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**ALL SAINTS'  
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*A House of Prayer  
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We haven't talked much about our new Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry, but there's plenty to talk about! There has been tremendous excitement since his election and his installation on November 1.

So we're long past due! I first heard of Bishop Curry when I was a seminarian; he was repeatedly noted as being one of the – if not *the* – most electrifying preachers in the Episcopal Church. It's about time we hear some of what Bishop Curry has to say, so I'm excerpting from the first chapter of his 2013 book, *Crazy Christians*:

### CHAPTER ONE

#### We Need Some Crazy Christians

Then [Jesus] went home; and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." (Mark 3:19–21)

Jesus "has gone out of his mind." That's what the people say in the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. The King James Version translates it as, "He is beside himself." The old J.B. Phillips New Testament puts it, "He must be mad!" But my favorite is from the 1995 Contemporary English Version which says, "When Jesus' family heard what he was doing, they thought he was crazy and went to get him under control

Trying to get Jesus "under control" is exactly the problem. Fyodor Dostoyevsky in *The Brothers Karamazov* rightly warns us that the Church and we Christians have often tried to make Jesus tame. We want to manage the Messiah. But this Messiah won't be managed. As Richard Holloway, former Primate of Scotland, once wrote, "Jesus goes on breaking out of all the tombs to which we have consigned him."

So, forgive me for saying it this way, but Jesus was, and is, crazy! And those who would follow him, those who would be his disciples, those who would live as and be the people of the Way, are called to be exactly that—crazy. If you asked me what the Church needs today, I would say this: We need some crazy Christians. . . .

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## Summer Service Schedule: One Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.

Mark your calendars! Tie a string around your finger! Ask Siri to remind you every day! Whatever system you use . . . don't forget that we will be having **ONE SERVICE at 9:30 a.m.** for the summer. That will be all Sundays between Memorial Day and Labor Day (all Sundays from **June 5 through September 4**).



## Children & Youth Sunday

Come celebrate our church community's youth on Sunday, May 22. Show your appreciation at the 10 a.m. service as we honor high school graduates, as well as All Saints youth who serve as acolytes and Eucharistic ministers. We also offer thanks to the adults who love and support our youth in many ways. Following the service, we will continue celebrating with a lunch in the activity room. Keep watch for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

## Graduates

Please send announcements about yourself or a special graduate in your family to Donna Longobardi, Parish Administrator, by **May 15 and June 15**.

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

And if there's any news from our young adults who have graduated in the past few years, we'd love to publish updates.

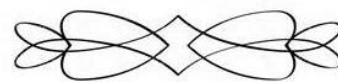
## Summer Hospitality

Help us extend hospitality this summer by hosting a light reception outdoors after 10 a.m. worship this June, July, and August. All Saints will supply iced tea and lemonade mix, napkins, and cups. All you'd need to provide is some kind of simple snack and a very little effort (if you'd like to host but have financial concerns, just see Mother Sandra and we'll work it out).

Date availability is posted on the parish bulletin board in the vestibule. **Sign up today!**

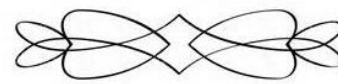
**FYI:** Madeline (Shirley) Woodside is now residing at Pine Run Health Center. Wish her well in her new home with calls, cards and visits. You may reach her at: Pine Run Health Center, Room 322 at 777 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA 18901 and 215-340-2082.

## May Celebrations



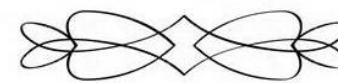
### Birthdays

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| 3  | Andrew Ely                 |
|    | Brianna Harrity            |
| 7  | Phil Gottshall             |
|    | Monica Reynolds            |
| 12 | Arianna Nero               |
| 14 | Marie Fargo                |
| 19 | Miss X Burke               |
| 21 | Shirley Woodside           |
| 25 | Jarett Dello Buono         |
| 27 | Doris Hockridge            |
|    | Laurie Sawyer              |
| 30 | Sarah Callow               |
|    | Carole Wilkinson-Ricchuiti |



### Anniversaries

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| 7  | Karen & Jack           |
|    | Spottiswood            |
| 18 | Marilyn & Jack Clemson |
| 26 | Debbie & Keith Heckard |
|    | Viola Van Der Meulen   |
|    | and James Morrison     |
| 27 | Louise & Fr. Steve     |
|    | Nelson                 |





This year the City Camp sponsored by the Youth Ministry of the Diocese of PA hopes to reach at least 500 students across the greater Philadelphia area; Montgomery County sites will include Church of the Holy Trinity, Lansdale, and Church of the Advent, Hatboro. They need new or gently used donations, or you can order from their Amazon wish list at [https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/IL8I6XTBXWSW/ref=cm\\_sw\\_su\\_w](https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/IL8I6XTBXWSW/ref=cm_sw_su_w).

Donations needed are listed below. A labeled box can be found in the vestibule. All donations need to be in the box by May 22.

The Outreach Committee hopes you will be generous with your donations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kate Petel and Donna Penman.

### Donation Needs:

Hand sanitizer (gallon-size bottles) \* Hand soap (gallon-size bottles) \* Disinfectant wipes \* Paper towels \* Dish soap \* Sandwich size Ziploc bags \* Gallon size Ziploc bags \* Quart size Ziploc bags \* 9 oz. clear plastic cups \* Card games \* Guitars \* Coloring books \* Play dough \* Biodegradable water balloons \* Sprinklers \* Gift certificates to: Oriental Trading Company, S&S Worldwide, Target, Michaels, Shop Rite, Acme \* Cotton balls \* Bubbles \* Bubble wands and toys \* Embroidery floss \* Washable markers \* Crayons \* Colored pencils \* Craft sticks \* Beads \* Scotch tape \* Blue painter's tape \* Sharpies/permanent markers \* Washable tempera paint \* Paintbrushes \* Rulers \* Rubber bands \* Paper plates \* Napkins \* Plastic cutlery \* Construction paper \* Rolls of butcher paper \* Basketballs \* Soccer balls \* Kick balls \* Wiffle ball sets \* Band-Aids (all sizes) \* Sterile gauze (pads and rolls of all sizes) \* Bandage rolls \* Tweezers \* Ace bandages \* Q-tips \* Safety pins \* Antiseptic solution \* Admission tickets to museums or cultural events in the greater Philadelphia area (*please contact us for more information!*)



Although ASC has added a few new people to serve as acolytes, we still remain a relatively small group. Our adults have found that it is a particularly profound way to participate in worship services. It goes without saying that the more people—youth and adults—who are willing to serve, the less time commitment for all. As always, we are thankful for the help of those who do now and will in the future participate in this meaningful ministry. In the last year, Sarah Callow, Joe Gelet, Betsy Gottshall, Cornelia Hoffman, Jack Spottiswood, Natalia Dello

Buono, and Isabella Nero joined the ranks.

Please see Father West at church, contact him by email at [pagaga@aol.com](mailto:pagaga@aol.com), or speak with Donna Penman, who is assisting Fr. West, if you are interested in joining this ministry. Thank you very much.

### Save your Tabs!

Collect and save the little tabs you pull to open soda, soup or other aluminum cans for Philadelphia's Ronald McDonald House. Recycling these aluminum gems help support our local Ronald McDonald House program, a "home-away-from-home" for families of seriously ill children being treated in nearby hospitals. Collecting tabs is easy. Make a difference in the world with this small act of love and kindness.



Tabs are accepted each Sunday and during office hours. A collection jar is located in the vestibule for your convenience. Look for the red and gold label with the above graphic.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



### \*\*\* The Great Norristown Cleanup \*\*\*

Help us beautify Norristown. Please volunteer to help and to represent All Saints on Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Sign up at the easel in the vestibule. All ages welcomed. Trash bags and gloves will be provided as well as food and drink. This is a great way to tie in the theme of our Sunday school with the environment and the world our Lord created. Please join us. For more information, contact Donna Penman.

Episcopal Night at Citizens Bank Park

Tuesday, May 17

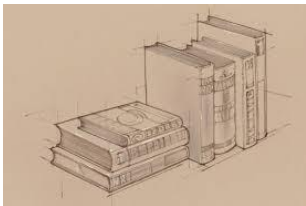
Phillies host the Miami Marlins at 7:05 p.m.

To purchase tickets please go to:

[www.phillies.com/episcopal](http://www.phillies.com/episcopal)



## BOOK CLUB



Saints Summer Book Club returns by popular demand, and everyone is welcome to join. We are starting with Ta-Nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me*, a short book (176 pages) rated 5 stars by 77% of those who reviewed it on amazon.com. In a series of essays, presented as letters to his adolescent son, Coates "poignantly asks and attempts to answers difficult questions that plague modern society" about notions of race and society. It's a short book, but by all reports extremely well written. Expect to be challenged: just as we should know the parable of the Good Samaritan inside and out, we should learn about relations between modern day "Jews and Samaritans," and consider such issues in the framework of our Christian faith.

Then we can expect to read something a little lighter – perhaps *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown, or *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline – both wildly popular books; perhaps *Christ the Lord, Out of Egypt*, a stunning fictional recreation of the early years of Jesus, based on the Gospels, respected New Testament scholarship, and the prodigious imagination of Anne Rice (best known for her vampire books!). We will pick books along the way. Join us for our first meeting on **May 29 after church**. If you would like a copy of *Between the World and Me*, see Mother Sandra.

## Fun for our younger members and their families!

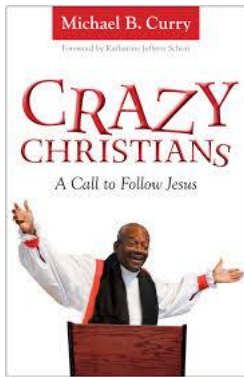
On Sunday afternoon, June 5, we will depart for Dutch Wonderland after church. Parish children ages 3-9 can attend for \$15 (instead of the regular gate fee of \$36.75) and children under the age of three are free. The price for parents or any other ASC member who wishes to go is \$25. Nonmembers and friends can attend for \$30 (same price for adults and children 3 and over). Call the parish office if you need a registration form or pick one up on the wooden shelf in the vestibule. This trip is being funded by Birthday Bank funds. **(Rain date decided if needed on or after June 4.)**





## Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry (continued)

. . . What the Church needs, what this world needs, are some Christians who are as crazy as the Lord. Crazy enough to love like Jesus, to give like Jesus, to forgive like Jesus, to do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God—like Jesus. Crazy enough to dare to change the world from the nightmare it often is into something closer to the dream that God dreams for it. And for those of us who would follow him, those of us who would be his disciples, those of us who would live as the people of the Way? It might come as a shock, but those of us called to that life are called to craziness, too.



Christians who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do. My friends, we need some of those crazy Christians. Sane, sanitized Christianity is killing us. Comfortable, demure Christianity may have worked once upon a time, but it won't carry the gospel anymore. We need some crazy Christians like Mary Magdalene and Harriet Beecher Stowe. Christians crazy enough to believe that God is real and that Jesus lives. Crazy enough to follow the radical way of the gospel. Crazy enough to believe that the love of God is greater than all the powers of evil and death. Crazy enough to believe, as Martin Luther King Jr. often said, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." We need some Christians crazy enough to believe that children don't have to go to bed hungry; that the world doesn't have to be the way it often seems to be;

that there is a way to lay down our swords and shields, down by the riverside; that as the slaves used to sing, "There's plenty good room in my Father's kingdom" because every human being in this world has been created in the image of God, and we are all equally children of God and meant to be treated as such. What we need are some crazy Christians—Christians who are crazy enough to catch a glimpse of the crazy, transforming, transfiguring, life-changing vision of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Christians who are crazy enough to follow him into the work of helping God to realize God's dream for all people and for all creation.

I don't know about you, but this "crazy talk" gets me excited – excited about our new leadership, someone who can work with the Holy Spirit to breathe new life into our church, our individual churches, and our lives. Makes me happy to be an Episcopalian, hopeful for the future of our church, and energized to go out and do the work God has called us to do.

Mother Sandra+



### Quote for Pentecost:

Each heartfelt prayer, each Church meeting attended,  
each worthy friend, each righteous decision,  
each act of service performed all precede that goal of eternal life.

- Thomas S. Monson

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*Deb Porcelli*



*Beautiful  
Easter altar,  
thanks to ASC's  
hard working  
but cheerful  
Altar Guild*



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*Left to right: Patty Gelet, Mary Jane Daley, Susan Dean*

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Momma, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's suit!"

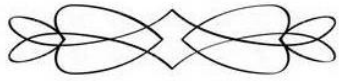
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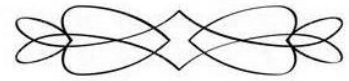
## Serving for the Glory of God

Date	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Acolytes	Sarah Callow, Isabella Nero	Beville Jones, Donna Penman, Natalia Dello Buono	TBD	Austin & Emily Taylor <i>(subject to change)</i>	Joe Gelet, Sarah Callow
Altar Guild	Susan Cohen, Patty Gelet	Susan Cohen, Joanne Heisler	Susan Cohen, Mary Jane Daley	Diane Mullen, Susan Dean	Susan Cohen, Deb Porcelli
Bulletin Assemblers	Shirley Brinker, Jack & Marilyn Clemson, Marion Shupe, Naomi Sayers (4/29)	Marilyn & Jack Clemson (5/6)	Marion Shupe, Phil Gottshall, Donna & Bob Penman (5/13)	N/A	Ginger Banmiller, Mary Jane Daley (5/27)
Coffee Service	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Karen & Jack Spottiswood	Steve Dello Buono	<b>Would you like to join the team?</b> <i>Contact Mother Sandra</i>	
Counters	Betsy & Phil Gottshall	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Diane Mullen, Francie Dean	Betsy & Phil Gottshall	Joanne & Bob Heisler
Eucharistic Ministers (10 a.m.)	Bill Koffke, Austin Taylor	Donna Penman, Judy Freeman	Donna Penman, Donna Hale	Cy Burke, Ginger Banmiller	Phil Gottshall, Anthony Nero
Intercessor	Laurie Sawyer	Cornelia Hoffman	Louise Geisinger	Laurie Sawyer	Donna Penman
Lector	Phil Gottshall	Jack Spottiswood	Dale Kerr	TBD	TBD
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	Viola Van Der Meulen	Diane Mullen	Joe Raudenbush	Viviann Harris
Ushers/ Greeters	8:00 10:00 Majid Etemad	8:00 Charles Brinker 10:00 Dello Buono family	8:00 10:00 Betsy Gottshall, Judy Baca	8:00 10:00 Donna & Bob Penman	8:00 10:00 Karen & Jack Spottiswood

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](mailto: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.



# May 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>Easter 6</b> 8AM Rite I 10AM Rite II	<b>2</b> Parish Administrator's day off 8PM V.F. Highland Band practice	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10AM-1:30PM Second Time Around Shop	<b>5</b> 10AM-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 11AM Bible study w/ lunch 7PM N.A. (activity room)	<b>6</b> Rector's day off 7:30PM N.A. (activity room)	<b>7</b> 9AM-12PM The Great Norristown Clean-Up 3-10PM Private Event (activity room)
<b>8</b> <b>Easter 7</b> 8AM Rite I 10AM Rite II 10AM Sunday school w/ Rector 11:30 Kaleidoscope forum (chapel) <b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>9</b> Parish Administrator's day off 8PM V.F. Highland Band practice	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:15AM Norristown Ministerium (activity room) 10AM-1:30PM Second Time Around Shop VESTRY REPORTS DUE	<b>12</b> 10AM-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 7PM N.A. (activity room)	<b>13</b> Rector's day off 7:30PM N.A. (activity room)	<b>14</b> 10AM Crafts & Knitting Group (activity room) 4-6:30PM Bread of Life Community Café Parish Administrator on vacation May 14-23
<b>15</b> <b>Pentecost</b> 8AM Rite I 10AM Rite II 11:30AM Sunday school: Movie 1-4PM Private Event (activity room) <b>MESSENGER DEADLINE</b>	<b>16</b> 8PM V.F. Highland Band practice	<b>17</b> 7:05PM Episcopal Night at Citizens Bank Park	<b>18</b> 10AM-1:30PM Second Time Around Shop 6:30PM Vestry Mtg. (activity room)	<b>19</b> 10AM-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 11AM Bible study w/ lunch 7PM N.A. (activity room)	<b>20</b> Rector's day off 3:30-5:30PM Private Event (choir room) 7:30PM N.A. (activity room)	<b>21</b> Noon-5PM Private Event (choir room)
<b>22</b> <b>Pentecost 1</b> <i>Youth/Children Sunday</i> 8AM Rite II 8:30AM Good Noise Band Practice/Set up 10AM Contemporary Worship (activity room) Special Reception 11:30 Kaleidoscope forum (chapel)	<b>23</b> 8PM V.F. Highland Band practice	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10AM-1:30PM Second Time Around Shop	<b>26</b> 10AM-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 7PM N.A. (chapel)	<b>27</b> Rector's day off 7:30PM N.A. (activity room)	<b>28</b> 4-6:30PM Bread of Life Community Café
<b>29</b> <b>Pentecost 2</b> 8AM Rite I 10AM Rite II 11:30AM Saints Summer Book Club	<b>30</b> Parish Administrator's day off 8PM V.F. Highland Band practice <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>31</b>	*Sign up to attend: <b>Day at Dutch Wonderful – Sunday, June 5</b> <i>For our younger members and their families.</i>			





## Prayer for Joy in God's Creation BCP, pg. 814

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works; that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Summer worship, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. (6/5-9/4)

**MAY 2016**

## **Summer Service Schedule: One Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.**



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