

For All The Saints



Discipleship

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

*Seasonal Newsletter
Spring*

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

*allsainschurchpontiac@gmail.com
Volume 6, Number 1, March, 2023*

All Saints Church, Pontiac

www.allsaintschurchri.com

allsaintschurchpontiac@gmail.com

(401-337-9004)

Clergy

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

Staff

Parish Administrator Marie Birch

Director of Music Lynn Ttzizouris

Sunday School Teachers

Fred Liddle & Candace Gauvin

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

Barbara Bruner

Candace Gauvin

Johanna (Hansi) MacNeil

Donna Pacheco

Karen Thompson

Delegate to Diocesan Convention

Arlene Orcutt

Alternate Delegate to Diocesan Convention

Barbara Bruner

photography by FRED LIDDLE



Holy Week & Easter *“Come & See”*

(John 1:39)

Every Monday, 10:30 am
Lounge

Palm Sunday, April 2, 10 am

Liturgy of the Palms
Reading of the Passion
Gospel
Holy Eucharist

Communion, April 3, 10:30 am
Chapel

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 5 pm

Washing of Feet
Holy Eucharist
Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 7, 5 pm

Stations of the Cross,
Walking the Way of the Cross
Jesus' Last Day on Earth

Holy Saturday, April 8, 5 pm

The Great Vigil of Easter
The Lighting of the Pascal Candle
Renewal of Baptismal Vows
The First Eucharist of Easter

Easter Day, 10 am
Resurrection of Jesus Christ
Holy Eucharist

Christ is Risen! The Lord Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Discipleship, Following in Jesus' Footsteps

Dear All Saints Family,

As we prepare the Spring Newsletter of this year it is good to think about our journey as individuals and as All Saints church in following Jesus. All Saints has a long history of making saints of the community. And we are part of that process at this period of history and at this time of Lent it is good to examine ourselves about that process. We are called to follow the Master, the Lord Jesus, and that is how we are being prepared as saints. We are being transformed in the process to be like the Master.

We chose the theme, "Discipleship, Following in Jesus' Footsteps" for this Lent. Jesus called the first disciples from various walks of life, some were fishermen, some were zealots fighting against the Roman empire and some were working for the empire collecting taxes. They were not uniform people who were thinking the same way, yet they all followed the One whom they found as their Messiah and their teacher. Jesus called them out and brought them together to a new creation. They were being transformed into saints.

The disciples were following the path of the cross as their leader was walking to the cross of Calvary. They found that the path was costly and the cost was their own lives. Jesus told His disciples, "For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." (Matthew 16:24, 25) They found out through their lives that self-denial is not protecting all that one tries to accumulate in this short life. This was a hard lesson for them to learn and they found that true discipleship is total surrender.

As we grow in our Spiritual life we learn that lesson ourselves, the lesson of 'self-denial.' Lent is a time to relearn that lesson and as we walk through the hard road of life let us remember that we are being transformed into His image and we call that 'discipleship, following Jesus' footsteps.

Let us prepare ourselves for Easter and become Easter people. May the Lord be with you all in your Lenten journey and beyond.

Fr. James Jacob

Senior Warden

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, our friend MaryAnn Cummings passed away on March 3rd. She was a longtime parishioner here at All Saints.

Over the years MaryAnn faithfully served the church in numerous capacities, including member of the Vestry and Treasurer. During her tenure she kept a keen eye on our finances. And she made a marvelous custard which was always a special treat. For all that we are grateful.

Regarding discipleship, which is the theme of this newsletter, we are planning to resume our Sunday School Program soon. We hope Edgar and Myra's two beautiful children will be our new-
"disciples."

That will be a nice way for us to welcome Spring.

May God Bless us all.



**Jayce & Gabriella
Paucar**

Fred

Junior Warden

I am pleased to report that things are great at All Saints.

There were a couple of minor maintenance problems at the rectory and thanks to help from Tom Miga, they were efficiently taken care of. We installed a new ceiling light in the kitchen over the sink to replace the existing fixture that had failed.

Maintenance wise, things at the church seem to be great with no major problems in sight or are expected. We look forward to spring and summer with anticipation,

Respectfully,

Floyd Smith, Junior Warden

Women's Group

By Arlene Orcutt, Leader

The Women's Group continues to meet on the first Sunday of the month. Our focus remains on The House of Hope. We are currently collecting items for personal care, and many women have donated clothes and blankets. They are always grateful for all these donations.

Recently a long-time member of our church passed away (MaryAnn Cummings) and individual members of the group have given donations to Big Brothers Big Sisters. That was her choice of charities.

A Visit With Our Bishop



Our diocesan bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nicholas Knisely visited us on Sunday, February 26th. He was accompanied by his deacon, The Rev. Jim Killiher. The Bishop led the service and gave the sermon on Matthew 4:1-11. Fr. James assisted at the communion service. The Bishop met with the congregation and soon after he met with the vestry and we had a lively conversation. We all enjoyed his gracious visit and his message. The Women's group arranged a grand reception after the service.

We had a last minute substitute organist, Anita Deluca, and she and her husband, Anthony Quinoa, joined us at the reception.

A New Life For Hallworth House



**Hallworth House
66 Benefit Street**

Governor McKee has announced a plan to care for homeless persons recovering from Covid in the former Hallworth House facility. Under the arrangement with the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, which owns the building, 20 patient rooms will be rented by the State and furnished and staffed under the supervision of the Rhode Island Department of Health and the Office of Health and Human Services.

Hallworth House served as a non-profit skilled nursing facility for more than 50 years. The original house, which functioned as Hallworth House office space, and its surrounding property was a gift to the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island in 1910. The building served various purposes until being dedicated as a nursing home by The Rt. Rev. John S. Higgins in the 1960s. The first wave of the Covid pandemic hit the patients and staff of Hallworth House very hard, and it was forced to close in August 2020.

Since the closing of Hallworth House, a portion of the building has been used by Beautiful Day, an organization known for its granola, which helps refugees adjust to life in America by offering paid, on-the-job training. They will be able to continue operations in an area separate from the Covid recovery space.

The Rt. Rev. W. Nicholas Knisely and the leadership of the Episcopal Diocese are delighted that the building will be used to care for the sick and the homeless.

Excerpt, Episcopal News Service, December 16, 2021

The Story of Joyce Cooper



Joyce Cooper grew up in the lovely small seacoast town of Marion, MA. Born into humble beginnings, her father was an automobile mechanic who was also the proprietor of the Marion Garage and the town Fire Chief for many years. Joyce's mother was a homemaker.

Joyce was the youngest of 4 children, having 3 brothers who were all very much older. The brothers were 10, 16, and 20 years older leaving Joyce as the only girl and almost the only child. The youngest brother was in and out of the picture after he was in his 20s and was the biggest tease!

Joyce's best friend over the years was a girl one year older. Her house was on the next street over from Joyce's. Their two back yards were separated by a stone wall over which they climbed when they wanted to play together.

Thanks to enrollment into tap dancing, ballet and gymnastics at the age of 5 1/2, Joyce developed a serious interest in ballet that continued through high school and she pondered a career in such. During her junior year in high school she was crowned Miss High School of Massachusetts Talent Queen and enjoyed performing in weekly summer talent shows on the Cape. It was always highly advised that Joyce have a backup plan for a career. Due to an interest in nutrition and at the suggestion of an aunt, Joyce began studies to become a dietitian and attended Garland Junior College in Boston, MA majoring in Food and Nutrition. Between the 2 years at the junior college, Joyce continued to dance and came in as first runner up in the Miss Wareham pageant (a precursor to the Miss Massachusetts and Miss America competitions!)

Following an audition at the Metropolitan Ballet Company in New York City, Joyce concluded that the world needed dietitians more than it did dancers! Also, in order to do what she really wanted to do as a dietitian/nutritionist, work with patients, she would have to further her education! After working approximately one year at the Boston Hospital for Women as a cafeteria supervisor, Joyce was able to transfer to Framingham State College (now Framingham State University) and ultimately complete a dietetic internship at Tufts New England Medical Center in

(Cont'd on pg 9)

While working in Boston, Joyce became acquainted with the man who would become her future husband, William Webster Cooper. He was an electrical engineer in space research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He agreed to support Joyce while she completing her education. They were married before Joyce completed her education but able to find a home near Framingham State and able to commute together to Cambridge/Boston during Joyce's internship.

Following that, William (Bill) wanted to pursue a PhD degree and ultimately chose URI where they offered him an attractive fellowship in a new major in Biomedical Engineering. Plus, Joyce would be able to get a job as a clinical dietitian at RI Hospital and it would be close to Joyce's family in Massachusetts. Thus began their journey as residents of Rhode Island!

Joyce was not eager to have any children due to her career aspirations plus it provided a stable income while Bill pursued a graduate degree. They were celebrating their anniversary when Joyce was carrying their first child, a son born on January 1, 1978. A surprise pregnancy happened for a second son born 8 years later. One could not ask for two more delightful boys.

After 41 years, Joyce retired from RI Hospital. Still wanting to do something worthwhile, Joyce volunteered at the North Kingstown Food Pantry and completed training through the EI Wildlife Clinic; ultimately focusing on the seasonal job of caring at home for orphaned juvenile songbirds. This was a tremendously consuming task from sunrise to sunset. All this was interrupted during the summer of 2018 when Bill suffered a severe stroke. This became an immensely challenging focus of Joyce's life until Bill's death in November 2020.

Since recovering from the passing of Bill, Joyce has since trained to be a Home Hospice Volunteer through the RI Visiting Nurse Home and Hospice program. Recently, thanks to the nudging of Marie Birch, Joyce has been working part-time as a teacher helper with CCAP (Comprehensive Community Action Program) Head Start program in Cranston.

*Happy Birthday
or is it
Match Day?*



April 19, Fred Liddle

April 23, Gabriella Paucer

May 19, Myra Paucer

June 8, Joseph MarcAurele

June 29, Michael Croke

July 4, Paul MarcAurele

July 6, Norman Ellinwood

July 7, Karen Thompson

July 14, Jayce Paucer

*We are pleased to announce the birth of our
granddaughter
Suhani Naik Nirmala-Jacob!*

Suhani means "pleasant, cheerful."

*She arrived (or her parents arrived) just in
the nick of time at 9:48 pm on February 21,
approximately five minutes after reaching the
hospital. She weighed in at 7 lbs and 7 oz.,
and is 20 inches. We praise God for the
safe delivery.*

Fr. James & Ninni



A New Year's Prayer

*Guide me as I humbly seek to repent
and return to your love.*

*May humility guide my offenses
to be reconciled with you*

and live forever in your abundant grace.

Transform me this Lent heavenly Father.

*Give me the strength to commit myself
to grow closer each day.*

Author Unknown

Word Scramble

Words About God

**Unscramble the following words that
describe or characterize God.**

1. iguorsio 2. rtoeacr 3. tiredness 4. uhialfft 5. violgn 6. ratfeh
7. drgwenoelkofe 8. odog 9. ragiscou 10. sisohlen 11. thlig 1
2. jiestacm 13. etabimlum 14. pratilmai
15. siroepenhbiencml 16. pedntenedni 17. ftininei
18. beisnvlil 19. eolsjau 20. gudje

Answers —Page 15

Our New Family



The Paucar Crew—Jayce, Gabriella, Myra, Edgar, & Myra's Mother, Myra

We are very happy to welcome Jayce, Garbiella, Myra, and Edgar Paucar into our midst. The first time they came to us was at the “Christmas in the Village” (Pontiac) “Carolers” at All Saints Church. They participated in the rousing singing and clapping Carols, with smiles and giggling, of *A Partridge in a Pear Tree*. Myra's mother has joined us since that time. Jayce and Gabriella now help in the ringing of the church bell. Jayce has a “sparkling volcano rock” that he is very proud of and you must see! Gabriella has “stuffed toys” that she would like to show you! They have been coming to Social Hour. Please introduce yourselves to them..

Our Outreach Ministries

Shriners Burn Institute, Boston We collect aluminum pull tabs for the Shriners Burn Institute. There is a baggie in the back of the church just waiting to be filled. Hoot and Anne Smith are the coordinators for this project.

Prayer Shawl Ministry One of the ways we bring comfort to our shut-ins is to provide them with a prayer shawl that has been blessed by our priest to let them know we continue to think of them and remember them in prayer. Pauline Nunes is our coordinator. See her if you would like to give a shawl to someone you know.

House of Hope We support the House of throughout the year. Their goal is to see that no one goes homeless in Rhode Island. Our project for now is collecting personal care items. See the display in the back of church.



A Bit Of History & Humor

Did you know that Candance (Candy) Williams Gauvin, in our choir, is descended from a few pilgrims that came over on the Mayflower?

Candy's tenth grandfather was Roger Williams, who founded Rhode Island. Candy, also, descended from two soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War.

Lastly, Candy is also descended from Stephen Hopkins, a governor of Rhode Island. He helped sign the Declaration of Independence.

Candy lives in Cranston in a one hundred year-old house her grandfather built.



Candy Gauvin Is also a member of the Red Hat Society. It was founded in 1998 on the west coast. It was open to women 50 and beyond. All women are accepted now, regardless of age.

Our group covers Cranston, Warwick, Coventry and Lincoln. We meet the first Tuesday of the month, and dress in red and purple. We go out to eat and on trips. We have not been able to do this because of Covid. Sometimes we meet at other people's homes for holidays. We will be meeting on St. Joseph's Day on the nineteenth of March. Dues are ten dollars a year and go into the Sunshine Fund to cheer someone up.

Come and join us!

A Poem
by
Jenny Joseph

When I am an old woman I shall wear purple
With a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me.
*And shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves
And satin sandals, and say we have no money for butter.
I shall sit down on the pavement when I am tired
And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells*

The above poem is in a book called When I Am Old I Shall Wear Purple .

Reminiscing About Don & Ellenor Lyford

By Fred Liddle



“The ones that love us never really leave us.
You can always find them here.”

J. K. Rowling

We know how much Don and Ellenor Lyford loved each other. As a married couple, they generously shared their love and devotion with the parishioners at All Saints Church in Pontiac.

For more than fifty years they were intimately involved in every aspect of our parish life. All the many memories I have of JW and the Lemon Drop Kid, as I liked to call them, are happy ones.

And yet we are left with more than just memories.

When I sit in the choir loft, I look back at the church and in my mind's eye I still see them greeting parishioners. When it's cold in winter, I can picture them snuggling side by side on the heat register, warming their fannies.

At the end of each service, I can see as JW standing in the pulpit, gathering the loose plate collection. I As stand at the bottom of the second floor stairs, I can hear their voices, giggling with delight at each other's company, coming down from the upstairs counting room.

Each December when it's time to hang the Christmas star, I do it just the way JW taught me how to do it. I can see his face before me with that unmistakable twinkle in his eyes.

In Memory of Mary Ann Cummings



MaryAnn (Schaefer) Cummings, 86, devoted mother and caregiver to her own mother, passed away on Friday, March 3, 2023. She was the wife of the late Stephen B. Cummings.

Born in Cranston, she was the daughter of late Florida A. Schaefer and the late Frederick G. Schaefer.

MaryAnn graduated from Cranston High School in 1954 and received her Bachelor's Degree in accounting from Bryant. She went on to work as an accountant for The Jan Companies where

she would meet her future husband and lovingly maintained a home for her family. until recently, MaryAnn was a longtime active member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Warwick. A lover of music, MaryAnn joined various choirs throughout her life. She was a life-long Red Sox and Paw Sox fan who loved attending an occasional baseball game.

She is survived by her loving son, Scott Cummings (Kim), her step-children Bobbi Deckard (Rich), Julie Holt (Ed), and Steve Cummings (Lynn), and her grandchildren, Brandon Lambert and Rebekah Cummings.


She was the sister of the of the late Frederick M. Schaefer and the aunt of the late Frederick L. Schaefer and Charlene R. Perry.

Relatives and friends are invited to gather on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 10:30 AM for a funeral service at 11:00 AM in the Historic Chapel at Swan Point Cemetery, 585 Blackstone Boulevard, Providence, RI.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Urquhart-Murphy Funeral Home, 800 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her memory to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island are greatly appreciated.

Answers (Cont'd from pg 10) 1. Glorious 2. Creator 3. Eternal 4. Faithful 5. Loving 6. Father 7. Foreknowledge 8. Good 9. Gracious 10. Holiness 11. Light 12. Majestic 13. Immutable 14. Impartial 15. Incomprehensible 16. Independent 17. Infinite 18. Invisible 19. Jealous 20. Judge



*May all your prayers be answered
and may you feel the Lord's
presence near you...
not only for Easter,
but always.*

Happy Easter!

© 2007 AG.com