



The Messenger



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A House of Prayer for All People

MAY 2017

**A Message from The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez
XVI Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania**

My brothers and sisters, I greet you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ.

As a community, we rejoice in our Lord's resurrection.

We have walked through a sacred time as hopeful people called Christians. The penitential season of Lent has passed, the profound sacredness of Holy Week is a memory, and we loudly sing the Alleluias of Easter. What next?

It is Eastertide; embrace and live the call of following Jesus.

After the resurrection, Jesus Christ was out on the road. He was touching, transform-



ing, envisioning, and breaking open new possibilities. It is Good News for the world. It is our chance to show His face. Reveal the face of Christ to those who are seeking, who need reminding or to those who do not know Jesus.

What a remarkable opportunity this Eastertide.

Let us go out and proclaim a way that is unlike the shallow offerings of the world.

In small groups, in our daily actions, we will step forward and be intentional. Let us make Christ visible through our lives. Through prayer, involvement at your church, community service, inviting people to church (or a meal), kindness, generosity, and love, let us bring the message of the resurrection into the world. Embrace the same hope as the early Christians.

During this Eastertide, let us make Jesus the Christ visible. It has been proven time and time again; Jesus lives, moves and breathes. He changes lives, and He transforms the world.

The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez

ALL SAINTS' LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

CLERGY: The Rev. Sandra L. Etemad, Rector; The Rev. Geoffrey G. West, Associate Rector

VESTRY

(2017): Ginger Banmiller (Treasurer), Nick Durante, John Errington (Rector's warden)

(2018): Andrew Ely, Joe Gelet, Laurie Sawyer (Secretary)

(2019): Cy Burke, Joanne Heisler (Vestry's warden), Donna Penman

STAFF: **Parish Administrator** - Donna Longobardi; **Music Director** - Constance P. Winoski;
Sexton - Robert Law

SUMMER SCHEDULE

One Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.

Mark your calendars! We will be resuming our Summer service schedule starting June 4. We will join together for one service at **9:30 a.m.** between Memorial Day and Labor Day (all Sundays from **June 4 through September 3**).

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 outdoor reception after 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 a simple snack and a very little effort (if you'd like to host but have financial concerns, see Mother Sandra and we'll work it out).

Date availability is posted on the easel in the vestibule. **Sign up today!**



Birthdays

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

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

Best wishes to all!

"Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion;
it is a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ" - *Billy Graham*



Spring is here!

All Saints' flower beds are blooming. Sign up to adopt a garden to care for through the upcoming summer months. An individual, couple, family, friends, and church ministry groups may adopt one of the many gardens around the grounds of the church.

What's involved in caring for a garden? A willingness to play in the dirt. An attentive eye, a loving touch, a few minutes, an hour or more of your time. A little muscle to pull a few weeds and to carry a watering can. And if you'd like to be creative, plant a few flowers.

All your hard efforts will manifest a bright, cheery, inviting, and relaxing environment for all to admire and enjoy. Please consider making a small commitment to help the church maintain its beauty around its property and grounds.

If you would like to learn more about the gardening ministry at All Saints, please speak with Phil Gottshall and Andrew Ely.

Ascension Day and Customs around the World

Ascension Day is the 40th day of Easter and commemorates the ascension of Jesus into heaven 39 days after resurrection on Easter Sunday. You may read some of the Biblical accounts of the Ascension in Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:19-20, Luke 24:50-53, and Acts 1:6-11.

During the forty-day period before Jesus ascended into heaven, it is believed that he preached and intermingled with his apostles and disciples.

Around the world on Ascension Day...

Germany also celebrates Father's Day (Vatertag) on the same date. This tradition dates back to the eighteenth century when prizes were awarded to fathers after Ascension Day parades in rural areas.

England has an old tradition, if it is sunny on Ascension Day, it will be a warm summer; but if it rains, it will be a poor harvest and livestock will suffer from disease.

In Sweden, people go into the woods very early in the morning to hear the birds at sunrise. It is said to be good luck if a cuckoo is heard from the east or west.

In Venice, the ceremony of the Wedding with the Sea was traditionally celebrated on the Feast of the Ascension, while in Florence the Feast was observed by having a dove slide down a string from the high altar of the cathedral to ignite a large decorative container filled with fireworks in front of the main entrance of the cathedral.

In Portugal on "Wheat stalk Thursday", small bundles of poppies and wheat stalks are picked in the fields and placed at home until next year, for good fortune.

Find more interesting facts online by Googling Ascension Day and strolling through your Bible and Book of Common Prayer.





The Bishop's Bible Challenge began on January 1, 2017, and we're all encouraged to increase our reading of scripture. There's a schedule for reading, links to audio versions, and more if you download our diocesan app at <http://www.diopa.org/bishops-bible-challenge/>.

And you can join our ongoing Bible studies at All Saints – come weekly or just drop in when you can.

The Kaleidoscope Bible Study meets on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month after church (summer schedule can vary). This popular Bible study looks at one of the following Sunday's readings, and each participant gets an opportunity to respond to the Scriptures on a personal level. There are no lectures or homework: Kaleidoscope doesn't emphasize information. Instead, it's about *engaging with scripture* in a group, and it's a very simple process. It takes only about half an hour, and always ends by asking, "What is God, through this scripture, calling me to be, to do, or to change?"

On the first and third Thursdays of the month, join us for *Scripture and Spaghetti*, beginning at 11:00 a.m. We go through various topics, books of the Bible, or other study formats; reading and discussion begins at 11:00, followed by lunch: usually spaghetti, but also soup, sandwiches, salads, or other simple fare.

So far this year we have been engaged in a survey of the New Testament, using Anthony Gilles' book, The People of the Way: The Story Behind the New Testament. It starts with the Acts of the Apostles ("the Book of Acts") and then we moved to the Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark, and Luke. (John has a different approach and doesn't compare well like the first three.)

What have we learned? A lot, actually:

- **Who wrote the Gospels?** Mark (the earliest Gospel) was possibly written by Mark, who is mentioned four times in the New Testament, or by someone who learned from Mark; Matthew definitely wasn't written by the Matthew of the Gospels, but by someone who represented Matthew's teachings; Luke was written by . . . Luke – probably.
- **When were they written?** According to Gilles, Mark was written between 64-70 A.D.; Matthew between 80-85; and Luke around 90. (Scholars disagree on dating; some giving earlier dates and some later.)
- **Who were Gospels written for?** Mark was written for non-Jews; Matthew for Jewish Christians; Luke principally for other Gentiles.
- **What are the emphases of each Gospel?** Mark focuses on Jesus' healing and other deeds; Matthew stresses Jesus' teachings (it has five major discourses, including the Sermon on the Mount); Luke is a contemplative Gospel, portraying Jesus' life as a Holy Spirit-led journey.
- **What's unique about each Gospel?** Mark is the shortest and stresses the "Messianic secret" – don't tell people who Jesus is until they are ready to hear it! Matthew is the only Gospel that mentions "church" (in Greek, *ekklesia*). Luke is the most concerned with justice, concern for the poor and those of no status (including women), and portrays a God of mercy.

All our Bible studies welcome newcomers – you will find the Bible more engaging and approachable than you might have thought! Please join us for Kaleidoscope Bible Study or Scripture and Spaghetti!

Prayer-filled Chuckle

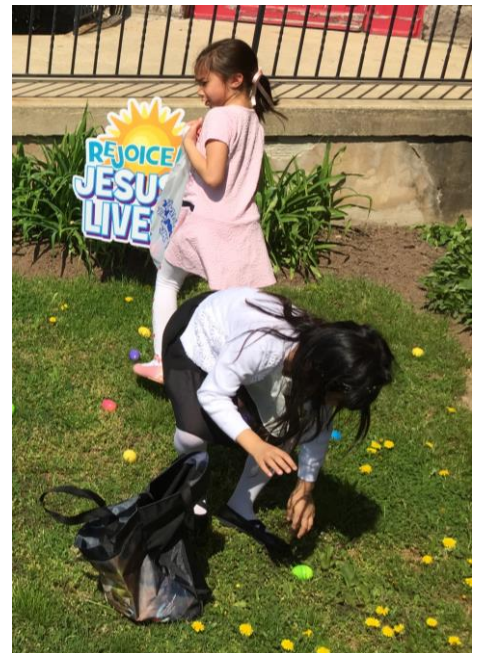


One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

Submitted by Betsy Gottshall



Easter
2017



Serving for the Glory of God

Date	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Acolytes	Sarah Callow, Betsy Gottshall	Donna Penman, Beville Jones		Phil Gottshall, Joe Gelet, Natalia Dello Buono
Altar Guild	Susan Cohen, Diane Mullen	Susan Cohen, Deb Porcelli	Susan Cohen, Joanne Heisler	Susan Cohen, Patty Gelet
Bulletin Assemblers	Donna Hale, Donna Penman (5/5)	Marion Shupe, Phil Gottshall (Thurs., 5/11)	Donna & Bob Penman (5/19)	Ginger Banmiller, Mary Jane Daley (5/26)
Coffee Service	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Karen & Jack Spottiswood	Steve Dello Buono	Judy & John Freeman
Counters	Diane Mullen	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Diane Mullen	Betsy & Phil Gottshall
Eucharistic Ministers	Bill Koffke, Patty Gelet	Beville Jones, Donna Penman	Ginger Banmiller, Phil Gottshall	Judy & John Freeman
Intercessor	Cornelia Hoffman	Diane Mullen	<i>If you would like to read the prayers of the day, contact the office</i>	Donna Penman
Lector	Sarah Gelet	Donna Penman	<i>If you would like to read the scriptures of the day, contact the office</i>	Phil Gottshall
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>			
10AM Ushers/ Greeters	Nina & Nelson Schrock	Dello Buono family	Betsy Gottshall, Judy Baca	Donna & Bob Penman
8AM Server/ Reader	Viviann Harris	Viola Van Der Meulen	Joe Raudenbush	Diane Mullen

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.



May 2017

What's Happening at All Saints...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Parish Administrator's day off 8 V.F. Highland Band practice	2	3 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop	4 9:15 -Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 11 Bible study w/ lunch 7 N.A. (act. room)	5 Rector's day off 7:30 N.A.	6
7 Easter 4 8am HCI 10am HCII	8 Parish Administrator's day off 8 V.F. Highland Band practice	9 6:30pm Work Night <i>Subject to change</i> Mother Sandra on vacation thru 5/15	10 9:15 Norristown Ministerium 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop VESTRY REPORTS DUE	11 9:15 -Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 1 Bulletin assembling 7 N.A. (act. room)	12 OFFICE CLOSED* 7:30pm N.A.	13 4-6:30 Bread of Life Community Café
14 Easter 5 8am HCI 10am HCII 10am Sunday School & Eucharist w/ Rector (Rector) 11:30 Kaleidoscope adult forum (chapel) MOTHER'S DAY	15 Parish Administrator's day off MESSENGER DEADLINE 8 V.F. Highland Band practice	16 OFFICE CLOSED*	17 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop 6:30pm Vestry Mtg.	18 9:15 -Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 11 Bible study w/ lunch 7 N.A. (act. room)	19 Rector's day off 7:30 N.A.	20 9-4 Private Event (activity room)
21 Easter 6 8am HCII 9am Good Noise Band practice 10am Contemp. Svc. 1-4 Private Event (activity room)	22 Parish Administrator's day off 8 V.F. Highland Band practice	23 OFFICE CLOSED*	24 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop	25 Ascension Day 9:15 -Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 7:30 Ascension Day Service at St. John's, Norristown 7 N.A. (act. room)	26 Rector's day off 7:30 N.A.	27 4-6:30 Bread of Life Community Café
28 Easter 7 8am HCI 10am HCII 11:30 Kaleidoscope adult forum (chapel); Sunday school (activity room)	29 Parish Administrator's day off MEMORIAL DAY	30 OFFICE CLOSED*	31 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop			

**Parish Administrator on vacation, please contact Mother Sandra prior to visiting on Tuesdays, 5/16, 23, and 30, to be sure someone is available to greet you. Thank you!*



The Lord's Prayer (Interpretation from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be. Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name shall echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

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Every Sunday at 8 & 10 a.m.

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All Saints' Mission Statement

*Proclaim the Gospel and God's love, provide for Christian worship and fellowship,
strengthen community spirit, nurture growth in Christian faith and values,
and share our resources to serve others.*