

All Saints' Memorial Church  
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### **The Life and Ministry of Jonathan Myrick Daniels** **Episcopal Church Seminarian, Civil Rights Martyr**

In observation of Black History Month, I want to honor one of the few white men that sacrificed his life for the cause of civil rights in America:

#### **Jonathan Myrick Daniels.**

Jonathan Myrick Daniels was an Episcopal Seminarian, born in Keene, New Hampshire on March 20, 1939, and was murdered by a Special County Deputy on August 20, 1965 in Hayneville, Alabama, while in the act of shielding a 17 year-old black girl, Ruby Sales.

From High School in Keene to the Virginia Military Institute (VMI), to Graduate School at Harvard, Jonathan wrestled with the meaning of life and death and vocation. Attracted to medicine, ordained ministry, writing and law, he found himself close to a loss of faith. However, his search was resolved by a profound conversion, on Easter Day in 1962, at the Church of the Advent in Boston. Jonathan then entered the Episcopal Theological School (later known as the Episcopal Divinity School) in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

In March 1965, the televised appeal of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., to come to Selma, Alabama to secure for all citizens the right to vote, drew Jonathan to a time and place where the nation's racism and the Episcopal Church's share in that inheritance were exposed.

Jonathan returned to seminary, and asked leave to work in Selma, where he would be sponsored by the Episcopal Society

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for Cultural and Racial Unity. Conviction of his calling was deepened at Evening Prayer during the singing of the Magnificat: "He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath fill the hungry with good things." He stated: "I knew then that I must go to Selma. The Virgin's song was to grow more and dearer to me in the weeks ahead."

Jailed on August 14, 1965 for joining a picket line, Jonathan and his companions were unexpectedly released. Aware that they were in danger, four of them walked to a small store in Hayneville, Alabama. As seventeen year-old Ruby Sales reached the top step of the entrance, a man with a shotgun appeared, cursing her. Jonathan pulled her aside, to shield her from the unexpected threats. As a result, he was killed by a blast from the 12-gauge gun.

The letters and papers Jonathan left bear eloquent witness to the profound effect Selma had upon him. He writes, "The doctrine of the Creeds, the enacted faith of the Sacraments, were the essential preconditions of the experience itself. The faith with which I went to Selma has not changed; it has grown... I began to know in my bones and sinews that I had been truly baptized into the Lord's death and resurrection... with them, the black men and white men, with all life, in Him whose Name is above all the names that the races and nations shout... We are indelibly and unspeakably one."

Jonathan Daniels did some field work in Providence as part of his seminary education, under the supervision of the Dean of the Cathedral of St. John, and worked in Church House at Christ Church on Eddy Street. Church House and Christ Church have since been torn down, and all that remains is a vacant lot at the corner of Eddy and Oxford Streets.

Our own Reverend Dr. David A. Ames, former Priest of All Saints' Memorial Church, was a seminary class mate of Jonathan Daniels. I want to thank Father Ames for his assistance in the preparation of this article.

O God of Justice and compassion, you put down the proud and mighty from their place, and lift up the poor and afflicted: We give you thanks for your faithful witness, Jonathan Myrick Daniels, who, in the midst of injustice and violence, risked and gave his life for another, and we pray that we, following his example, may make no peace with oppression; through Jesus Christ the just one, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **AMEN**

Peace and Blessings,  
Harrington Evans

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**UPCOMING ALL SAINTS' MEETINGS/EVENTS**

**February 23:** Winter Cook-Off fund raising event in Rose Hall. Details are below.

**February 24:** Outreach Committee Meeting

**February 26:** Knitting/crocheting, 6:00 p.m.

**February 27:** Noon Eucharist

**March 3:** Youth Sunday

**March 3:** Burning of palms to use for Ash Wednesday services, following the church service

**March 6:** Ash Wednesday Services: Noon and 7:00 p.m.

**March 12:** Knitting/crocheting, 6:00 p.m.

**March 13:** Noon Eucharist

**March 20:** Noon Eucharist

**March 24:** Vestry Retreat, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**March 26:** Knitting/crocheting, 6:00 p.m.

**March 27:** Noon Eucharist

**March 31:** Outreach Committee Meeting

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**PRAYERS**

**Those for whom prayers have been asked:**

We pray for John Angell, Robert Angell, Derek Badio, Marie Baylis, Trish Blake, Harriet Choi, Madhia Cooper, Paul Cummings, Florence Depatie, Rick Edwards, Anthony Eke, Rosetta Evans, Patricia Fahnbulleh, Margaret Flynn, Dorothea Evans Gordon, Jim Greene, Claire Hanavan, Ernest Hirsch, Barbara K., Erma Kla-William, Jeffry Knapton, Katie Lawton, James Lovenbury, Margaret Mirin, Elizabeth Pacek, Richard Rebello, Tomasina Sinnott, Cecelia Sirleaf, Eric T., Frances Tait, Mary Tryforos, Martha Zeekah, Teddy Zeekah, April Beth, Renée,

Leith, Maryjane, Kristen, Amer, Michael, Bendu, Beth and Ruby.

**Celebrating her birthday this week:** Lily Pavao

**Altar flowers** on Sunday February 24 are given in memory of Dr. Robert Okpara by Nnenna Okpara Amaechina.

**Remember those who work for peace and members of our armed forces**, especially Raymond Tanguay and Matthew Degree.

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**PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY**

Please bring your old palms to church either Sunday February 24 or Sunday March 3 and leave them in the basket as you enter the church. We will burn the palms after the March 3 church service and use the ashes at our Ash Wednesday services.

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**ALL SAINTS' MEMORIAL CHURCH**  
**WINTER COOK-OFF**

**Saturday February 23**

**5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**Join the fun at the cook-off sampling ten different foods and voting for your favorite! Prizes will be awarded based on your vote. There will also be a raffle and a dessert booth.**

**Tickets are \$5.00 each. All proceeds benefit the Outreach Committee.**

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**KNITTING, CROCHETING**

The knitting and crocheting group meets every other Tuesday at 6 p.m. This group is open to anyone in the parish. You are welcome to come as often as you can and you are welcome to bring a friend.



**Please note that the next meeting is Tuesday, February 26, 2019**

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**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2019**

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to remember a loved one who has passed away or give thanks for someone special. You may reserve dates for Sundays in 2019 by using the yellow forms on the information table in Rose Hall. If you would like a form mailed to you, please call Kathy in the parish office.

**FOOD COLLECTION**

Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. You are asked, as you are able, to bring one item on the monthly list each Sunday.



February, peanut butter  
March, canned tuna  
April, canned fruit

As always, thank you for your  
generosity.

### **PARKING LOT AVAILABLE ON SUNDAYS**

The parking lot adjacent to the church lot is once again available for additional parking, during Sunday services only. If you are the last car leaving the lot, please lock the gate after you leave. Thank you.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

#### **February 24, 2019**

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11,15; Lyndsey Wells

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Marybeth Hanavan

Prayers: Charles Smith

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Chalice: Harrington Evans

Greeters/ Ushers: Marsha Mott and Musa Goll

Altar Duty: Dan and Kathy Mechnig

Coffee Hour Team: April Donahower and Alex Perdue

#### **March 3, 2019**

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35;

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2;

Prayers:

Gospel: Luke 9:28-43a

Chalice: Agnes Fox

Greeters/ Ushers: Marsha Mott

Altar Duty: Patricia Solo and Felicia McBorrough

Coffee Hour Team: Marybeth Hanavan and Gloria Perry

**NEXT E-PARISH MESSENGER**

The next edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on February 28. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, February 26. Please submit any articles/info you may have to Kathy at [asmcri@verizon.net](mailto:asmcri@verizon.net).

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