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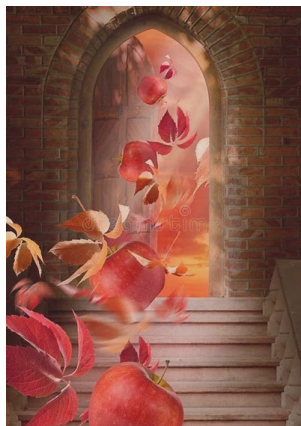
With Gratitude & Praise!



*May you be showered everyday
with
His grace, His love and His care
for a beautiful life...*

Your Brothers & Sisters In Christ

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Come Join the Celebrations!

On Sunday, October 31st at 11 am, Fr. Al will serve his last mass at All Saints Church. A potluck reception for parishioners will be held immediately following the mass in Lyford Hall.

On Sunday, November 7th at Noon, we invite you to a Solemn High Mass at St. Barnabas Church located at 3257 Post Road in Warwick, RI. The mass will be a celebration of Fr. Al's 90th birthday, 60 years of ordination, and retirement as parish priest of All Saints Church. Please join Fr. Al's family and friends in honoring and celebrating his life and priesthood. (There will not be an 11 am mass at All Saints this day.)

From A to Z Some Thoughts From Fr. Al

For many years, I have welcomed the arrival of Autumn in New England as being a special time. It has been when foliage begins to delight the eye with bright colors, hot summer days give way to cool brisk weather and warm sweaters come out of storage in preparation for what lies ahead. A big difference for me this year is that it will also be a time of transition from the life I have known and loved for sixty years, that of being a *parish* priest, to something different, although as I write this column for our newsletter, just what that will mean is not yet entirely clear. What I am absolutely certain of, and which gives me great comfort, are the words from both Psalm 110 and the Letter to the Hebrews: *"You are a priest forever after the Order of Melchizedek."* So with both peace and curiosity I look forward to whatever form of ministry God may make possible.

I would simply like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to all who have enriched my life as my brothers and sisters in Christ during the years we have shared in the community of faith known as All Saints Church in Pontiac and for whom I have had the privilege of being your pastor.

God bless you.

Sr. Warden

Dear Parishioners,

“Another fall. Another turned page.” — Wallace Stegner

That description is especially true for us at All Saints this season. We must turn the page on what has been a wonderful time with Father Al as our priest.

With a certain sigh, we begin a new page to the life of the parish. And it is with hopefulness and gratitude that we engage in the process of calling Father James Jacob to be our new priest.

May God Bless Father Al and Father James.

Fred



Jr. Warden

Thankfully, there is not much to report at this time, things are moving along very smoothly, with no major problems anticipated.

One item worth considering is the tree situation at the rectory. During the high wind storm on the night of October 16-17, a large oak tree broke and fell across the driveway. Steps are being taken to clear this up as well as trimming several other large trees on the property. Luckily the rectory was not damaged.

Otherwise, everything is fine as we await the coming of winter.

Respectfully submitted,

Hoot Smith, Jr. Warden

Women's Group

For several years our Women's Group has met periodically.

The other day I found my notes from our first meeting. In order to encourage members to get to know one another, I paired them and had them ask one another questions. My partner for this exercise was a beloved church member, Tracy Robbins, who has since lost her long battle with cancer. We all love Tracy and we have come to love one another.

Our group has organized two successful outreach projects: Socks and Undies Sundays where we collected over 1000 personal items for the local homeless and an ongoing food drive again for the local homeless. House of Hope has been delighted to serve as our partner in these efforts.

Father Al and I will be leaving this very special parish at the end of October. These four years have been a gift. Thank you, each of you, for your kindnesses and your patience. Arlene Orcutt has graciously agreed to take over the reins. This has been a wonderful time for me. You will always be in my prayers.

Love, Anna Caruolo



Sunday School

Sunday School has resumed with teachers Jenni Liddle and Candy Gauvin. Students are Brooke, Hailey, Zach, Gian, and Gracie. New students are always welcome! Class will meet every other Sunday at 10:30 in the Chapel.

Student projects will be on display in the Chapel. Please stop in to admire their handiwork.



Jenni



Candy



Zach, Gracie
Hailey
Brooke, Gian

Processional
Ready? Set?
Now?
Go!



Holy Baptisms

Sunday, October 24, 2021

"Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble." (Book of Common Prayer, p 298)

Russell Kent, Gian & Gracie Mattiace

were baptized by Fr. Al and were witnessed by family, godparents and friends.



Russell



Gian



Gracie



Fr. Al



"You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever." *Amen* (Book of Common Prayer, p 308)

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

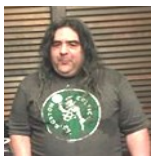
Music Ministry

On Sunday, October 24, 2021, All Saints welcomed **A Visit With Mark Twain and Stephen Foster With Mary King and Ed Sweeney** (and an additional new member to their group) with **Mary King** on fiddle, mountain dulcimer, Celtic Harp, and **Ed Sweeney** on a 6-and 12-string guitar, 5-string banjo, and fretless banjo bringing to life beautiful melodies and songs from the era of Stephen Foster combined with hilarious quips of Mark Twain.

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Getting To Know One Another

Michael Levallee



Michael has been a parishioner at All Saints for seven years. He lives in Pontiac Village and often walked by All Saints and decided to come to worship to see what we were all about. Currently he enjoys being a member of our Altar Guild. One of his responsibilities is lighting the candles prior to our services. He helps to maintain the silver vessels and other items. One of the things he likes about coming to All Saints is sitting in the pew by the window given in memory of Alma Wilburn.

Michael was born on October 31st at Women and Infants Hospital in Providence. He comes from a family of 5 — mother, father and two brothers. He attended Cranston West high school.

In the past Michael worked for Acme Tackle for 22 years.

His favorite pastime is rock and roll. He previously played as a drummer in a band and once sang with a band at Christy's in Newport. He played soccer in high school. He enjoys watching women's volley ball. His favorite restaurant is Wolfgang Puck in Las Vegas. His favorite food is Chinese and Mexican.

Kimberly & Russell Kent



I was a parishioner at All Saints and actually made confirmation here under Fr. Hall. When I felt I needed to go back to church my first call was to Fr. Al. It's wonderful to be back!

Russell is 13, in 8th grade at Western Hills School and quite the athlete!

We have lived in Cranston for over 5 years.

Thank you for welcoming us home!

Kimberly

Or, Is It Match Days?

October 31, Michael Lavallee
November 2, Fr. Alfred Zadig
November 4, Mario Mattiace
November 19, Annette Cox
November 21, Hansi MacNeil
November 21, Stan Snyzyk
November 22, Grace Mattiace
November 26, Richard Melvin
November 27, Ruth Doyle
November 30, Gail Moran

December 4, Anne Smith
December 22, Christopher Pacheco

Happy New Year!

January 7, Brooke Silva
January 7, Thomas Miga
January 12, Kim Kent
January 19, Gail Croke
January 28, Lois Darling
January 30, Jenni Liddle
January 30, Marc O'Connor

Thank You!

I appreciate the great response from the members of the parish for the greeting cards they saved for me. I was overwhelmed by the kindness. The cards are greatly appreciated and will be put to good use. I am all set for at least a couple of years! :)

Karen Thompson
Greeting Card Ministry

Kudos To

Our Parish Administrator, **Marie Birch**, for the numerous hours, organizational skills, and patience required in preparation for the celebrations of Fr. Al's retirement.

The **Women's Group** for organizing and pulling together the potluck reception for our parishioners after our October 31st mass, and to those who provided the food!

Jenni Liddle and **Candy Gauvin** for agreeing to be our Sunday School teachers.



"Nobody sleeps during his sermons."

Did You Know?

Thurible – The vessel used for burning incense.

Thurifer – An acolyte who carries the thurible.

Veil, Chalice – A square silk cloth used to cover the chalice and paten at Mass.

Vespers- (1) One of the seven Breviary Offices. **(2)** Another name for the Office of Evening Prayer.

Vestments – Garments worn by members of the clergy.

Vestry – **(1)** In the American Church, the group of lay people elected by parishioners to lead the parish in financial and secular affairs. **(2)** In England, the name for the sacristy.

Vicar – **(1)** A priest who has charge of a mission church (as contrasted to a parish) or **(2)** a priest who assists the Rector or Priest-in-Charge of a parish.

Vocation – The call to a career or position, especially used with regard to the ordained ministry and/or the Religious Life (monks, nuns, friars, etc.)

Votive Lights – Candles lighted to represent prayers offered at a Shrine.

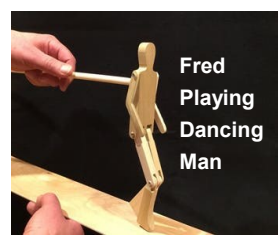
Wafer - A disc of unleavened bread used in Holy Communion.

Wardens – Two lay officers of a parish, chosen by election. Most commonly designated as the Senior Warden and Junior Warden.

Water, Holy -.The usual name for water which **(1)** has been blessed to serve as a reminder of Baptism and is found in fonts at the doors of a church. **(2)** Water used in blessing people or objects such as palms on Palm Sunday, crosses, statues, etc.

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An announcement was made that they had a special guest today!



A Bit Of History

The parish of All Saints Pontiac was formed in 1869 with the direct aid of Robert Knight, owner of the Pontiac Mills. He felt that the employees of his mills deserved the right to hold religious services, there being none held in the vicinity at that time. He agreed to pay half of the rector's salary while the remainder was paid by the parishioners.

The Chapel of All Saints was in fact the second floor of the company store. Mrs. Robert Knight took great interest in the new parish and enlisted the aid of her pastor, the Reverend Mr. William Kellogg of Grace Church Providence. Mr. Kellogg held the first service in the Chapel on the Sunday before Easter in 1869. From this day on no Sunday passed without Church services being held in Pontiac.

When the Reverend Emory H. Porter took charge of the parish there were only five communicants. During his pastorate the Church and parish were strengthened and finally established. Within the year and a half he was at All Saints Chapel fifteen communicants were added and the attendance at the regular services greatly increased.

As the parish grew the need for a Church grew. Mr. Knight aided in the construction of a building, which we know today as All Saints Church. The cornerstone was laid on Saturday, November 12, 1887 at 3:15. The box placed under the cornerstone contains: a copy of the New Testament, a Prayer Book, a Hymnal, reports of the R.I. Episcopal Convention for 1869 and for 1887, a letter from S. N. Bourne, formerly the agent for the mill and bleachery at Pontiac, a letter from Reverend E. H. Porter, the first rector of the parish, extracts from the parish records in reference to the formation of the parish and the adoption of its constitution, a list of the rectors, the names of the present officers, a statement by the rector regarding the present condition of the church and its work during the year, copies of the Churchman, of the Pawtuxet Valley Gleaner, of the Providence Journal and of the Evening Bulletin.

*(*Information for this column was compiled from various newspaper and parish clippings from the home files of MaryAnn Cummings. It is intended to continue this column in the future For All The Saints newsletters. Thank you, MaryAnn for providing this information.)*

In Memory Of Barbara Devens



Barbara Lewis Devens, 83, of Providence, R.I., passed away Aug. 10, 2021, from complications due to carcinoid cancer. The daughter of Ralph H. Nay and Margaret W. Lewis, she was born June 11, 1938, and raised in Old Greenwich, CT.

She went on to graduate from Boston University and got her master's degree from Wheelock College. Barbara was an unfailingly kind and compassionate person who loved nothing more than spending time with family and friends and exploring her passions for poetry, puzzles, history, mysteries and musicals and, not least of all, the literature of WWI. She enjoyed travel, especially to Great War sites in France, to Liberia where she volunteered at a children's hospital, and finally to Kenya, where she spent her final 18 months.

She was a selfless, devoted single mother who raised four daughters while juggling a professional life that included teaching at both the grade school and college levels as well as several years at the Rhode Island Hospital and Hasbro Children's Hospital as a Child Life Development Specialist. After retiring, she continued her devotion to literature through, among other activities, poetry and book groups she led at Laurelmead, the retirement community she lived in and truly loved, until 2020.

Barbara also cared enormously for nature and animals, and cried easily and often at happy things, sad things, simple things, a trait that revealed her natural empathy. Her greatest gifts were how deeply she felt and how deeply she connected with the world on a soulful level. She was never superficial or selfish but genuine, optimistic, and welcoming to all.

She is preceded in death by her partner, Lester Keats, and her English Bulldog, the other beloved Lester in her life. She is survived by her sister Liz Lewis (Charlotte, NC), her daughters Jennifer Ryan (Denver, NC), Cynthia Ryan (Nairobi, Kenya), Kimberly Dano (Nashville, TN), and Stephanie Ditenhafer (Nashville, TN), her beloved grandchildren, nieces and nephew, and former husbands The Rev. Philip Devens and Vincent Ryan.

The family will share plans for a Celebration of Life ceremony at a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to The Carcinoid Cancer Foundation.

Be a hoarder & continue to support our Ongoing Outreach programs:



Aluminum pull tabs for the Shriners Burn Institute. A collection jar is on the table in the back of the church.

Box Tops for Saint Rose of Lima is an ongoing program. The box tops are saved to earn money for use towards purchasing electronic equipment. Be sure to include expiration date! Thank you, Jennifer (Box Tops can be given to Fred or left in the office.)



Be a Visionary and donate old glasses to the Lions Club. A collection box is on the table in the back of the church.



Prayer Shawl Ministry One of the ways we bring comfort to our shut-ins is to provide them with a prayer shawl to let them know we continue to think of them and remember them in our prayers. The shawls are blessed by our priest. Pauline Nunes is our coordinator. If you would like to give a shawl to someone you know, she can be reached at

339-3278.



House of Hope We are now collecting food items for this organization. Their goal is to see that there is no longer homelessness in Rhode Island.