



The All Saints MESSENGER February 2021

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On Zoom

10 a.m. Ministry of the Word - Rite II
9 a.m. Adult Forum
10 a.m. Christian Education for Children

The Rev. Canon David Hamilton, Rector
The Rev. Peggy Mathauer, Deacon

Vestry:

Glenn Sproul Senior Warden
Whye Yap Junior Warden
Sandy Aldrich
Josh Cheney
Charles Conn
Hilla Damm
Susan Hartman
Cheryl Hooper
Katrina McGibney

Vestry Clerk: Julie B. Pierson

Treasurer: Marcia Corey
Assistant Treasurer: Iris Darling

Pledge Secretary: Iris Darling
Assistant Pledge Secretary: Laura Buel

Church Secretary/Administrator:
Margaret MacLean

Young Children's Ministry:
Katrina McGibney

Adult Education Leaders:
Josh Cheney/Whye Yap

Dear Parish Family,

Lent 2021 begins officially on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. Lent traditionally is a somber period including fasting and discipline, the limiting and even the giving up of pleasurable activities, and of increased awareness of our mortality and dependence upon God, as we recall the temptations Jesus faced in the wilderness.

Why does this sound so familiar? Haven't we already, for months, been in a somber period? A period of discipline, the limiting and even the giving up of pleasurable activities: Shut down, stay home, stay safe, avoid being with groups, can't celebrate with friends and family, daily awareness of mortality (four hundred thousand deaths) and the disciplines of wearing a mask, of washing of hands, limiting touch, and keeping six feet of distance.

This pandemic of many-months duration has required "Lent-like" discipline and confronted us with increased awareness that we are not in charge. How like the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness are the prideful attempts to deny the reality of Covid-19. "Turn these stones into bread!". "Throw yourself down. Go ahead, jump!" "Just pay no attention to science! You have rights! Ignore what they say. I'll put you in charge!"

...and the pandemic surges and the death toll rises!

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As the Season of Lent begins in a couple of weeks, perhaps we can utilize some of what we have learned over these months of pandemic discipline. The Gospels tell us that Jesus refused Satan's offers to grab power and deny the reality of God. God has given us the gift of science as a means to promote the common good and we pray for Jesus' companionship as we continue our disciplines navigating this wilderness of Covid.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Collect for the First Sunday in Lent.

Blessings,



**For additional spiritual sustenance during Lent,
The Cowley Fathers in Cambridge are offering opportunities
for reflection and participation in Lenten worship.**



Pray With The Society of St. John The Evangelist During Lent

Come, Pray

The Prayer I Need This Day

After the last year in which churches around the world have been closed and congregations scattered, the SSJE Brothers invite you to "Come, Pray." Join us in the receiving the daily gift of prayer – at home or wherever you find yourself. Across the weeks of Lent, listen in as Brothers discuss the rich and varied ways we pray, together in church and in our personal prayer. Then join us for worship, exploring a rich array of live-streamed services, culminating in the glories of Holy Week. "Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day."

The series is centered on a weekly 20-minute video and invites participants to explore and experience diverse prayer practices alongside the Brothers through joining our regular, live-streamed worship, special services, and online teachings.

To sign up for the weekly email: [SSJE.org/subscribe](https://ssje.org/subscribe) and select "Monastic Wisdom for everyday living". (Please note: if you are already subscribed to the Brothers email, you do not need to resubscribe)

Ash Wednesday and First Sunday of Lent

All Saints Zoom Services

We will conduct The Liturgy for Ash Wednesday at 7:00 PM on February 17th, via Zoom.

Ashes for those who want them will be available for pickup at the same time you pick up your Communion Kits:

[Pick-up will be: 11:00 to Noon, either on Friday, February 12th, or Saturday, February 13th.](#)

Because of Covid, ashes are to be self-imposed at the announced time during the Ash Wednesday Zoom Service.

First Sunday in Lent, February 21st, 10:00 AM via Zoom

We will celebrate Communion at a Distance on the First Sunday in Lent, February 21st, via Zoom.

REGISTRATION: Please register in advance, no later than Monday, February 8th.

**Email Margaret MacLean at allsaints16@gmail.com
or Home Phone (802) 655-0170**

Be sure to indicate

- (1) Indicate you want both Ashes and Communion Kits **or**
- (2) you want only the Communion Kit.

Again, pick-up will be 11:00 to Noon, either on Friday, February 12th, or Saturday, February 13th.

News From Sunday School

For February, Sunday School will turn away from learning about Jesus as He grew and begin the journey toward Holy Week with miracle stories.

Lessons and Activities for February:

February 7 : Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand / Learn to Make a Mosaic

February 14: Jesus Dwells in Our Hearts / Love Letters / Collage Creation

February 21: Lent is a Season / Prayer Cards / Create a Lenten Calendar

February 28: Invite a friend to Sunday School Day! If you know a child that would like to experience our class, contact me, katrinawaters@comcast.net and I will send them an invitation and welcome packet.

Each week, children receive an envelope of materials pertaining to the main lesson. We gather every Sunday in our zoom room from 9:00 to 9:40 a.m. We begin with morning greetings, bell ringing, candle lighting, song, prayer, and a story. Children are encouraged (each to their ability and interest) to create a literal and/or visual representation of what they learned and add it to their lesson books.

I look forward to sharing some examples of their work in the coming weeks.

Peace,

Katrina McGibney

The Outreach Committee is in discussion on how to respond to our January commitment to JUMP, since the pandemic prevented us from collecting personal care items for them. In the meantime, please see below the invitation to participate in JUMP'S February Auction.



Jump Auction

JUMP is holding an Online Auction February 1-12. The theme is "Showing Love for JUMP" Here is the link:

<https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/auctionhome.action?auctionId=341697338>.

Low-income Vermont households need the help that JUMP can provide with utility payments, transportation, and support to purchase essentials like groceries, toiletries, cleaning supplies. We are inviting your support of JUMP's important community work!

Bidding starts February 1st. Visit the JUMP Online Auction website to:

- o View items up for bid (check back frequently as items are being added daily)
- o Set up your account so you will be already to start bidding on February 1st
- o Donate an item for the auction or become a sponsor

Join us in this fundraising event and show your love for JUMP. You will be doing your part in responding to the need that is out there by supporting a local organization that assists Vermont households in need

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Randy Corey
6 Deaven Dattilio
Joe Kingston
8 Ellie Bushweller
10 Ed Wageman
11 Jason Lockwood
Gail Thompson
13 Molly Dillon
16 Janet Bessmer
17 Peter Sheil
Eliza Averyt
19 Justin Francis
20 Ian Chisholm
21 Abby Lynch
22 Charles Vile
John Dooley
Art Hessler
24 Allyson Vile
25 Cathy Ann Pawlowski
26 Carrie Premsagar
Hilla Damm
Donald Kiley
27 Michael Richburg
28 Pam Valance
29 Rhonda Paquet

ANNIVERSARIES

4 Francis & Jackie Duval
27 Ed & Iris Darling
28 Donald & Lorna Kiley

IN MEMORIAM

5 Fred Eaton
6 Bob Halverson
9 Betty Hooper-Pirie
12 Susan Halverson Greco
14 John Torpey
16 Richard Pelkey
17 Ken Gillies
Barbara Forest
19 Dorothy Wright
Warren Lee
25 Suzie Johnson
26 Gloria Singer
27 Dorothy Austin



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“Find your roots in the rituals and traditions of a people with a history.”