



The All Saints MESSENGER JULY/AUGUST 2020

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8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
9 a.m. Adult Forum
10 a.m. Child Care & Christian Education
for Children and Teens.

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

Vestry:

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

Vestry Clerk: Julie B. Pierson

Special Warden for Property: Julie Bonanno

Treasurer: Marcia Corey

Assistant Treasurer: Iris Darling

Pledge Secretary: Don Crofut

Assistant Pledge Secretary: Iris Darling

Church Secretary/Administrator:

Margaret MacLean

Young Children's Ministry:

Katrina McGibney

Middle School & Teen Ministry:

Don Crofut

Adult Education Leaders:

Josh Cheney/Whye Yap

The Diocese unveils a five-phase plan during this time of Pandemic

Dear Parish Family,

The pandemic has resulted in an unprecedented exile of our All Saints family from our church building and of congregations from their buildings across the diocese. We have read about historic exiles in the Hebrew Bible. Exile was an experience not unfamiliar to the people of Israel, and this included having the Temple made unusable because of desecration. They longed to return. So, we too long to return to our building and our accustomed setting and services.

However, we are facing an adversary more pervasive and dangerous than an enemy with swords and legions. And we must not underestimate its threat. The clamor of impatient citizens and the wish to begin economic recovery propelled premature "openings" in numbers of states, even when the numbers of Covid-19 cases were still rising. The result has launched us into a sudden surge of Covid-19, as recently as yesterday, of which we are only beginning to see the leading edge.

In the face of these disturbing events, I am more than ever grateful to Bishop Shannon for her deep caring and caution in considering how best to protect the health and

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well being of each of the members of our parish, and all others across, the diocese as we consider the how to safely implement a phased return to in-person worship in our building.

Bishop Shannon and a Restart Team, appointed by her, have worked diligently to create a five-phase plan for eventually returning to in-person worship across our diocese. Many have wondered how and when we might be worshipping again in our beloved All Saints building. The difficult reality is that we will be in this time of pandemic for the long haul, with no predictable end in sight. Thus, this five-phase plan does not give a timetable for worshipping again, face-to-face, in church buildings, including All Saints.

The five-phase plan is described in detail in a document, “Reopening Guidelines”. This document is available by clicking this link:

https://diovermont.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Dio_Vermont_Reopening_Guidelines_RV26.18.20.pdf

A small excerpt from the Letter from Bishop Shannon:

Dear People of God in the Diocese of Vermont,

The diocesan Restart Team has developed the following five-phase plan for returning to in-person worship across our diocese. This plan takes into account the Centers for Disease Control’s guidelines for faith communities as well as guidance from the Vermont Department of Health and the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

We are currently in **Phase 1** of this plan, with our buildings closed and in-person worship suspended.

But beginning today, congregations may begin to develop and then submit plans for **Phase 2**, which allows for building use by **clergy, staff and wardens only**.

Once a plan for Phase 2 has been submitted, approved and implemented, a congregation may submit its plan for **Phase 3**, which allows for in-person outdoor worship.

Essential feeding programs continue to be permitted at every phase of the plan. Other outside groups, such as 12-step recovery, may not take place in church buildings at this stage.

I will communicate with the diocese when we are ready to accept plans for **Phases 4 and 5**. This timing will be based on advice from medical and public health experts.

Peace and blessings,
Bishop Shannon

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Protocols for Moving to Phase 2: Building Use for Clergy, Staff and Wardens Only
The limited use of our building for essential tasks for the clergy, staff and wardens must adhere to the following restrictions and safety precautions.

Building Use

- Only clergy, staff and wardens may enter and use church buildings (offices, sanctuary, parish hall, etc.). All those who enter the building for any purpose must wear facial coverings (masks) and maintain proper social distance of at least 6 feet.
- Those entering the building are restricted to areas essential to that staff person’s work.
- No use of kitchen facilities by staff.
- Staff should be encouraged to be in the building at different days/times if this is possible.
- Keep time in the building as brief as possible, with other work being conducted remotely.
- As much as possible, staff should work in discrete areas or offices.
- Any common surfaces (doorknobs, phones, touch pads, switches, keyboards) should be sanitized immediately before and after every contact.
- No visitors are allowed into the building.
- Deliveries are made outside the building.
- Paperwork is kept to a minimum, with electronic communication and record-keeping used as much as possible.
- Persons needing to speak to a staff member should do so by phone or electronically, not in person.
- Essential feeding programs continue to be permitted. Other outside groups, such as 12-step recovery, may not take place in church buildings at this stage.

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In light of certain maintenance tasks needed for our building’s safety and certain brief but essential administrative and financial tasks that must be done on site, in a Special Vestry Meeting on Tuesday, June 24, it was deemed necessary to apply to the Restart Committee and the Bishop to move into Phase 2 to allow those minimal functions to be performed.

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All Saints Church, South Burlington
Application for moving to Phase 2 in reopening our church

On Tuesday, June 23, the Vestry of All Saints Church unanimously approved our applying to move to Phase 2. This application is made with the understanding that we are going to continue Sunday morning worship via Zoom instead of using the church sanctuary, for the foreseeable future. We are not planning any meetings or services for now in the church building or on its grounds, but we wish to institute rigorous protections around the necessary occasional entry of the building by clergy, staff and wardens.

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We are very much the Church!

While we are estranged at present from our place of worship, we have been blessed by continuing to experience All Saints as the believing community as we worship together via Zoom. Granted Zoom has limitations, but seeing one another each week and by sharing the readings and worshipping together is a blessing. We are All Saints!

Blessings,

David +

David will be on vacation during July

We will continue worshipping with Morning Prayer via Zoom at 10 AM each Sunday. Watch for the Orders of Service and Zoom links emailed to you each week. During July there will be three readings from Scripture each week, so please volunteer when Peggy asks for readers.

Lisette Baxter will be the supply preacher for the first and second Sundays. Craig Smith will be the supply preacher for the third and fourth Sundays.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Candace Smith
- 5 Pamela Hoover
- 7 Luke Carlson
Grayson Jane Parr
- 8 Martha Chambers
- 10 Kathy Hessler
- 11 Audrey Park
Cheryl Hooper
- 13 Dylan Lawrence
- 16 Ava Carroll
Lisette Baxter
- 17 Craig Smith
- 22 Marcia Corey
- 24 Judy Huetz
Dana Brown
- 25 Patty Giroux
- 26 Matt McGibney
- 27 Iris Darling
Laura Dattilio
- 30 David Hamilton
- 31 Becky Temple

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Peter Stanton
Carolyn Provine
 - 2 Larry Baxter
 - 3 Stefani Franklin
Vance Johnson
 - 4 Sylvia Burill
 - 12 Phyllis Powell
 - 21 Becky Fox
 - 23 Burke Hoover
 - 29 Alex Possidente
 - 31 Jacie Knapp
- IN MEMORIAM
- July 3 Betsy Yung
 - July 4 Hossein Nemazee
 - July 10 Fred Pirie
 - August 12 Belen Nemazee
Carol Burnett
 - August 15 Ellen Gillies
 - August 18 Ann Beattie
 - August 19 Helga Whitcomb
 - August 20 Dorothy Johnson
 - August 22 Pat McDonald
 - August 30 Chris Sutherland

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Nick & Laura Dattilio
- 10 James & Dot Edgerton
- 11 Michael & Kim Richburg
- 12 Hal & Stephanie Woods
- 24 Peter & Chris Sheil
- 28 Larry & Lisette Baxter

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Aaron & Kate Welch
- 18 Dom Abbondanza & Sandy McGowan
- 24 David & Jane Hamilton
Stewart & Julie Pierson
- 25 Jim & Betsy Bahrenburg
Randy & Marcia Corey



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