

# For All The Saints

## Lent

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*Fr. AL*



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**Kenneth Gauvin** Cont'd from Page 14

friends and his younger brother, Jimmy, on drums. With this band he wrote, sang, played on and recorded a catchy 60's teenage pop tune onto a 45 rpm single entitled *My Candy, for the love of his life, Candy*—which she still has in her possession! He was a very good dancer, and even appeared on Wing Ding, a smaller equivalent to Dick Clark's T.V. dancing show. Ken and Candy danced quite a bit together when they were out. He was related to two previous T. V. stars, one by another family member's marriage. Ken was president of the French Club in Junior High School, having previously attended an all-French elementary school. He was an altar boy at the connecting church, St. Charles Borromeo on Providence's west side. His ancestry also traces back to early France, England, Ireland, Scotland, the Netherlands and Canada. He attended night classes at Community College of Rhode Island and eventually earned his college degree in the liberal arts. Ken had a great sense of humor and a "one liner" for everything—even when he had fallen ill. Two of his regrets in life—while a boy scout, he only achieved Life Scout and just missed Eagle Scout status. The other, never authoring the children's books he hoped to someday publish. His favorite quote: "It is what it is!" Besides his wife Candace, he leaves his one son, Kenneth "Kenn" J. Gauvin, and his long time soulmate, Amy Myrick, of Brooklyn, N.Y. One son predeceased him in death, Jason "Jay" P. Gauvin of Denver, Colorado, two grandsons, Julien and Kingston and Ken's younger brother, James L. Gauvin (Colleen). He also leaves many, many relatives, cousins and friends. Many summer vacations were spent down in Jerusalem, RI at a wonderful beach house, with all his dogs, family and friends—jt'aime vous Ken—Candy.

A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be held tentatively in late spring, or early summer. A scattering of his ashes in the Swan Point Cemetery's scattering garden for both Ken, and our son, Jason, will also take place.

## In Loving Memory of Kenneth Gauvin



Ken was born on January 13, 1952 in Providence, RI. He was the eldest son of Lucien and Dorothy (Dolloff) Gauvin (both deceased), beloved husband of Candace (Candy) E. Williams of whom he had shared his love with for 52 years in marriage, and a courtship which dates back even longer to Park View Junior High. Ken worked for many large companies in his youth. For two of them, he worked side by side with his father, Lucien, learning a manufacturing trade in textiles at Leeson Corp. in Warwick, and later as a manufacturer and inspector of precision gauge and measuring instruments at Federal Products Corp. in Providence until his father's untimely death. He remained with Federal Products Corp. and worked his way up to G.C. inspector, IT Specialist, Web Designer and Software Engineer. He, also, wrote service manuals and set up various trade shows for the company, which he also attended, in Chicago. On the side he had learned the art of furniture upholstery from his uncles. Which also led to Ted Jordan Upholstery in Cranston. Ken was a keen photographer, and designed and built his own brand of clocks for his friends and family. "Jack of all Trades," he was a dedicated sports fan of the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots. He loved to grow his tomatoes in the garden, and go fishing and golfing with his friends. He was a canoeing & kayak adventurer, had paddled many big rivers in Rhode Island and Connecticut and actually almost lost his life while doing so, but thankfully just the canoe. He, also, wrote poetry, which was compiled and published in his school's poetry book. With hopes of someday writing children's books, he joined a writer's correspondence course, started by Bennett Cerf, of the game show What's My Line fame and also contributed to by the notable Twilight Zone sci-fi author Rob Serling! Ken loved listening to the blues—especially Buddy Guy and Eric Clapton. He wrote music, played guitar, keyboards, sang, and in his youth, had a band which included

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## From A to Z

Some Thoughts from Fr. Al

Some years ago, one of our Episcopal orders of nuns, The Sisters of the Poor, designed and sold greeting cards from their "scriptorium," two of which had messages which seem especially timely right now. One said, "A prayer for the times when the world has gotten you down, you feel rotten, you're too doggone tired to pray, you're in a big hurry, and besides, you're mad at everybody: Help, Lord, help!" The other said simply, "God knows, sometimes things are just plain horrible."

The collect for use on Fridays puts it bluntly reminding us that before Jesus "went up to joy, first he suffered pain," and in the same way our liturgical calendar reflects the truth that Lent with its reminders of suffering is always followed by Easter. The point is that, as Christians, we can be completely realistic about the massive problems our country is facing: the pandemic, the deep sometimes even hate-filled political divisions, so many people in dire economic straits, and the cancer of racism which emerges in so many ways. It would be easy to say that things are just too messed up and the situation is hopeless.

**But it isn't!** In every age no matter what the specific problems are, no matter how overwhelming they may seem, God is still God and calls all of us (yes, including you and me) to be involved in responding to crises as "God's eyes and hands." We know that God is not limited to working within "The Church." The dedicated scientists, whatever their religion, who have brought us the vaccines to stop the pandemic are doing God's work. Those who are setting an example by **listening** to people on whatever the "opposite side" are doing God's work.

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## Sr. Warden

Dear Parishioners,

And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground,  
and man became a living soul.

Genesis 2:7

Unless there is Good Friday in your life,  
There can be no Easter Sunday.

Fulton Sheen

Lent is a time of preparation and repentance. How fortunate it is  
that the God who gave us life also offers us forgiveness of our sins.

## Jr. Warden

It is gratifying to report to our members that everything is going along smoothly at the church and rectory. The heating systems at both locations have undergone their yearly inspection and maintenance procedures and they are in top working order. Because the church isn't being used as much due to COVID-19, the thermostats are adjusted accordingly which has resulted in lower fuel consumption in the church itself.

Other than a few minor problems at the rectory (which have been addressed and corrected) things are also great there. Our tenants are comfortable and happy in their cozy surroundings, and we all look forward to the future with great anticipation in the hope of getting back to normal soon.



### *I Will Lean In*

(a Lenten Prayer)

**I will lean in**, retreat from the pressures I face, and move closer and deeper into your love.

**I will breathe out**, refrain from distractions I seek, and become open and receiving of your grace.

**I will linger**, encircled by the depth of your care, and receive the endless nature of your mercy.

**I will whisper**, in the quiet of this sanctuary, and be honest and real in your presence.

**I will listen**, awaken all my senses to your voice, and become expectant and hopeful of your kingdom work in my life.

Unknown

# Birthdays

Or is it "Match" Days?

March 4, Donna Pacheco  
 March 20, Richard Young  
 March 21, Louise Liddle  
 March 22, Marie Birch  
 March 23, Patrick Moran  
 March 31, Deb MarcAurele  
 April 8, Kerri Pacheco  
 April 19, Fred Liddle  
 April 27, Adrianna Pacheco  
 May 5, Bea Ellinwood  
 May 14, April MacNeil



Happy Birthday to you,  
 Happy Birthday to you,  
 Happy Birthday

Happy  
 to you!



Everyone,  
 Birthday

# Kudos

To **Marie Birch** for all the work she has done in getting the Zoom worship set up for us to use and for her patience in teaching how to use the program.

To **Fr. Zadig** for all that he has learned about Zoom to enable us to have virtual worship from his home.

To **All** who have contributed to this issue of the newsletter: Fr. Zadig as Priest, Fred as Sr. Warden, Hoot as Jr. Warden, Arlene as Clerk, the Smith's and MarcAurele's for Getting To Know One Another, and Fred and Hansi for the photographs.

# Gathering for Worship in Response to COVID-19

Our last Mass in-church was on March 8, 2020.

We resumed services in-church on July 5th in accordance with a carefully developed plan endorsed by the Vestry and specifically approved by Bishop Knisely and state authorities.

We closed again after Mass on November 15th.

We had an experimental Mass via Zoom for the Vestry on December 20th, then celebrated Mass on Christmas Eve for the whole parish—again by Zoom.

Since December 27th, Mass has been celebrated each week in Fr. Zadig's house and sent out via Zoom to parishioners and friends. It is anticipated Mass will be held via Zoom every Sunday morning until we are able to return to services in the church itself, but I hope even then we will be able to install the equipment necessary to continue making the Zoom Mass available to shut-ins, etc.

We continue to use our Master mailing list to send out communications to those who have e-mails. For those who do not have e-mail, information is hand-delivered to their door.

# Annual Meeting

ZOOM ANNUAL MEETING – ALL SAINTS CHURCH

PONTIAC, RHODE ISLAND

JANUARY 31, 2021

VESTRY MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Father Al, Marie, Fred, Hoot, Arlene, Donna, Deb, Richard, MaryAnn, Hansi

OPENING PRAYER – Father Al prayed for all those afflicted with the coronavirus and for the Church.

The minutes from the previous Annual Meeting were read and accepted.

Richard has been nominated and accepted the position to become treasurer. All reports from the previous year were read and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Richard gave a detailed report on the financial condition of the church. We are currently in good condition due to the receiving of a grant from the diocese, funeral donations, income from the Rectory, and possibly the growth of the investment accounts. Richard detailed the expenses, income, savings, investment income, and explained that the insurance was paid for five weeks instead of four. This will be adjusted. The budget should be on target, and we are on a positive side.

Donna asked about the 1099's for those who taught Sunday School. One must make \$600 for this to be necessary.

VESTRY INFORMATION – Meredith has stepped down after ten years of being Treasurer. In appreciation of her hard work and devotion to the church, she was presented with a gift from The Green Door. MaryAnn has also decided to step down from the Vestry after being a member of the church since 1950. A Citation was read for MaryAnn and will be presented at a later time. She will be greatly missed.

A motion was made by Donna to dismiss the meeting and was seconded by Hansi.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Orcutt, Secretary



## Did You Know?

### Some Terms Beginning With "P"

**Pall** – (1) A stiff square placed over the open chalice at Mass (2) a large usually silk which covers a casket at funerals.

**Paraclete** – from the Greek meaning “come to the aid or encouragement” and is a name given to the Holy Spirit (see John 14:26).

**Parish** – a unit of a diocese usually with a church building.

**Parish Register** – A book in which all Baptisms, Confirmations, Weddings and Burials are recorded as well as a list of members of the parish.

**Parishioner** – A member of a parish.

**Paschal Candle** - A large candle which is blessed at the Easter Vigil. It symbolizes the presence of the Risen Christ and is lighted at all services during the Great 50 Days, ending in Pentecost. It is also lighted during baptisms and funerals.

**Pastor** – from the Latin for shepherd and the title of the priest in charge of a parish.

**Paten** – A round plate of gold or silver upon which the Priest's Host (q.v.) is placed at Mass.

**Penance** – (1) One of the names for the Sacrament of Forgiveness or Confession. (2) a specific act or prayer imposed on the penitent as a sign of contrition for his/her sins.

**Penitent** – A term used for a person making a confession.

**Pew** – A name for the seats for worshippers in a church.

**Piscina** – From the Latin for fish pond, a drain usually in a sacristy which goes directly into the earth used for the disposal of blessed liquids.

**Postulant** – A title given as the first step to an aspirant for ordination.

## A Very Special Crèche



At Christmastime Hansi MacNeil brought the above crèche to use in the church. The crèche was a present from her parents for their first Christmas. Knowing Hansi, one would think it was German made. This is not the case, it was made in Italy.

When their son, Brucie, was about 3 years old, they had a tiny straw basket with some straw in it. She told him if he wants Baby Jesus to lie in a soft warm bed, if each day he was very good, he could put a straw in Baby Jesus' bed. And that was the beginning of a very good boy then. He wanted Baby Jesus to be soft and warm.

The crèche is now 53 years old. The figures look like they are made of paper mache and the crèche could just be of tree wood.

The crèche now has very sentimental memories for Hansi. She thinks of her parents and sees her little boy kneeling in front of the manger talking to Baby Jesus. These memories will always stay in her heart.

## Getting To Know One Another

### Hoot & Anne Smith



On a Sunday in the early fall of 1965 Anne was searching for a new church. Because there was only one vehicle in the family and Hoot was using it for work, Anne needed to find a church close to home. A neighbor had mentioned that there was a nice Episcopal church within walking distance of her home on Stam Avenue. One Sunday

Anne walked the one mile distance and attended Sunday service at All Saints Church in Pontiac for the very first time. Anne loved everything about it. Anne attended services the following Sundays and was so impressed with everything about the church and the people she met there that she told Hoot she wanted to become a member. Hoot told her that if she joined, he would, also, and thus began a wonderful association that has endured to this day.

Hoot and Anne were married in May 1953 and have three daughters, Cindy Miga, Deborah Svitil and Karen Smith. Cindy and Tom were married at All Saints in 1975 and have four children, three grandchildren and a grandson due in June. Both Cindy and Tom are retired. Debbie and Robby were also married at All Saints in 1977 and have three children and three grandchildren. Robby is retired and Debbie is still working. Karen is retired and lives with Hoot and Anne at home. They have seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, all of whom they enjoy immensely.

Anne retired in 1989 after 21 years as a Cranston school bus driver. Hoot retired in 1990 after 23 years as a Cranston police officer and 8 years with DCYF as a Child Protective Investigator.

They both enjoy good health and recently observed their 92<sup>nd</sup> birthdays.

They have been campers for more than 50 years and have traveled cross-country three times, visiting every state except Hawaii.

The years they have spent together at All Saints have been memorable and rewarding. For many years Anne was an All Saints choir member. She, also, served on the Vestry. We were both active in the events of the church, especially the Bazaars, Strawberry Festival Suppers, and Chowder and Clam Cake suppers that were held over the years. For many years we were active members of the 3 Ms club (Ms, Miss, Mr.) which got together once a month for various social functions.

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## Getting To Know One Another

### Joe & Meredith MarcAurele



In July of 1982, a secretary at Fleet Bank in Providence (Meredith) and the Assistant Principal of St. Raphael Academy in Pawtucket (Joe) were married at St. Barnabas Church in Warwick on what would be the hottest day of the year!

Fast forward 20 years to 2002 and Meredith would resign from Fleet as Vice President, Corporate Human Resources, to pursue volunteer activities. That year they both returned to All Saints Church where Meredith served on the vestry as Clerk and eventually Treasurer. Both Meredith and Joe served on various nonprofit boards and chaired many fundraisers over the years.

Fast forward another 16 years to 2018 and Joe would retire from the Washington Trust Company as Chairman and CEO.

What a journey the last 39 years have been! Three years into retirement, Meredith and Joe are enjoying life as snowbirds in beautiful Jupiter, FL. Their days are filled with golf, tennis, walking, swimming and socializing—distantly of course. Despite COVID, life is good!

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### **Hoot & Anne Smith** *Cont'd from Page 8*

Hoot has served a number of terms on the Vestry in every position except Clerk.

Hoot and Anne are looking forward to observing their 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in May and fervently hope to observe many more in the future at All Saints Church with friends they have made over the years.

They give thanks to God everyday for their blessings and good fortune.