that verse before. Was Hagar sitting next to a well the whole time? Why didn't she see it sooner? How did God open her eyes? From a more personal perspective, do I do this? Am I feeling stumped by a problem and meanwhile sitting next to a solution that I don't see? It's entirely possible. The other night I spent 15 minutes looking for my water bottle. I finally gave up and went to bed. The next

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## What do you see?

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morning I saw that the bottle was right where I had left it.

So, I asked God to open my eyes, because I would be happy to see any wells that he would care to show me. How about you? What are you seeing in your Bible reading? Comments, questions, positive or negative reactions are all welcome. It would be great to hear from you.

Mary Beth Mucher

\*\*For Bible-reading resources and suggestions, visit our web site <u>www.allsaints</u> <u>norristown.org</u>, and click on the link to Bible Reading Every Day. There you will find daily reading plans, as well as other information to help you get started.

# Missions & Outreach -- ECHO at work!

Although the Interfaith food bank hasn't reopened yet, the needs in our neighborhood and world haven't taken a vacation, and neither has ECHO (Episcopal Church Helping Others). During the month of April, we collected white socks for men and women. By newsletter press deadline we collected 92 pairs of socks, and these were delivered to The Clinic in Phoenixville. They are critically needed for our homeless brothers and sisters, especially those who are diabetic and need clean, dry socks in order to stay healthy.



For the month of May, we will collect items needed for The

Norristown Ministries Hospitality Center, an advocacy, support and care organization for the homeless and housed poor in our community (there's lots of information about them on their webpage, www.hospitalitycenter.org). Items needed are: small paper plates, plastic forks & spoons, coffee, sugar, nondairy creamer, apple juice and napkins. Please collect these items during the month of May and place them in the wicker basket in the back of the church, to be presented at the offertory.

Thank you for your help; if you're interested in being more involved with missions/outreach/ECHO, I'd welcome your interest and involvement.

Jennie Donovan Chairs, Missions/Outreach Committee

# Hands



A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19. A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million. It depends whose hands it's in.

A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6. A baseball in Roger Clemens' hands is worth \$475 million. It depends on whose hands it's in.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands. A tennis racket in Andre Agassi's hands is worth millions. It depends whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands will keep away an angry dog. A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea. It depends whose hands it's in.

A slingshot in my hands is a kid's toy. A slingshot in David's hand is a mighty weapon. It depends whose hands it's in.

Two fish and five loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches. Two fish and five loaves of bread in Jesus' hands will feed thousands. It depends whose hands they're in.

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse. Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world. It depends whose hands they're in.

So put your concerns, your worries, your fears, your hopes, your dreams, your families and your relationships in God's hands because...it depends whose hands it's in.



Preschool visits

10AM-2:30PM

Second Time Around Shop

BAG SALE

WECL

LC visits WECL

7PM N.A. Mtg.

7:30PM N.A. Mtg

Children & Youth Sunday 8-10AM Breakfast 9AM Rite II 10:30AM Contemporary 11:30 Join us for cake!

Administrator's

8PM VF Highland

Day Off

Band





Mother Sandra on vacation May 9-15

# An old day passes, a new day arrives...

-Dalai Lama

# Serving for the Glory of God

Date	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Acolytes	Brianna & Carley Harrity, Austin Taylor, Victoria Batten	Kelsey, Eryn & Emma Griffin, Jarett Dello Buono	9:00 Please Volunteer	Alyssa & Andre Jones, Austin Taylor, Emily Spottiswood
Altar Guild	Diane Mullen, Mary Jane Daley, Patty Gelet	Susan Cohen, Deb Porcelli	Susan Cohen, Kelly Griffin, Susan Dean	Susan Cohen, Nicole Gelet
Bulletin Assemblers	Marilyn & Jack Clemson (5/4)	Marion Shupe, Phil Gottshall (5/11)	Donna & Bob Penman (5/18)	Kathryn Gallagher, Mary Jane Daley (5/25)
Coffee Service	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Marilyn & Jack Clemson	Steve Dello Buono	
Counters	Deb Heckard, Diane Mullen	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Deb Heckard, Diane Mullen	Betsy & Phil Gottshall

Eucharistic Ministers	Phil Gottshall, Carley Harrity	Adrian & Eryn Griffin	9:00 Marilyn Manning 10:30 Susan Dean	Bill Koffke, Andre Jones
Greeters	The Gelet family	Marilyn & Jack Clemson	9:00 Joanne & Bob Heisler 10:30 <i>Please Volunteer</i>	Susan Cohen, Susan Dean
Intercessor	Laurie Sawyer	Marilyn Manning	9:00 Tommy Durante	Marilyn Manning
Lector	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Nursery	Debbie Taylor, John Paul Batten	Liz Parker, Emily Spottiswood	9:00 Nina & Andrew Ely, Eryn Griffin	Karen Spottiswood, Carley Harrity
Presenters	Deb Heckard, Rev. Geoffrey West	Karen & Jack Spottiswood		Marcia Carneavale, Cheri Plummer
Server Reader (8 a.m.)	Joe Raudenbush	Viola Van Der Muelen, Kathryn Gallagher	9:00 Marilyn Manning	Tommy Durante
Ushers	8:00 Nick Durante 10:00 Betsy Gottshall	8:00 Wayne Kinsey 10:00 Debbie Taylor, Cornelia Hoffman	9:00 Paul Melosky 10:30 Please Volunteer	8:00 Tom Dougherty 10:00 <i>Please Volunteer</i>

Are you unable to serve on your scheduled date? Please find a substitute and contact the Parish Administrator (610-279-3990 or <u>allsaints535@yahoo.com</u>) to update our records. Thank you!

### CLERGY

The Rev. Sandra L. Etemad, Rector

#### VESTRY

(2012) John Errington, Nicole Gelet (Vestry's Warden), Bill Koffke, Nelson Schrock

- (2013) Susan Dean, Beville Jones, Jay Petel (Rector's Warden), Jack Spottiswood
- (2014) Nick Durante, Adrian Griffin, Liz Parker

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