



April 3, 2020

News for All the Saints

All Saints' Memorial Church, Navesink, NJ

www.allsaintsnavesink.org

It's an early April afternoon—sunny, breezy, and the daffodils and other early spring flowers grace the church campus and let me know that spring is here! The season comes regardless of the events swirling around us, reminding us that life on this earth is not all about us. It's a welcome reminder.

Holy Week is another time to remember that as well. Jesus came among us, for us, all of us. We, as members of the Body of Christ, are called to continue on Christ's mission in the world. In times such as these, it's a tall order—daunting even. And particularly in times of social distancing, doing that takes on a very different look: staying connected by phone and video conferencing and even 'snail mail' has a very different feel than face-to-face, hugs and handshake connections. For clergy, not being able to do home or hospital visits, to even open the church for a funeral, goes against the grain of all we feel called to do. The 'pandemic lifestyle' definitely is a sacrificial one.

For me, Holy Week has always been a holy, blessed time. Not being able to share these liturgies with you in person is hard. We will offer a Palm Sunday liturgy on Sunday—and hopefully, if the tech works, have more than one voice present to do a Passion Gospel. (See our website for the bulletin). Deacon Michelle and I are still fleshing out options for perhaps Thursday and Friday—will let you know asap via email and Facebook posts. Please know the Diocese of New Jersey (<https://dioceseofnj.org/>) is offering services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil. We will offer an Easter Sunday service (sans communion) online on Easter morning at 10:15 on our Facebook site. It's not the same—but for now, it's what we can do. And because we know Christ is risen—truly risen and fully alive—and lives among and in us, it is enough.

I continue to pray for all of you, and I am grateful for each of you. I cannot wait to gather again with you—but until then, hold one another in your hearts. Easter, like spring, comes no matter what—because in the end, it's not up to us. Thanks be to God!
Mother Debbie

JOIN US FOR ON-LINE WORSHIP!

**Sunday Morning Prayer
at 10:15 am**

**Wednesday Healing Service Prayers
at 10 am**

Tuesday and Thursday: Compline at 9 pm.



**Find us on Facebook Live
<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintschurchnavesink/>**

Find bulletins and links at: www.allsaintsnavesink.org

Finances

First—a BIG THANK YOU to all those who have send cards, notes, and donations—we are grateful for your sharing your news, good wishes, prayers and resources!

If you submitted a pledge for 2020, we respectfully ask that you try to keep it up as you are able. All donations are welcome. **You can mail your payments to the All Saints' address at:**

P.O. Box 326, Navesink, NJ 07752.

The parish, continues to have financial obligations for utilities, insurance and other fixed costs—as well as staff costs. Inasmuch as we are able, we are committed to fully paying staff as long as we can.

We are planning to apply for monies available to non-profits under the CARES Act, which provides some monies to help with payroll costs and some utilities. We will keep you posted on that.

TEXT-TO -GIVE IS NOW LIVE!!

One on-line option we have up and running is a text-to-give system, which is handled through our new Church membership data base system, called *Breeze*. Breeze is a cloud based system through which ministry leaders can manage communications, where we can take event registrations, and process on-line giving, among other things. Here is how to go about it:

- Text GIVE to 732-400-5774
- If this is your first time, it will direct you to a screen to setup a giving method—either via credit card or using ACH (from your bank account). *Whatever method you pick will be the method Text-to-give continues to use for subsequent donations.*
- Enter the information and pick your amount.
- For future donations, text GIVE to the same number, answer the prompt for the amount, and the donation will be processed.

Rather do this from your computer? Go to: <https://allsaintsnavesink.breezechms.com/give/online>

It will ask you for the same information, but you can change your payment method each time. If it asks you to pick a fund, please pick the GENERAL FUND.

Please let Bonnie Roberts or Mother Debbie know if you have any questions or problems.

USEFUL LINKS

All Saints' Website: <https://allsaintsnavesink.org/>

All Saints' Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintschurchnavesink/>

New Jersey Government Covid19 Site: <https://covid19.nj.gov/> (or Call : 211)

Diocese of New Jersey Covid19 site: <https://dioceseofnj.org/covid-19-guidance/>

Includes links to Resources, On-line worship and studies

Legal Aid Society of Monmouth County: <https://monmouthlegalaid.com/>

Centers for Disease Control (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/>

Pastoral Care

Mother Debbie and Deacon Michelle are committed to being available in any way we can be. While in-person visits are discouraged now except in the case of emergency, we are available by phone, email or text. The best number to reach Mother Debbie is 732-492-1943, and her mail is mother.debbie@comcast.net. And while we will be checking in with people, please also reach out and check in with one another. Now more than ever, we need some sort of connection.

Meetings

Vestry and other meetings are or can be on-going, via Zoom, a videoconferencing service the parish has had for a year. It is easy to use, and the Zoom app can be downloaded onto a computer, phone or tablet. Once downloaded, if you receive an invitation to a Zoom meeting, just click on the link offered, and it should open up and launch for you.

We are also working on embedding Zoom into our Facebook live so we can have additional voices during on-line worship.

Zoom can be used for bible and book studies as well, stay tuned!

AUCTION UPDATE

CHANGE THE DATE—AND SAVE IT!

Saturday, October 3rd, 2020

Due the pandemic of Covid19, The Auction Committee has moved the Auction Date to October 3rd. Save the Date! New postcards will be going out soon.

Some of our prizes are time-sensitive—so we plan on a small on-line auction coming soon. Stay tuned!

But...THE 50/50 RAFFLE IS STILL ON FOR MAY 9TH! This is another way to help raise funds during a challenging time. If you like to purchase tickets, send Jim Cook an email at jimcookjr47@yahoo.com, and he can mail tickets to you. Tickets are \$5 each, or sold in books of five for \$25. All ticket stubs with accompanying payment need to be returned by May 2nd so we can get an accurate count.

A Prayer to Share....

Lord, Christ, you came into the world as one of us, and suffered as we do. As we go through the trials of life, help us to realize that you are with us at all times and in all things; that we have no secrets from you; and that your loving grace enfolds us for eternity. In the security of your embrace we pray. Amen.

Reminder

All campus buildings are closed until further notice.

The grounds and cemetery are open; please maintain the recommended minimum six foot distance between persons.

Office phone, mail and email continue to be checked on a regular basis; please call/contact Mother Debbie for immediate assistance.

A Big Thank you to the many who are reaching out and checking in on one another!

Prayer during Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or
making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close
Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,
let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen.