



For All the Saints

April 2014

Dear Friends,

When Jesus commanded his Disciples to love one another, the aftermath was far from loving.

They were at the Last Supper, and Jesus provided a way for them – and all future generations -- to make him present, forever after. “As they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them and said, ‘Take, eat, this is my body.’ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink of it all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.’” (Matt. 26:26-28)

John’s Gospel describes Jesus washing the Disciples’ feet at the supper – a task usually performed by servants. Then he told them, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.” (John 13:34)

That same night, Judas betrayed Jesus, bringing soldiers to arrest him and take him away, as the others quietly fled, fearing for their own lives. This took place “on the night before he died for us,” as the *Prayer Book* says.

All this is commemorated on Maundy Thursday, an especially lovely worship service. We celebrate Holy Eucharist, remembering that Jesus gave it (instituted it) on that night. We strip the altar, taking everything off, to represent the desolation resulting from Jesus’ friends and followers falling away out of fear. We consecrate additional bread and wine to consume on Good Friday (the Pre-Sanctified) because consecration is an act of thanksgiving, so it is not done on that day. We set an altar of repose, a space decorated with flowers as a tomb for Jesus, where the consecrated bread and wine – his body and blood – will rest overnight.

Maundy Thursday is beautiful, mystical, haunting – a brief peaceful interlude before the terror unleashed on Good Friday. Worship with us and share the drama of the Christian Story.

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– *All Saints' News* –

THE OASIS PLAYERS – “BACK TO THE CABARET” Saturday, April 26 at 8 PM

Back by popular demand – the Oasis Players of Matawan will do a live concert here in Lea Hall, performing favorites from “The Great American Songbook.” The singers include our own **Mary O’Connor**. The program features music by Gershwin, Sondheim, Berlin, Rodgers & Hart, and more. Their show last year was really delightful and we are very pleased to have them back. There will be refreshments too!

Besides the fun, this is a fundraiser for the church so please come to enjoy the show while supporting the parish. Tickets are \$20 for adults; \$18 for seniors and young people 15 and under. Bring a can of food for the Food Pantry and get \$3 off your ticket. (Tickets will be on sale during some coffee hours as well as at the door.)

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Outdoors – picking up brush and twigs that are all over the parking lot and lawns, and pruning some of the bushes. **Indoors** – there should be a dumpster by then (outdoors!), so items being discarded from the Sunday School area and elsewhere can be put into it. If you can help, anytime between 9:30 am and 2:00 pm, please lend a hand. There will be refreshments.

FUNDRAISING FOR GRACE’S KITCHEN

For twenty years, Grace’s Kitchen has served 1,000 free, nutritious meals during the last five days of each month, to hungry people in the Plainfield area. This “grace-filled” program, run by a small part-time staff and 150 volunteers from ten parishes (including All Saints’) and local community groups, has received a Congressional Medal for Exemplary Volunteer Service to the community. Food is obtained by donations from local stores and purchased at the Community Food Bank in Hillside.

We are asking our parishioners to help fund another year of this important program. Each year, Grace’s Kitchen reaches out in their only fund-raising campaign during March and April when every dollar received winds up being more through the Feinstein Challenge matching program. Please make your check out to “Plainfield Community Outreach” (an outreach ministry of Grace Episcopal Church), and place it in the collection plate. Thank you heartily for helping to make Grace’s Kitchen possible! – *Susan Winkler*

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

PALM SUNDAY – April 13

8 am – Palm Blessing, Passion Reading from Matthew (a portion)

10 am – Palm Blessing in Lea Hall, Procession to church, Passion Reading from Matthew

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK – APRIL 16

9 am – Holy Eucharist

MAUNDY THURSDAY – APRIL 17

8 pm – Commemorating Jesus' gift of Holy Eucharist, Stripping the altar, Setting the Altar of Repose, Holy Communion, Homily, Music from the All Saints' Choir

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 18

9 am & 8 pm – Good Friday Liturgy: The Solemn Collects, Homily,

Communion of the Pre-Sanctified

(The All Saints' Choir will sing at the evening service.)

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 20

8 am – Easter Eucharist

10 am – Festival Eucharist

EASTER BRUNCH & EASTER EGG HUNT

The Brunch follows the 10 o'clock Service, a festive way to extend the celebration. **Shirley Hamlette** is organizing the Brunch. If you can bring something, please sign up on the Lea Hall bulletin board. In any case, please plan to stay for the Brunch.

Jenine and Jovi Williams are organizing the Easter Egg Hunt. Rain or shine, indoors and/or outdoors, there will be hundreds of eggs to find!

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS & THANKSGIVINGS

The sanctuary will be beautifully decorated thanks to **Carol Schirm**. Easter flowers are a lovely way to memorialize friends and loved ones or make an offering of thanksgiving. Please print names clearly, as they will appear in the Easter bulletins. Your monetary donation helps defray the cost of the flowers. Please get names to us by April 13. You can email them or use the Easter Flower envelopes from the narthex.

ALTAR GUILD IS GETTING READY FOR EASTER

Debbie Clavin and the Altar Guild will strip palms for Palm Sunday, strip the altar on Maundy Thursday, polish and generally get ready for the special days ahead. Thanks in advance!

--YOUTH NEWS--

The Youth Choir — they're getting ready for Easter. Please come to rehearse with **MaryRose Clark**, Sundays after the 10 o'clock Service. Rehearsals are fun, and brief. Singing on Easter is fun too! Newcomers are always welcome.

Any Trumpeters Among Us? MaryRose would love to include local talent in the Easter Service. If you are a musician, please speak with her.

Youth Group Meets 2nd & 4th Sundays — They're having good discussions and making plans, coordinated by **Chris Harris**. A special meeting is set for March 30 with other Youth Groups from our Watchung Convocation to see about conducting some kind of anti-Hunger program. We'll see where this goes.

First Sunday in April (April 6th) — Working with **Bob Okell** and **Liz Trimpin**, Sunday School youngsters will put together the Easter Baskets for which parishioners have been bringing in toiletries, school supplies, and candy. There are twenty to fill. These will go to Heart for Humanity, and Trish Nearing will distribute them to less fortunate children in the area.

Care Packages for Valentine's Day — Thanks to **Sherry Woodruff**, they went to All Saints' parishioners on college campuses, filled with various goodies, and most important, a connection to home! Sherry has put the lovely thank-you note she received from **Alex Loop** on the bulletin board.

Melissa Harris is taking part in her fourth "Relay for Life," (March 28-29) raising funds for the fight against cancer. A student at the Magnet School, she is part of the Union County Vo-Tech Team.

If you didn't see **Jonathon and Daniel Dawson** in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" you missed a real treat!)

-- Parishioner Profile --

SLEEPING WITH THE FISHES (Well, Sort Of)

By Bob and Colin Okell

As a member of a boy-scout troop, you get to do a number of exciting things. Besides the usual Monday meetings where the boys learn scout skills, our troop (Troop 104) has gone on a number of interesting adventures. We love to go camping. Besides the usual scout reservation in New Jersey, we have gone camping: in the Adirondacks (one-week summer camp); at a Camporee at Six Flags Great Adventure; at Valley Forge; at Gettysburg; in the Pine Barrens of New Jersey (and went canoeing to boot). Now we've added another spot on the old bucket list. A couple of weeks ago, we went on an "encampment" aboard the Battleship New Jersey in Camden.

First a short history of the ship. Formally known as the USS New Jersey (BB-62), it was first launched in December of 1942, and commissioned in May 1943. It had served in World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam. It was decommissioned in December 1969. When Ronald Reagan was president, he wanted to create a 600-ship Navy. As part of this build-up, the New Jersey was selected for reactivation. After modernization, it was re-commissioned in December 1982. Among other assignments, it served during the Lebanese Civil War. In the early 1990's with the collapse of the Soviet Union and the lack of a threat to the United States, there were drastic cuts to the defense budget. As a result, the New Jersey was decommissioned for the final time in February 1991. In 1999, the New Jersey was towed to its current homeport along the Delaware River in Camden, and it was opened to the public.

Our troop, consisting of 29 scouts and 18 adults, were among the approximately 300 (my guess – it may have been more) visitors who would be spending the night aboard the ship. We arrived in the latter part of a Saturday afternoon, and boarded the ship at about 5pm. Once you are brought on the ship, you are guided through an unmarked door and have to climb down some stairs. The stairs are very narrow and steep (I think everything on the boat was made to order for a 5'2" human). The adults all had to duck heads. Many of the scouts turned and went down the stairs backward. We were led through the mess hall and down another set of stairs (once again, watch your heads) into our quarters.

Living quarters were a series of triple bunk beds. We Okell's took the top bunk, mainly because there was some head room. There was only about a two- to three-foot clearance between the other bunks (not really for the claustrophobic). After getting settled and finding where the "head" (bathroom) was located, we were led upstairs and outside to the deck for evening "colors"

(lowering of the flag). All groups were in a series of rows. After the ceremony, we were led, in single file downstairs (we seemed to spend a lot of time doing that) through the chow line, and had dinner.

One of the events of the evening was going to be the shooting of a cannon which guests could take part in. During dinner, they raffled off tickets to see who would be the lucky ones to help shoot off the cannon. Needless to say, no one from Troop 104 was lucky.

After dinner, we were given a two-hour tour of the ship. We saw fore and aft, starboard and port, top and bottom. We were climbing up and down a whole series of narrow, steep steps. We saw the insides of gun turrets, the commander's quarters, the bridge, and almost everything in between, although there were some parts that were off-limits for the time being. (The hope is to get enough funding to eventually open up the entire ship). Each group was provided a docent, and we all started off from different points. If you had a decent docent, you'd get an excellent perspective on the life on the ship (our docent seemed to tire a bit after the first hour or so).

The final point of all the tour groups was meeting to see the shooting of a 20 mm cannon by selected tourists (those with the lucky tickets sold at dinner). That was probably the highlight of the trip. Then we went to our quarters where they played taps and shut off the lights.

The next morning, Reveille was piped in early. Everybody got up and had to go on deck for morning "colors" (the raising of the flag). The whole procession to the mess commenced anew. After breakfast, we were allowed free reign (to a point) of the ship. They had guided tours and unguided tours. Some of us took an unguided tour, following the lines on deck (so as not to get lost). During this trip, we ended up seeing parts of the ship that we didn't see the night before. Overall, I think we ended up seeing almost all the ship that was open to the public.

By 10 am, we were all packed up and safely on our way back home. This trip was shorter in duration than most of our others, but it was well worth the time.

By Bob and Colin Okell

AFRICAN CRAFTS SHOW & SALE, MAY 4 & 11

This annual program is a popular part of our Outreach ministry. Craft items include carved wooden animals, beautiful jewelry with unique stones, colorful fabric items and more. There are sometimes toys and carved musical instruments. (We never know what treasures will be included in the box sent to us.) Perfect for Mother's Day shopping!

All proceeds go to East African Team Ministries which funds children's food and education programs in Kenya and Uganda. The sale will be in Lea Hall from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm both Sundays. Please speak with Beth Wojcio if you would like to help.

--The All Saints' Family --

We had a happy announcement in church several Sundays ago – the engagement of **MaryRose Clark and Gene Mayer**. Friends years ago, they lost touch for a number of years, and then found one another. MaryRose is our Organist and Choir Director; Gene is singing in the Choir. Congratulations!

Doug Schembs is being honored this month by the Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey for his 28 years of outstanding service, during which time he has been president of the Westfield Lions, Cabinet District Secretary and State Council Chair. The Eye Bank is dedicated to restoration of sight and to research and education in a variety of related fields. **Lois Schembs (The Rev.)** is active with her husband in this program.

There will be a special performance of Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass" at 4:00 pm on Palm Sunday, April 13, at Fanwood Presbyterian Church. Among the twenty singers chosen to take part are **Carol Buttke, Marlenes Luvins** and **Leo Campos**. There are not tickets, but a free-will offering is going to be taken.

“BCP ON THE GO”

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Lenten Soup & Study (*Christianity after Religion* by Diana Butler Bass) – April 1, 8

Sunday Morning Faith Study (The Book of Romans) – April 13, 27

What Does the Gospel Say to You? – Thursday, April 2

BOWLING FOR SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS – MAY 25

Early notification of a fun event that sometimes gets lost in the busy spring calendar. John Tucker has arranged the annual Parish Bowling Party at Strike & Spare on Route 22 for Sunday afternoon, May 25. This is the fundraiser for the Curtis Jackson Memorial Scholarship Fund.

ALTAR GREENS AND SANCTUARY LAMP

We invite you to keep Greens on the altar during Lent, with a memorial or thanksgiving. The cost is **\$40.00**. Keep the **Sanctuary Lamp** burning for a week to remember loved ones or offer thanksgiving. The lamp is **\$10.00**. **Make checks payable to the Altar Guild** and put in the **memo** line that the check is for greens or the lamp. Sign up in the narthex, or call the office.

Available Dates

Altar Greens: April 6, 13 (Easter Flowers, April 20 & 27)

Sanctuary Lamp: April 6, 20, 27

MISSIONARY OUTREACH

The second Sunday of each month is Sharing Sunday when we ask for donations to help local families through Heart for Humanity.

April – Baby/Toddler items (disposable diapers, ointments, powder, wipes, thermometers, Nail clippers, other related items)

May – Laundry supplies: small boxes of detergent, bleach, stain remover

June – Health & Beauty supplies; deodorant, shampoo, soap, toothpaste & brushes (children & adults), floss, mouthwash, cotton swabs, cotton balls

Please keep our Food Basket filled every Sunday with non-perishable items. This is also a way to help local families through Heart for Humanity.

The Rev. Jane Rockman, *Rector*
MaryRose Clark, *Organist and Choir Director*

The Rev. John R. Neilson, *Rector Emeritus*
Irene Carlucci, *Secretary*
Wesley Jenkins, *Sexton*

Wardens

Jenine Williams Richard Johnson

Vestry

Todd Bouverot	John Brewer	Lauren DiSarno	Anne Goetz
Chris Harris	Joanna Hurley	Bob Okell	Glen Robertson
Michelle Smith-Crona	Liz Trimpin	Kevin Walsh	Susan Winkler

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