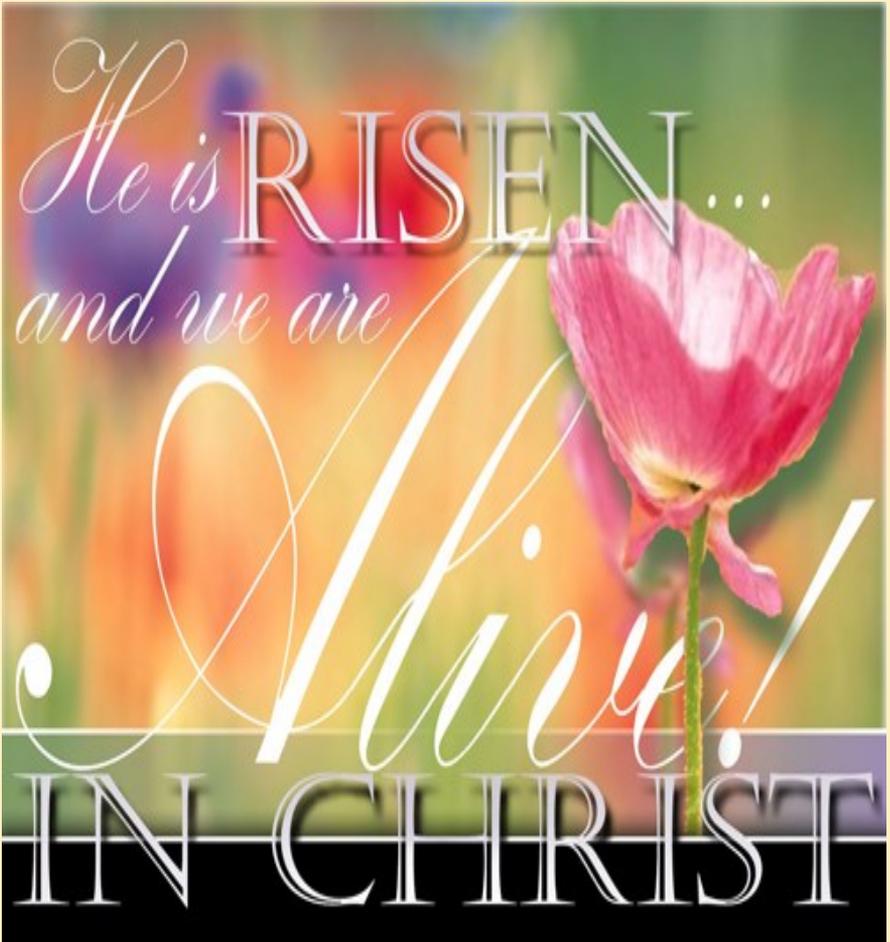


# For All The Saints



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*From A to Z*      *Some Thoughts from Fr. Al*

The past year has been one of the strangest any of us has ever experienced with the separation and isolation brought on by the pandemic. For whatever reason, an image which comes to my mind is of diving into deep water, then beginning to rise to the surface, something which any diver knows is best done slowly and carefully. Where we are now feels like really being on the way to the surface, but not quite being there yet.

As I write this column, people who have received the vaccine have begun to return to being at Mass in the church and others have told me they are planning to do so when they have been vaccinated.

There is a way in which the limitations of the past year may have also been an unexpected blessing. If being unable to share in Mass in the church was a painful deprivation, are we now more appreciative than ever of the opportunity to be together at the Altar ***every Sunday?***

While we are not out of the woods yet, there is good reason to trust that we are on the way to a more “normal,” post-pandemic way of life. My prayer is that we may all have gained a new appreciation for what that “normal” might be, especially in terms of our relationship with God, with each other, and with the wider community of the world in which we live.

*Fr. Al*

## *Sr. Warden*

Dear Parishioners:

Pilate said to him, "So you are a king." Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" (John 18:37-38)

When he meets with Jesus, Pontius Pilate dismisses truth as something subjective, arbitrary and perhaps even irrelevant. But Jesus teaches us that truth is objective, definable, and worth seeking.

As Christians, we should all pursue the true, the good, and the beautiful. What better place to join in that pursuit than right here at All Saints Church in Pontiac?

Happy Easter to all,

Fred

## *Jr. Warden*

I am thrilled to report that everything is going along fine at our church. No major problems have occurred or are expected.

All is well at the rectory with our tenants who are very much at home there.

I am sure we all look ahead with great anticipation and for things to get back to normal with the coming of the warmer weather.

Hoot Smith

## *Women's Group*

The Women's Group will resume meetings beginning Sunday, April 25, immediately following Mass. We have begun collecting food items for House of Hope. Also, Sunday, April 18, during Mass, we will dedicate a plaque to our much loved member, Tracy Robbins, who left this world after a long struggle with cancer.



*Sunday School Resumes  
April 18 • 2021*



***Brooke, Hailey & Zachary Silva, Students***



***Jenni Liddle, Teacher***



***Candy Gauvin, Assistant Teacher***

***We are in the process of recruiting other teachers.***

## *What's New About Church 2021*



Simply stated the pandemic has changed how we do church! Restrictions on social gathering changed our entire world including the way we worship. Here at All Saints, we did the next best thing we could. We dug in and figured out how to keep our little parish going. We started a phone tree, developed a re-gathering plan, learned to forego some traditions, safely reopened the church for in-person services and worked to bring virtual services to our congregation when we could not gather.

Over the past year we have gone from broadcasting virtual services with a make-shift altar in Father Al's study to streaming live from our beautiful church. It was a learning curve for everyone who participated not only from a technology standpoint but learning how to do church differently from the way we have done it our entire lives. It is true that virtual services can never replace the traditions and experience we feel when we are gathered within the church walls. However, the "new" way of doing church did afford us the opportunity to engage, connect, feel hope, practice our beliefs and welcome others into the "All Saints" fold.

What is new at All Saints? Our little historic church has moved into the 21st century via technology. If you have not yet returned to church you will now see computers, cameras, and microphones. In addition, the church has been wired for internet and phone service! (401-337-9004) These additions have not changed the way we have always done things but simply added a new dimension. These advancements allow us an additional avenue to reach parishioners who are unable/disabled as well as invite newcomers from anywhere in the world! (Cont'd on Page 7)

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### *What's New About Church in 2021*

So if you are questioning how can we afford all of this at a time when our finances are being stretched, the answer is simple. All Saints was recently awarded a grant from the Diocesan Council Technology Grant Program in the amount of \$1,083.50 to cover the cost for most of the audio-visual equipment. The monthly cost for the internet and phone services are being supported through our cemetery funds.

There is an old saying which states it takes a village to raise a child, well it also takes a village to maintain a church. Consider making a “new” commitment to the church. We are looking for people to serve as readers, acolytes, altar guild and the virtual team (individuals who can share in the responsibility of monitoring the equipment during the service). Don't have any knowledge or skills in these areas, no problem, we all have the ability to learn, no matter our age!

Marie Birch



## *Did You Know?*

### *Some Things Beginning With “R”*

**Real Presence** – The doctrine that the presence of Jesus in the consecrated bread and wine of Holy Communion is actual and spiritual, not merely symbolic.

**Reconciliation** – One of the names for the Sacrament of Absolution of sin, most commonly called Confession.

**Rector** – From the Latin meaning to guide or govern. It is a title used to describe a priest in charge of a parish.

**Reservation** - The retention of consecrated hosts and/or wine so as to be able to bring Holy Communion to those who may be unable to come to Mass in church.

**Resurrection** -The rising to life by Jesus following his death on the Cross.

**Retreat** – A period of quiet with a focus on one’s relationship with God and spiritual life.

**Rochet** - A linen alb-like vestment worn by bishops at some liturgical events.

**Rosary** – A string of beads, each of which focuses on a particular theme. There are various forms of the rosary, including Franciscan, Dominican, and Anglican.

**Rubric** - From the Latin for red. A direction relating to the conduct of worship in liturgical services, sometimes printed in red or in italics.

*Fv. Al*



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

## *Getting to Know One Another*

### **Marc O'Connor & April MacNeil**



Marc was raised in Fall River, MA, the youngest of five. He enlisted in the US army in 1996. After 8 years and 12 deployments, he completed his service and was honorably discharged. He chose not to re-enlist so he could raise his daughter KayLee full time. He worked in the sheet metal trade for 20 years, throughout MA & RI. He was a hockey coach from learn to play all the way to high school. He coached softball and volleyball, and also worked as a crossfit coach in New Bedford, MA for 5 years. He began teaching 6 years ago at Diman Regional as the sheet metal instructor, and teaching night classes two times a week to adults. He loves building and creating, playing hockey himself one or two times a week, watching all NE sports, fishing, and loves his dog Pasta. He was raised Catholic, attending as a kid in Fall River, and joined All Saints in 2019.

April was raised in Warwick, RI, oldest of three girls. She graduated with her Masters degree in 2012, right after having Brooke. She worked as a behavioral health & substance abuse therapist for many years. She began working in nursing homes, case management in group homes, and outpatient teams. Hailey was born in 2014, and Zachery 12 months later in 2015. She began raising them in Warwick, close to family, and coaching the kids soccer. She worked in multiple hospitals, all shifts, last as an emergency room technician, leaving the field two years ago to pursue a new opportunity as a clinical analyst. She is currently working as an IT Advisor at CVS Healthcare. She loves hiking, the beach, traveling, working out and reading. Most days are a juggle of kids' school, friends, crafting, game nights, movies and exploring outside! She was raised Catholic and converted to Episcopalian in 2011. She attended Trinity Episcopal Church in

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# *Getting to Know One Another*

## **The Silva's**



***Hailey, Zachery, Brooke & Pasta***

The kids go to Captain Issac Paine School.

**Hailey** is 5 years old, loves gymnastics, drawing, and crafting. She is a good reader, protective big sister, and loves hair styling.

**Zachary** is 5 years old, loves playing hockey and will be starting baseball soon. He loves cars, dinosaurs, and super heros. He is a very caring and thoughtful brother, great at math, and loves learning new sports.

**Brooke** is 9 years old, loves ice skating, singing, and swimming. She is a great reader, sweet big sister, and loves learning new dances.

During the winter months they enjoy learning to ski/snowboard, sledding, snowmen and ice skating. In summer they love hiking, beach swimming, riding bikes and making s'mores.

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Scituate and joined All Saints in 2019. She & Marc unexpectedly met in 2015 as two single parents. They hit it off at a Karaoke bar with cancelled karaoke! Over the next few years of long distance weekends and long distance calls, Marc and his daughter moved to Warwick. We have lots of laughs, hiking, home renovations, dance parties and bedtime stories. Marc created a book and asked me to get married on December 31, 2019. In July 2020 she and Marc purchased a home, despite a COVID pandemic, and moved to Foster. On June 5th we will be married here at All Saints!

# *Palm Sunday & Holy Week*

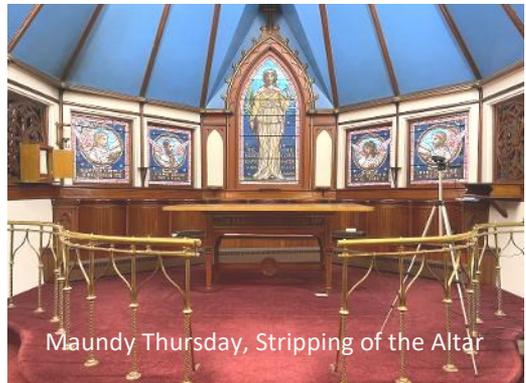


**Jesus, Lamb of God**  
**John 1:29**

**Lamb Made by Hansi MacNeil**



**Palm Sunday**  
**Matthew 21: 1-11**

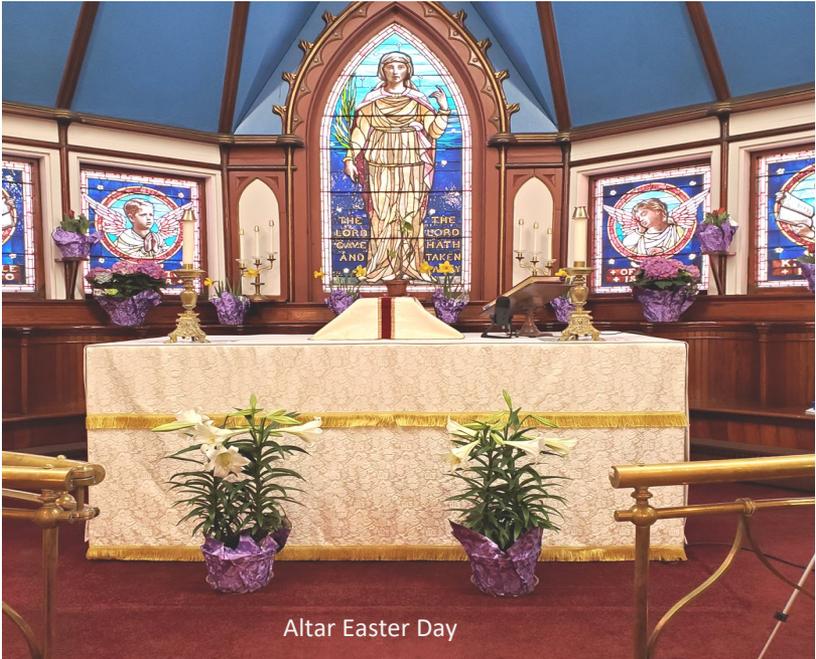


**Mauddy Thursday, Stripping of the Altar**

# *Easter*



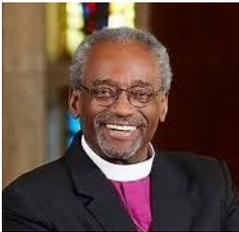
Hansi MacNeil & Candy Gauvin Contemplating Flower Arrangements



Altar Easter Day

## *Presiding Bishop Curry Easter 2021 Message*

***Our work goes on. Our labor for love continues,” Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael B. Curry said in his Easter 2021 Message, “We will not cease, and we will not give up until this world reflects less our nightmare and more God’s dream where there’s plenty good room for all God’s children. Hallelujah anyhow.”***



When I get to heaven — and I know it may sound presumptuous for me to say it, but I live by grace and believe in amazing grace — when I get to heaven, I certainly want to see the Lord. But I want to see dear members of family and friends, those who have gone on before, the many people I want to sit down and have some conversation with. Of all the biblical people, aside from the

Lord himself, when I get to heaven, I want to meet Mary Magdalene. Mary Magdalene, who was one of the people, one of the women, who followed the way and teachings of Jesus and who probably provided much of the funding for his movement. Mary Magdalene, who with some of the other women and only one of the male disciples, stood with his mother, Mary, at the cross as he died. Mary Magdalene, who, even after he died, on that Easter morning, got up with some of the other women early in the morning, before the day had begun, in the dark, got up to perform the rituals of love to anoint the body of Jesus in his grave.

I want to ask her, “Mary, tell me what got you up that day. Tell me what got you to go to the tomb early in the morning when it was dark, and you could barely see. Why did you get up and go to anoint his body? Mark’s Gospel says that you and the other women said to each other, you knew that Jesus had been buried in that tomb that had been provided by Joseph of Arimathea, with Nicodemus’ help, but a large stone had been rolled in front of the doorway, into the tomb. And one of the women said to the other, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us?’ You knew the stone was there. You knew you couldn’t move

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it. And yet you got up and you went anyway. Mary tell me your secret.

I suspect she will say, "Well we didn't know how we were going to roll away the stone but we loved him, and we got up and went anyway. It was hard because it was dark, but we loved him, and we got up and we went anyway. Those roads could be dangerous at night, but we love Jesus, and we got up and we went anyway. Who will roll away the stone for us? We did not know, but we loved him, and we got up and we went anyway. And let me tell you what love can do for you. When we got to the tomb, the stone had already been rolled away. And we shouted our hallelujahs, and shouted our hallelujahs. He is risen."

Last year in March, on March 13th to be precise, another Mary Magdalene, her name, Barbara Clementine Harris, bishop of the church, a voice of love, and justice and compassion, a voice deep and profound faith, first woman to be consecrated a bishop in Anglican Christianity died and entered eternal life. This was early in the pandemic. Fortunately for us, Dean Kelly Brown Douglas had worked with Bishop Barbara to make sure that her memoir was completed, and they completed it. She gave it the title from words of a gospel song that says, and I quote:

Hallelujah anyhow  
Never let your troubles get you down  
Whenever troubles come your way  
Hold your hands up high and say  
Hallelujah anyhow!

Those words characterized the life of Bishop Barbara: hallelujah anyhow. In spite of war and violence, hallelujah anyhow. And that, my friends is the tenacity of those who would follow in the footsteps of Jesus and his way of love. In spite of hardship and toil, hallelujah anyhow. In spite of the fact that his Easter is the anniversary of assassination and the martyrdom of Martin Luther King, Jr., hallelujah anyhow. In spite of the fact that these are hard times, hallelujah anyhow.

Our work goes on. Our labor of love continues, we will not cease, and we will not give up until this world reflects less our nightmare and more God's dream where there's plenty good room for all God's children. Hallelujah anyhow.

When I get to heaven, I can't wait to hear Mary Magdalene and Bishop Barbara tell me he's risen. Hallelujah anyhow. Amen.



## *Birthdays Or is it Match Days?*

April 8, Kerri Pacheco  
April 19, Fred Liddle  
April 27, Adrianna Pacheco  
May 5, Bea Ellinwood  
May 14, April MacNeil  
June 4, Skip Almon  
June 8, Joe MarcAurele  
June 29, Michael Croke  
July 1, Dan Spano  
July 4, Paul MarcAurele  
July 4, Zachary Pacheco

July 6, Norm Ellinwood  
July 7, Karen Thompson  
July 13, Anna Caroulo  
July 13, MaryAnn Cummings  
July 29, Hailey Silva  
August 6, Kristen Miga  
August 8, Bruce MacNeil  
August 11, Zachary Silva  
August 13, Sharon Buchard



Happy Birthday to you,  
Happy Birthday to you,  
Happy Birthday dear everyone,  
Happy Birthday to you!

## *Kudos*

To **Karen Smith**, Hoot & Anne's granddaughter, for making the palm crosses for us.

To **Marie Birch, Fr. Zadig & All** who helped in getting set up for in-church and zoom services on Palm Sunday and Easter Day.

To **Our Choir** (Hansi MacNeil, Pauline Nunes, Candy Gauvin & Fred Liddle) for the beautiful anthem they sang on Easter Day, *Because He Lives* and Lynn Tzitzouris for the accompaniment.

To **Fr. Zadig** for the many hours he worked to bring the Word of God to us for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter!

To **All** who helped with flowers to make our church beautiful for Easter Day.

To **Meredith** and **Hoot** for their help with the newsletter.