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*A House of Prayer
for All People*

A Message from the Rector

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven”
(Eccl. 3:1):

There's a time for Lent, and a time for Easter; a time for repentance, and a time for rejoicing. And these intermingle for most church workers – clergy, staff, thrift shop workers, Easter Egg hunt planners, and last (but certainly not least), the Altar Guild. All of us try to have a holy Lent while preparing like mad for Easter – a tricky balancing act!

We have almost the entire month of March left before Easter arrives, and a helpful focus for that is the second “proper preface” for Lent. The proper preface is part of the Eucharistic prayer, and it changes by season. I particularly like the second option for Lent, which I always use for the last few Sundays before Easter:

“It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels”

Indeed, we cleanse our hearts, but at the same time we prepare with joy for Easter.

This year once again we collaborate with St. Augustine of Hippo; we are graced with their presence for Maundy Thursday, and we will join them for Good Friday services **at noon on Friday, March 25**. They have been extremely generous and faithful at attending our services, so I eagerly anticipate a good crowd of All Saints folks that Friday. If you want to carpool, meet in the parking lot at 11:30.

The Greater Norristown Area Ministerium also offers services every day during Holy Week; I'll be leading worship that Tuesday across the street at Grace Lutheran. We will keep you posted on dates and times of services.

And as to appropriate times for every matter under heaven – this time next year I will be on sabbatical. And, I sincerely hope, not just me, but the entire congregation, in a sense. You can read more about my plans, and plans for the congregation while I'm away, on page 4.

Have a blessed Lent and Holy Week as each of us cleanses our heart, reevaluate whether we live our lives consistent with our faith, and continually prepare these “temples of God” given us as worthy receptacle of Christ's light.

Blessings and peace to you all – Mother Sandra+



Easter Memorial Flowers

Memorialize your loved one(s) with a donation for Easter altar flowers. You can also make a donation in honor of someone or as a thank offering. Either way – please get your envelope with names to the office by Tuesday, March 15 so that they can be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Special Lenten Outreach Project

Submitted by Kate Petel and Donna Penman

Through the season of Lent the Mission/Outreach committee invites and encourages all to participate in their ongoing outreach project collecting items most needed by the Norristown Hospitality Center. During the month of March help fill the specially marked box in the main lobby. Items in need: coffee, sugar, coffee creamer, jelly, tuna, soup, rice, and baked beans. In addition, non-food items needed are: men's and women's deodorant (both regular and travel size), toilet paper, and paper towels. Donations can be dropped off any Sunday during the month or when you visit All Saints during the week.



Birthdays

3	Clare Ely
6	Cleta McClay
7	Dick Kratz
10	Ginger Banmiller
	Jack Clemson
	Marion Shupe
13	Tim Byrne
18	Samantha Reynolds
19	Aydan Ritter
20	Lisa Merritt
22	Donna Hale
23	Leslie Murphy
28	Beville Jones

Anniversaries

15	Karen & Bruce Kratz
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Best wishes to all!



Easter Cross

On Palm Sunday a bare wooden cross which was made from a Christmas tree will be seen in front of the pulpit. This cross, a symbol of the cross to which Jesus was nailed, will be seen several times. On Easter the cross will be covered in greenery and we are inviting members of the congregation to bring flowers from your garden to adorn the cross in celebration of the Good News that Christ has risen. Please bring flowers to help us demonstrate the joy of Easter Day!

You're invited...



Grab your bowling balls and shoes as the Junior Youth Group invites **all church members and their families** for a **free** night of **bowling and pizza** at Facenda Whitaker Lanes on Sunday, March 20 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. We are limited to 30 bowlers, so be sure to sign up early on the list in the vestibule. Please call Andrew and Nina Ely with any questions at 610-275-4275. All ages welcome!



Antiracism Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania

Ms. Ann Booth-Barbarin and Rev. Jarrett Kerbel, Co-Chairs

We are happy to announce that in 2016, we will publish monthly articles on the Diocesan website, page, <http://www.diopa.org/news/anti-racism-commission/>.

In response to Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's call to have a voice for social justice, our hope is that the articles might be used as tools to begin conversations about race in your congregation.

Many folks ask what they can do to combat racism; communication and conversation is one way you can begin to make a difference in your church.

Last year, we facilitated over 25 conversations and trainings in the diocese! Our cross-racial teams are happy to facilitate forums, Bible studies, and sacred conversations as well as provide guest preachers and host special media or dinner events!

We pray that we can build allies as we strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being with God's help, and **together**.

Young Helpers Needed

The Junior Youth Group is once again looking for young helpers to fill the eggs for All Saints annual Easter Egg Hunt. We will meet in the Sunday school room located next to the parish office on Monday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. to fill over 200 eggs with goodies and toys. Please come join us and help the Easter Bunny!



Easter and Childrens' Items on Sale



Photo submitted by Shirley Jording

Second Time Around Shop Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

A big THANK YOU to our shop volunteers
for working an extra day to set it up!

Found any Keys?



Several months ago my keys went missing – one minute somebody saw them on a table in the activity room, and the next – poof! – they were gone. I thought surely they'd turn up by now. I suspect somebody grabbed them accidentally, threw them in a pocket or purse, and did or will find them and wonder where they came from!

Is there any chance you've found some strange keys and didn't know where they came from? I'd sure love to get them back – they include a Mazda key, which is expensive to replace, as well as lots of others. You could recognize them by finding one key with a little hole in it – the interior key for the building – along with the Mazda key. Check your pockets! Mother Sandra+



Time Out:

Sabbatical Planning

In the busyness of everything else, it's sort of ironic to be planning a sabbatical – clergy sabbaticals are, by their very nature, a time to pause: to reflect, renew, refresh, reevaluate. This won't begin until January 2017, but I've asked four people – John Freeman, Donna Longobardi, Kate Petel, and Laurie Sawyer to be on my planning committee. I'm also hoping to get a grant from the Lily Foundation, which will include funds for congregational renewal. It's a time for both clergy and

congregations to experience a change and then join together again refreshed and renewed. More details later – but if you have any questions or suggestions, I'm all ears! Mother Sandra+

Congratulations and welcome – vestry and delegates ...

John Carson is the newest vestry member; Andrew Ely and Laurie Sawyer continue.

Starting in 2016, the offices of Deanery and Diocesan Delegates have been combined. This year's representatives are Cy Burke, Sarah Callow, and Donna Penman. The alternates are Mary Jane Daley and John Freeman.

Many thanks for all those for stepping up and offering their time and concern for the well-being of All Saints and the greater Church. Their work is cut out for them, and hopefully it will be engaging and rewarding.



Kudos to the “Lay Minister of the Month” – Patty Gelet

Patty Gelet is a recent addition to the rolls of Lay Eucharistic Ministers, and so this acknowledgement isn't for her years of service – but it's for something equally, more maybe even more (depending on whose point of view!) important. Here's the e-mail I received from her recently:

Hi Mother Sandra,
I'm to be Eucharistic minister tomorrow but have the flu. Phil Gottshall will be filling in for me.
Just wanted to let you know of the change.
Patty Gelet

Simple, right? But this kind of notification makes the difference between a service that starts on time and without undue craziness for the clergy, choir, and everybody else who queues up for the procession. All lay ministers agree by their appointment that if they are unable to serve they (1) get a replacement, and (2) advise the office. Without these two elements, we are faced with a chaotic few minutes before the service. **Please, please, take Patty's example: find a substitute and then advise the office of the change.** Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts! Mother Sandra+

Crafts and Knitting Group



Check out the labor of love when priests, co-workers, church friends, spouses, and others get together for a couple of hours.

The Crafts and Knitting Group was happy to see eight men and women come out for the first get-together. Laughter, prayers, conversation, concentration – and snacks that sidetracked the task at hand. A few of the prayer angels were made for homebound members or other gifts and the rest were displayed for in the narthex (vestibule). For those interested, the next gathering will be **Saturday, March 19, at 10 a.m.** Bring any kind of craft, knitting, crocheting or other project in the works or that you want to get started on. Some of us will try our hand(s) at knitting; there will also be materials to make stained glass bookmarks using tissue paper on pre-made cardboard bookmarks.

Start Your Day with God

Prayer by Joe Raudenbush

Heavenly Father, please;
Guard us, guide us, lead us,
teach us, inspire us, encourage us,
help us, heal us, forgive us,
and love us. Thank you. AMEN.



Dear Lord,
Thank you for: all our mercies,
all your blessings,
and your loving kindness.
AMEN.



ASC Delegates Prepare for Special Convention to Elect New Bishop

Cy Burke, Phil Gottshall, Donna Penman, and Mother Sandra recently attended pre-convention meetings at The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas to meet and question Bishop candidates. Mother Sandra described it as sort of like “speed-dating” – “Five groups sat in various rooms while each Bishop candidate rotated to talk to each group. Delegates will cast their vote for our next Bishop on March 12 at the Special Convention held at Cathedral Church of the Saviour, Philadelphia. Please keep everyone in your prayers!



Simnel Bread (Cake)

Submitted by Judy and John Freeman

½ cup butter (vegetable shortening can be used – if so, add ¼ tsp. salt)
½ cup granulated sugar
1 cup flour
1/3 cup candied peel or citron (optional)
1 ½ cups currants
2 eggs – separated

Cream together shortening, ¼ cup sugar and egg yolks. Use 2 tbsps. of flour to dust currants – mix balance of flour to creamed mixture – then floured currants. Beat egg white – adding a pinch of cream of tartar and add balance of sugar gradually – until stiff peaks form – then fold into cake mixture. Spread into a greased 7 x 11 pan – bake in 300 degree oven approximately 45 minutes. Note: Find it best to beat a small portion of the egg white mixture into cake mixture – then it is easier to fold in balance.

Holy Week Services

If you haven't participated in Holy Week services in previous years, discover for yourself how the impact of Easter is increased ten-fold when it follows the somber joys of Holy Week



Palm Sunday – March 20

Worship (8 & 10 a.m.)

Wednesday – March 23

Stations of the Cross (7 p.m.)
at St. Augustine of Hippo



Maundy Thursday – March 24

Parish Dinner (6:30 p.m.)

Bring a guest, friend, or the family
**Lend a hand in setting up and clean up.*

Worship (7:30 p.m.)

Choir rehearsal to follow

Good Friday – March 25

(Noon) at St. Augustine of Hippo

Easter Day – March 27

Worship (8 & 10 a.m.)

Egg hunt to follow 10 a.m. service



***Contact the church office at 610-279-3990 / allsaints535@yahoo.com**



Sunday, March 27

*immediately following
10 a.m. worship.*

Enjoy the fun and
fellowship.

Maundy Thursday Dinner

Thursday, March 24 (6:30 p.m.)

Bring a side dish or salad.


*Stay tuned for more details on the main course
which will be provided.*

Liz Parker has graciously offered to help coordinate this annual event; she needs assistance to pull it all together. If you can help in any way, please contact Liz directly or jot a notation on the sign-up sheet located in the main lobby.



March 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10AM-1:30PM Second Time Around Shop 7PM Stations of the Cross at St. Augustine's	3 10AM-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 11AM Bible study w/ lunch 6PM Choir rehearsal 7PM N.A. (activity room)	4 Rector's day off 4-9PM Private Event (activity room) 7:30PM N.A. (chapel)	5
6 Lent 4 8AM Rite I 10AM Rite II 11:30AM Acolyte Training	7 Parish Administrator's day off 8PM V.F. Highland Band practice	8 6:30PM Work Night 	9 9:15AM Norristown Ministerium (activity room) 10AM-1:30PM Second Time Around Shop 7PM Stations of the Cross at St. Augustine's <i>VESTRY REPORTS DUE</i>	10 10AM-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 7PM N.A. (activity room)	11 Rector's day off 7:30PM N.A. (activity room)	12 7:30AM Registration-Special Convention (Cathedral Church of the Saviour, Phila.) 4-6:30PM Bread of Life Community Café
13 Lent 5 8AM Rite I 8:30AM Good Noise Band Practice/Set up 10AM Contemporary Worship (activity room) 11:30AM Adult forum (chapel) 1-4PM Private Event (chapel) DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	14 Parish Administrator's day off 8PM V.F. Highland Band practice	15 MESSENGER DEADLINE	16 10AM-1:30PM Second Time Around Shop 6:30PM Vestry Mtg. (activity room) 7PM Stations of the Cross at St. Augustine's	17 10AM-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 11AM Bible study w/ lunch 6PM Choir rehearsal 7PM N.A. (activity room)	18 Rector's day off 7:30PM N.A. (activity room)	19 10AM Crafts & Knitting Group, location TBA 5-10PM Private Event (activity room)
20 Palm Sunday 8AM Rite II 10AM Rite II 6PM Bowling & Pizza Facenda Whitaker Lanes SPRING BEGINS	21 Parish Administrator's day off 6:30PM Easter egg filling (Sunday school room – parish office level) 8PM V.F. Highland Band practice	22	23 10AM-1:30PM Second Time Around Shop 7PM Stations of the Cross at St. Augustine's	24 Maundy Thursday 10AM-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 1PM Bulletin Assembling 6:30PM Parish Dinner 7:30PM Worship <i>Choir rehearsal immediately following</i> 7PM N.A. (chapel)	25 Good Friday OFFICE CLOSED Noon -Good Friday services at St. Augustine's 7:30PM N.A. (activity room)	26 4-6:30PM Bread of Life Community Café
27 Easter 8AM Rite I 10AM Rite II Easter Egg Hunt	28 Parish Administrator's day off 8PM V.F. Highland Band practice	29	30 10AM-1:30PM Second Time Around Shop	31 10AM-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 6PM Choir rehearsal 7PM N.A. (activity room)	The choir rehearses Sundays at 9:20 a.m., and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m., except the week prior to Contemporary services. The choir does not rehearse Thursdays after a major holiday.	

Serving for the Glory of God

Date	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 24 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	March 27
Acolytes	Sarah Callow, Natalia Dello Buono	Beville Jones, Donna Penman	Austin & Emily Taylor, Dr. Phil Ephraim, Natalia Dello Buono, Emily Spottiswood	Anthony & Isabella Nero	Betsy & Phil Gottshall, Sarah Callow, Isabella Nero
Altar Guild	Susan Cohen, Deb Porcelli	Susan Cohen, Patty Gelet	ALL MEMBERS		TBD
Bulletin Assemblers	Marilyn & Jack Clemson (3/4)	Marion Shupe, Phil Gottshall (3/11)	Donna & Bob Penman (3/18)		Ginger Banmiller, Mary Jane Daley (<u>Thurs.</u> , 3/24)
Coffee Service	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Karen & Jack Spottiswood	Steve Dello Buono		Would you like to join the team? <i>Contact Mother Sandra</i>
Counters	Diane Mullen, Francie Dean	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Joanne & Bob Heisler		Betsy & Phil Gottshall
Eucharistic Ministers (10 a.m.)	Judy Freeman, Dale Kerr	Donna Hale, Beville Jones	Bill Koffke, Cy Burke	7:30PM Ginger Banmiller, Donna Penman.	Anthony Nero, Patty Gelet
Intercessor	Cornelia Hoffman	Diane Mullen	Laurie Sawyer	<i>Contact the office, if you'd like to read the prayers.</i>	Donna Penman
Lector	Cornelia Hoffman	Donna Penman.		<i>Contact the office, if you'd like to read the scriptures of the day.</i>	Dick Kratz
Nursery	<i>Adults and older youth are invited to join this special ministry; speak with Nina Ely, if you're interested in giving it a try.</i>				
Server Reader (8 a.m.)	Viviann Harris	Diane Mullen	Diane Mullen		Joe Raudenbush
Ushers/ Greeters	8:00 10:00 Majid Etemad, Judy Baca	8:00 Charles Brinker 10:00 Dello Buono family	8:00 10:00 Betsy Gottshall, Judy Baca	7:30PM <i>Contact the office, if you would be able to greet our guests and help with ushering.</i>	8:00 10:00 Donna & Bob Penman

If you'd like to serve in any of the above ministries, contact Donna Longobardi, Parish Administrator, at 610-279-3990 or allsaints535@yahoo.com. Donna will be happy to direct you to the appropriate church leader who may best answer your questions about the ministry to get you started and involved.



Journeying Prayer

Written by John Birch, www.faithandworship.com

I have no plans for this day. No destination in mind. No stops planned along the way. I am stepping out in faith with you as my guide. I shall walk where you lead. Follow where you tread. Rest where you lay me down. Drink from the water that you will supply. And arriving knowing that I am refreshed.

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Cardinal Basil C. Hume (1923-1999)

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