

*For All The Saints*

# *Advent*

*A Season of Hope,  
Love, Joy & Peace*



*10:00 AM • Worship & Sunday School  
In-Person & Virtual Services*

*Seasonal Newsletter  
Winter*

*All Saints Episcopal Church, Pontiac  
111 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886  
(401-337-9004)*

*allsaintschurchpontiac@gmail.com  
Volume 5, Number 3, December, 2022*

# *All Saints Church, Pontiac*

[www.allsaintschurchri.com](http://www.allsaintschurchri.com)

[allsaintschurchpontiac@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintschurchpontiac@gmail.com)

**(401-337-9004)**

## ***Clergy***

Priest in Charge The Rev. Dr. James N. Jacob (401-486-6134)

## ***Staff***

Parish Administrator Marie Birch

Organist Lynn Tzizouris

Sunday School Teachers Jenni Liddle and

Candace Gauven

Altar Guild Pauline Nunes & Michael Lavallee

Acolytes

Barbara Bruner, Arlene Orcutt & Donna Pacheco

Collection Assistants Donna Pacheco & Michael Lavallee

Sunday Bulletin Jenni Liddle

Newsletter Editor Annette Cox

Sexton Cheryl Flynn

## ***Officers***

Senior Warden A. H. Liddle, III

Junior Warden Floyd "Hoot" Smith

Treasurer Richard Young

Clerk Arlene Orcutt

## ***Vestry Members***

Candace Gauvin

Johanna (Hansi) MacNeil

Deb MarcAurele

Donna Pacheco

Elaine Townsend

## ***Delegate to Diocesan Convention***

Arlene Orcutt

## ***Alternate Delegate to Diocesan Convention***

Barbara Bruner

photography by FRED LIDDLE



*Come Join Us!*

**Morning Prayer, Every Wednesday  
Lounge, 10:30 am**

**November 28, Advent Reflection Program  
Every Monday, 7 pm, Zoom,  
ID 380875 Password 111444**

**December 24, Christmas Eve, 5 pm  
Advent Lessons & Carols**

**December 25, 10 am, Christmas Day**

**January 1, 10 am, New Year's Day**

**February 26, 10 am, Bishop Knisely's Visit**

# *Coming Christ & Expectant People*

The Rev. Dr. James N. Jacob  
Priest in Charge

As we approach another Christmas and New Year season it is time to look back and see how we spent this year and to look forward with great expectancy to a new year. In the Eucharist liturgy we say the words, 'Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again'. This shows the past, the present and the future of our faith. We have the foundation of our faith based on Christ's coming to the world, we live a life trusting the resurrected Christ and we have the hope for the second coming of Christ. In Titus 2:13, Paul describes Jesus' second coming as the church's "blessed hope."

We are living in a world of many challenges and turmoils in personal, national and international lives. We are coming out of a big pandemic, a war is still going on in Ukraine and we just finished an election. In the midst of all these we are getting ready for the celebration of Christmas. Are these celebrations just seasonal commercial and social events? That depends on how we give them meaning and relevance in our lives.

Among all the busy planning, travels and family get-togethers we need to remember the words of our savior **"Let not your hearts be troubled..." (John 14)**. In my previous parish we used to have a healing service called 'Healing for the Holidays.' This is mainly for those who are feeling lonely and sad amidst all the joys of the celebration. Sometimes we forget the meaning of the festival in the busyness of our lives. Christ has come so that we might have abundant life in the midst of all the troubles and sorrows.

We are an expectant people, **Christ will come again**. In the New Testament there is a clear correlation between anticipating Christ's return and living a more sanctified Christian life. We need to live as "sons of light and



sons of the day, not as of the night or of darkness" (1 Thessalonians 5:5). We will find that a healthy anticipation of Jesus' return gives us focus and growth in the spiritual disciplines of our Christian life. We live our lives as though, "Christ died yesterday, rose from the grave today, and is coming back tomorrow."

Christian hope is for an eternal life with God. We look forward to a new heaven and a new earth as John saw in Revelation "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth passed away...He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order has passed away." (Revelation 21: 1-4). Our lives need not be unhealthy preoccupation with the eschatological events but a disciplined life based on love, truth and compassion so that the kingdom of heaven be in this world. We may also join with the saints to say, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

## *Senior Warden*

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas comes but once a year. So let's make the most of it!

All Saints has been invited to participate in the Pontiac Village Christmas Celebration on December 17th. \*\* Members of our choir will be singing Christmas Carols in our church from 3-4 pm. This may be our best opportunity to promote All Saints in the neighborhood. I hope you can all join us!

I hope you have had a Happy Thanksgiving  
&  
will have a Merry Christmas!  
Fred

*\*\* The entire celebration is listed on page 12 of this newsletter..*

## *Junior Warden*

I am pleased to report that things are in great shape at the Church and Rectory.

We have done some minor maintenance issues at the Rectory and they have all been taken care of.

The church's two boilers and seven hand-held fire extinguishers have been inspected (and been repaired when necessary) and are all set for the year.

We can look forward to the future with optimism.

Hoot

## *Women's Group*

By Arlene Orcutt

We continue to meet on the first Sunday of each month where we begin with an opening prayer.

Our focus is still supporting the House of Hope, especially with Christmas now approaching. The response to the Socks and Undies outreach has been overwhelming. We have enough money from our online purchase to pay for the original cost of the items and have been able to donate the remainder of the items to them.

We are now requesting gift cards so that the individuals can buy food and other items they might need. We suggest the gift cards be from Target or Walmart and in small amounts as this would make distribution of them easier. The gift cards should be given by December 11th. They can be placed in the offering box at the church and Donna can give them to Arlene who in turn will give them to House of Hope, or mailed to All Saints Church, 111 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886.

Our little group and contributors continue to amaze me as we move forward in our commitment to help those less fortunate.

# *Prayer Shawl Ministry*

A prayer shawl was blessed by Fr. Jacob and given to Hansi MacNeil to give her sister, Gunda.

## *Safe Church Training*

### *Why Is Safe Church Training Important to Our Parish?*

To seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being is binding for all the baptized. The Safe Church Training session shows the best practices and policies, how to help keep church safe for children and our vulnerable populations.

The training was coordinated by Deacon Mary Ann Mello, Diocesan Administrator, and led by The Rev. Craig Swan who is the Diocesan trainer for the Diocese of Rhode Island and priest at the church of St. Peter's by-the-Sea in Narragansett.



People who attended the training from All Saints—the empty chairs are for Fred Liddle, Hoot Smith and Marie Birch who were out and about searching for the food table. Left to right—Neil Tack, Cheryl Flynn, Pauline Nunes, Donna Pacheco, and Annette Cox. Back row—Barbara Bruner, Hansi MacNeil and Candy Gauven.

*Happy Birthday  
or is it  
Match Day?*



December 2, Ninni Jacob  
December 4, Anne Smith  
December 22, Christopher Pacheco  
December 27, Joyce Cooper  
January 7, Brooke Silva  
January 7, Thomas Miga  
January 12, Kimberly Kent  
January 19, Gail Croke  
January 28, Lois Darling  
January 30, Jenni Liddle  
January 30, Marc O'Connor  
February 1, Shirley Henlin  
February 3, Floyd "Hoot" Smith

February 8, Jackson Panaikas  
February 11, Arlene Orcutt  
February 22, Cindy Miga  
February 24, Manuel Pacheco  
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 23, Kent Russell  
April 27, Adrianna Pacheco

*Kudos  
Go*

*In Memory  
of  
The Rt. Rev. George W. Hunt, D.D.  
Bishop of Rhode Island, 1980—1994  
1931—2022  
May He Rest In Peace*

The Women's Group and everyone who supported the Socks & Undies Outreach Program!

The Polish Pizza cleaning crew who cleaned the brass and vessels making everything shiny and bright!

Our new Acolytes—Barbara Bruner, Donna Pacheco, Arlene Orcutt and Marie Birch who fills in as an acolyte when the need arises.

# *Around the Church*

*"Polish" Pizza (Another name for cleaning the church.)*



Fred is cleaning the supply closet and who knows how much pizza he is eating!

(Cleaning & More Next Page)



## Don't Forget Us!



## *Outreach*

Don't forget to save aluminum pull tabs for the Shriner Hospital. The baggie is still in the back of the church and receiving tabs.



## *Keyboard*

Hansi and Bruce MacNeil gave this keyboard to All Saints in memory of their son, Brucie.

## *Reminiscing About Doris Liddle*



“Hi Mom, I’m home!”

By Fred Liddle

It’s been many years since I would shout out my return home from school to my mother. But when I was in grade school, it was a daily event.

I remember those days fondly because when I came through the door after school my mother was at home. No matter what kind of a day I had, good or bad, she was there to greet me.

My mother was a homemaker. That is how she would list her occupation on any form that required it. She took her job seriously. Her life-long devotion to family was a blessing to my father and to me, my sister, and my brother.

She had been a Sunday School teacher. Perhaps that is why she made sure her own children went to Sunday School. That happened right here at All Saints Church in Pontiac. Her commitment to our little church inspired the same in me.

My mother believed in God. She also had faith in what Father Al calls “The Larger Life” that awaits us when we are finished with this one. I share that faith, too. That is why I am confident that one day I will again be able to announce, with love and gratitude, “Hi Mom, I’m home!”

# Christmas in the Village

