For All The Saints



10:00 AM • Sunday, Worship & Sunday School In-Person & Virtual Services 10:30 AM • Wednesday, Morning Prayer

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Th's Summertime at All Saints Church!

What's Going On? Something New & Maybe A "Cool" Change?

Sunday, Worship, 10 am

(In our "Cool" Chapel if temps are high!)

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer, you may come forward for a blessing!

Wednesday, Morning Prayer, 10:30 am Lounge

(In our "Cool" Chapel if temps are high!)

All are invited to attend!

Sunday, Cook Out, August 6, 11:30 am (In our parking lot.)

Sunday, Vestry Meeting, August 27, 11:30 am

(The Vestry will be on summer break during June and July!)

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Discipleship Holy Spirit, the Power

From the Desk of the Priest in Charge

Dear All Saints family,

As we enter into a new season this summer newsletter comes to you thanks to the diligent efforts of Annette. All Saints church has been growing daily in Spirit and we sense that growth when we gather each week. We are a community of saints in the making. We may come from different backgrounds and different ideologies but we are of one Spirit. That unites us as the body of Christ. We celebrated Easter and Pentecost meaningfully and now we are in the ordinary season, the season when we apply what we learned to our daily lives. Therefore, this is the most practical season in Christian life.

We had a 'successful' community yard sale by the hard work of many of our saints with the leadership of Marie. This was an occasion to spread the word of our presence in the neighborhood and the service of charity. Our support of the House of Hope is our current outreach ministry. Our Wednesday morning prayer and Bible Study helps us to gather mid-week for fellowship and learning (discipleship training) and I am thankful for all those who are able to participate, especially for Hansi who sets up things ready for the prayer. I am thankful for the worship team that includes Jenni and Marie to get the bulletin ready on time and the great team of lectors and acolytes, the choir under the leadership of Lynn, the altar guild under the leadership of Candy, the bell ringers with Fred being the master and Jayce and Gabriella as assistants, and the greeters, making each Sunday a meaningful worship.

"Embrace the power of love, reject the love of power."

Discipleship (Cont'd from pg 4)

As our theme of the year we chose Discipleship. We are focusing on different aspects of this theme in each newsletter. This summer letter has the theme, Discipleship—Holy Spirit, the Power. The Holy Spirit is the power that drives the church forward. Jesus asked his disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit before they start their ministry. On the day of Pentecost a large number of them received the power of the Holy Spirit and thus the church was born. The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, was with the disciples in the absence of Jesus, fulfilling the promise that 'I will not leave you as orphans' and the same Spirit is with us today.

This is also the Spirit of Truth. It pains me to read the news these days and see how truth is distorted and misinformed and the callous disregard for facts to gain self-centered goals. The Spirit of Truth is in every aspect of our lives. As a man of Science throughout my adult life I know that truth is the basis of scientific progress. It is important on every level; personal, family and national. 'Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour' (1 Peter 5:8) and many naive 'Christians' are becoming prey to the devil. Let us be on guard to seek the Spirit of Truth and to discern what we hear, and to speak truth to power, however tempting it is to fall into the trap.

Finally the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Love. We live in an era where love is diminished in our families and hatred and prejudice is on the increase in our society.

'Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.' (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

Let us grow in mutual love as a church. May the presence of the Holy Spirit be with us during the summer season. Fr. James Jacob

Senior Warden

Dear Parishioners,

"I have decided to follow Jesus; No turning back, no turning back."

The simple words to that hymn (which I learned originated in India) describe what it means to be a disciple. Discipleship means making a decision; it involves a conscious decision to follow Jesus.

Each Sunday we reaffirm that decision. No turning back, no turning back.

Fred

Junior Warden

I am pleased to report that everything is in fine order and no problems have arisen or are expected.

There has been some recent discussion concerning the storage shed in the back yard. The years have taken a toll on its condition and it will be necessary sometime in the future to either repair it or demolish it. More on this later.

F. Smith, Jr. Warden

Women's Group

By Arlene Orcutt, Leader

The Women's Group continues its outreach ministry with House of Hope. We greatly increased our funds for this project as we joined with The Pontiac Village's Yard Sale. Many of our members contributed items, and \$700 was raised. So many of the women spent many hours working, pricing and organizing. Thank you for all the hard work—that is why it was such a success.

General Information

Readers for Lessons, Psalms & Prayers of the People

Arlene Orcutt, Fred Liddle, Richard Young, Joyce Cooper, Ninni Jacob

Acolytes

Barbara Bruner, Donna Pacheco, Marie Birch

Greeters

Karen Thompson, Cindy Miga, Annette Cox

Bell Ringers

Fred Liddle (Master Ringer), Jayce and Gabriella Paucar (Assistants)



Fred rings the bell twice on Sundays. Twelve rings to announce the service is beginning and twelve rings to conclude the service. He rings twelve times for the apostles.

During the service the bell is rung by Fred, Jayce and Gabriella to alert people that the most sacred act (sanctus) of the service is taking place. It is mainly a Catholic and Orthodox tradition. Three times is significant to signify the Trinity and to stress the importance.

70th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

for
Hoot & Anne (Walsh)
Smith
on Sunday, May 7, 2023
at All Saints Church, Pontiac

Family and friends came together to celebrate this very special occasion. During the worship service Fr. James Jacob offered a special prayer and blessing for Hoot and Anne. Hoot and Anne were married on May 8, 1953 in Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

In September, 1952, Anne had won two tickets to a Boston Red Sox game as someone called her name into a Courtesy Driving Program and she was a winner. Anne was at Roseland Function Hall in Taunton, Massachusetts and asked the bartender if he would like the two tickets to the Red Sox game and he said, "No." Hoot was there and he said "Yes," and that was the beginning of their 70 years together.

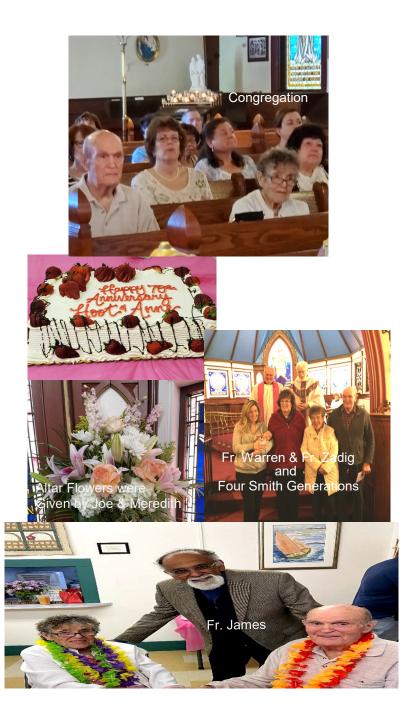
In their family they have three children, seven grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren, and a big black dog named Douglas!

Throughout their marriage Hoot worked various jobs, became a Cranston policeman for twenty-three years, and DCYF investigator, and Jr. Probation Officer for State of Rhode Island. Anne was a medical lab technician for years and then after that became a school bus driver.

Hoot and Anne became members of All Saints Church in October, 1965. They have been active and faithful members of the church by serving in various capacities—Hoot was Treasurer for twenty years, is currently Jr. Warden, and serves on the Vestry. Anne served on the Vestry and helped with social events such as the Strawberry Festival and Chowder and Pancakes Dinner—Hoot even helped in digging their own quahogs!

Anne and Hoot enjoy camping, cribbage, High-Low-Jack, gardening and bird watching, and who knows how many good deeds they do for others—I imagine too many to count!

By Annette Cox



Happy Birthday or is it Match Day?



June 8, Joseph MarcAurele June 29, Michael Croke July 4, Paul MarcAurele July 6, Norman Ellinwood July 7, Karen Thompson July 14, Jayce Paucar August 6, Kristen Miga August 8, Bruce MacNeil August 13, Sharon Bouchard





On
Mother's Day
the altar flowers
were given in memory
of
Mary Ann Cummings
by
her son, Scott
&
his family.

Kudos

To the Women's Group workers and All Saints community. It cannot be said enough about the wonderful efforts made and the results of the Yard Sale! Thanks to everyone for their support in this outreach event!

To all who contribute to the publication of the All Saints newsletter!

Community Yard Sale

The Women's Group of All Saints Church joined in with the Pontiac Association community yard sale on Saturday May 27, 2023. A notice was sent out to all our parishioners to bring their unwanted, usable articles to the church on Saturday, May 20th so that they could be sorted and organized for sale on the following Saturday.

By Marie Birch

A BIG thank you goes out to all parishioners who helped make our community yard sale event a success, whether you participated through donations, purchases, or labor! A special thanks goes out to Marie, Candy, Joyce, Cindy & Hansi who put in lots of extra hours preparing and pricing items. Through our family effort, we were able to raise \$700! Congratulations to all the "saints" who made this event so successful!



Some Yard Sale Workers











Cour of All Saints Church

By Fred Liddle

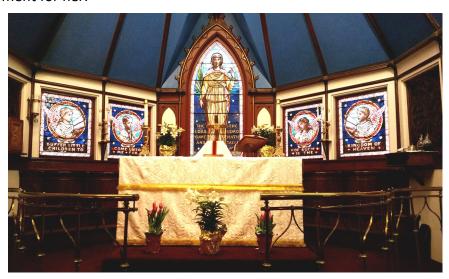
During the yard sale All Saints Church was open for tours of the church. Fred Liddle, our Sr. Warden, was the guide. Fr. James and Marie Birch were available to greet some of the visitors.

I had about 10-12 people come into the Church for a tour. It was a sunny day and the light streaming through the stained glass windows was spectacular.

Several of those who came in had passed by the church in the past but had never been inside. Everyone thought it was beautiful.

One visitor recalled he had attended Boy Scout meetings that were held downstairs years ago.

One of the Lofgren daughters, Nancy, brought her husband and daughter inside to see where her parents worshipped. It was an emotional moment for her.



All Are Welcome At Our Table

Jesus Christ, the Invisible Poet in the Gospels

"Jesus Christ is the great invisible poet of the world. Like the Old Testament prophets, he communicates in wisdom poetry-in short maxims, in narrative parables, and always in memorable metaphor ...in migrating from their Aramaic speech source into written Greek translation, and later into English translation, the lyrics got locked up in prose lineation."

Light of the World

You are the light of the world

A city cannot be hidden when it is set on a mountain.

Nor do they light a lamp and place it below a basket,

But on a stand,

And it glows on everyone in the house.

So let your light glow before people so they may see

Your good works

And your father of heaven.

Matthew 6:11-13

Fr. James Jacob

Ongoing Outreach



All Saints supports the Shriners Burn Institute by saving **Aluminum Pull Tabs** for them. If you would like to help Hoot has left a collection baggy in the back of the church just waiting to be filled.



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 you can contact Pauline and she will help you.



House of Hope House of Hope CDC was founded in 1989 as a non-profit, community development corporation serving residents of Rhode laland—their goal is to prevent and end homelessness. Our latest project to support House of Hope was the community yard sale we had on May 27th. The proceeds from the sale will be used throughout the year for items that they are in need of.

Thank each of you for your support!

Independence Day July 4, 1776



Why do we celebrate the Fourth of July?

July 4th has been designated a national holiday to commemorate the United States declaring itself to be a free and independent nation.

Although it was actually July 2nd, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress officially voted to declare independence from Great Britain, it wasn't until July 4th that the finalized Declaration of Independence was approved. It would then be a few more weeks, on August 2nd, 1776, until most of the delegates were able to travel to Philadelphia to sign the document.

The importance of the holiday lies not only in celebrating the birth of a new, free nation, but in recognizing the significance of the Declaration of Independence which was—in the words of Abraham Lincoln—"a rebuke and a stumbling-block to tyranny and oppression." (Excerpt Military.Com)

Be Safe & Have A Great Summer!