

All Saints' Episcopal Church

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FOR ALL THE SAINTS



Family Joy!

Our Christmas celebrations were full of light, love, and joy! We rejoiced with family and friends of every kind and from every place. You're invited to celebrate and reflect with us as we enter into the Lenten and Easter seasons at your family church...All Saints'.

My Beloved Community,

Grace and peace to you! The peace of the post-Christmas season leads us into a greater time of silence, reflection, and the coming of Easter joy.

Before we reach the light that falls into Christ's blessedly empty tomb, I invite you all to join with me in the observance of a most Holy Lent. We'll have many opportunities for prayer, study, and worship in ways that mirror the season and deepen our spiritual growth. Most notable (and noticeable) is our switch to the Rite I service for 10:00 on Sundays, and the movement of our altar to face the east as we await the sun and the Son.

If you've never experienced worship in a setting such as this, I encourage you to enter into it fully. The celebrant will have her back to you—but I assure you that the reasons are sound, and actually brings us closer together rather than imposing distance. When we're all facing the same direction in the Eucharistic Prayer, it becomes increasingly clear to us that we are all praying together, regardless of whose voice is heard!

And because the language of Rite I may seem unfamiliar to some, my preaching throughout the season will focus on that Eucharistic Prayer. Piece by piece, we'll learn how it was written, the story it tells, and why we include it still, more than a thousand years after it was first inspired and written.

We'll also have the opportunity for Book Study on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm, beginning on February 27th. I'm humbled and honored that the book chosen is one that my seminary classmate and I wrote after our work in Kenya in 2012, and I invite you all to join us.

"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent..."

In the love of Christ and all the saints,

Susanna+



Passover Seder, March 21st

7 pm, Lea Hall

Join us as we explore the history and beauty of the Passover Feast. The mystery of the Eucharistic Feast is rooted in the history of God's salvation of the people of Israel; our liberation in Christ's sacrifice is the continuing celebration of His role as the true Paschal Lamb. Mother Susanna draws on her own Jewish heritage to present a Passover Seder that combines the authenticity of Jewish worship with the joyful recognition of its role in Christianity.



SERVICE TIMES

Sundays

8:00 am

Rite I Holy Eucharist

10:00 am

Rite II Holy Eucharist
(Family Service on the last Sunday of the month)

Children's Sunday School

11:30 am

Coffee Hour/Christian Education

Youth Group

Children's Choir

Wednesdays

12:15 pm

Rite II Holy Eucharist
(healing service on the last Wednesday of the month)

What's Happening at All Saints'?

March

Friday, 2nd- Saturday, 3rd:	Diocesan Convention
Wednesday, 14th:	7 pm, "Putting the 'Fun' in 'Funeral'" Legacy Planning Party
Saturday, 17th:	6:30 pm, St. Patrick's Day Men's Celebration, Lea Hall/St. Patty's Day Women's Gathering, Rectory
Sunday, 25th:	Palm Sunday (8:00 am and 10:00 am with Palm Procession)
Monday, 26th:	12:15 pm, Holy Week Eucharist with Reconciliation
Tuesday, 27th:	12:15 pm, Holy Week Eucharist with Reconciliation
Wednesday, 28th:	12:15 pm, Holy Week Eucharist with Reconciliation 7 pm, Passover Seder
Thursday, 29th:	Maundy Thursday 12:15 pm 7:00 pm (Choral)
Friday, 30th:	Good Friday 12:15 pm, Eucharist with Reserved Sacrament 7:00 pm, Eucharist with Reserved Sacrament (Choral)
Saturday, 31st:	9:00 am, Holy Saturday 7:00 pm, Great Vigil of Easter

April

Sunday, April 1st:	Easter Sunday 8:00 am, Rite I 10:00 am, Rite II 11:30 am, Easter Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt
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Youth Group News!

In the coming months do not be surprised if someone – and I cannot imagine who – taps you on the shoulder and says, “Would you be interested in doing _____ for/with the Youth Group?” An upcoming theme is to ask what we could be doing inter-generationally, both for the benefit of our teens and for the benefit of the parish. It is already a given, but, I contend, it can be taken further.

How far it has already been taken is seen in the parish's support for our lock-ins. We are hosting another on April 13. We are again counting on your support at our Bake Sale on March 18. We will be grateful for help feeding the sleep-deprived contingent with breakfast on April 14.

We have a trip into New York City planned on Saturday March 24, this time swinging through Soho, Little Italy, Chinatown, and the Lower East Side. There will be some walking involved, but we'll also be making a lot of stops – for food you can be sure, but also for some fascinating and unusual sites, ones that do not figure prominently in the travel books. One stop will be the Tenement Museum, which is run by the National Park System. It is for that visit that I ask you let me know your interest **by Sunday March 3**, as we will need to buy tickets in advance. (You can decide after March 3 about joining the March 24 trip, but you would probably miss out on that portion.)

We are wrapping up C.S. Lewis' “Mere Christianity” now, soon to move on to some other topics, some centering on The Book of Common Prayer. (It is for your participation in one of our meetings that you may be hearing from me.)

Beyond the service component of the lock-in, we will soon pick up again on some of our Outreach projects and, perhaps, embark on some new ones. These include our work at Evergreen Cemetery in Plainfield and the Fanwood Nature Center.

Will Loop's Eagle project is coming to fruition, focusing on the room under the Guild Room, which will, in part, establish a place for our Youth Group to play games like foosball, and perhaps just hang out. Check out what he and the Scouts he has enlisted have accomplished.



Emily DiSarno and
Gabby Crona at the
Acolyte Festival in
Trenton, NJ,
February 10th



Calling All Patricks and Pattys!

It's the joyous tradition of All Saints' to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a feast for our men in Lea Hall! Corned beef and cabbage and a keg of beer will be on hand for the stalwart St. Patricks of All Saints'. And for our equally stalwart St. Pattys, Mother Susanna will host a party in the rectory! Join us on Saturday, March 17th, for our celebrations, beginning at 6:30 pm!

All Saints' Families
working hard for the
Cookie Fundraiser on
Friday, February 9th



Sunday Crafternoons!

Do you have a favorite handicraft? Would you like to learn one? On Sunday, March 4th, and Sunday, March 11th, anyone who's interested in sharing friendship and maybe a little instruction is invited to join us for "Sunday Crafternoon" in Lea Hall! Bring your knitting, crocheting, needlework, scrapbooking, or any other craft you like for an hour or two of companionship as you work. We'll gather from 4 pm until 5:30 pm. All ages and crafts are welcome!

