

All Saints' Memorial Church
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Rejoice in fellowship
Love and serve the Lord!

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ASHES AND A HOLY LENT

Lent begins next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. Each Ash Wednesday we are given an invitation. We are invited to observe a Holy Lent. Ashes are part of this invitation. Why ashes? Why ashes from palm branches?

There are a few ways to answer these questions. Palms are a symbol of the joyful welcome that Jesus received from the crowds as he entered Jerusalem only days before he faced betrayal, trial, and crucifixion. The crowds who had gathered from afar to celebrate the feast of Passover in Jerusalem hailed Jesus' arrival by waving palm branches as he made his way into the ancient city. We can all place ourselves into this moment of joyful welcome. Each Sunday we joyfully celebrate Jesus in our liturgy, in the Word and the Great Thanksgiving.

And yet we burn the palms that we receive on Palm Sunday, and use those ashes to remember something else. The ashes remind us of our mortality. *"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."* Ashes remind us of the shortness and uncertainty of life. Ashes remind of the need for repentance and renewal. They remind that sometimes we waver in our relationship with God and fail as followers of Jesus. Ashes turn our focus to God's creative power. We turn to God for healing in our need. We open ourselves to God's loving kindness and mercy. In the Ash Wednesday Litany of Penance, we ask the Lord to restore us and accomplish in us the work of God's salvation so that we may go out and show God's glory in the world. In hope, we turn to God for renewal as we prepare for the Easter celebration.

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At the beginning of the Ash Wednesday service, we, a People of God, the whole congregation, are invited to observe a Holy Lent. This Lent, as part of this observance, I invite us as a congregation to enter into reflection and discussion on the Way of Love for a Jesus-centered life.

The Way of Love is a rule of life for the purposes of developing a deeper and more meaningful life with God. It is a rule of life centered on seven spiritual practices. Our Diocese and many Episcopal dioceses around the country are focusing on the Way of Love this Lent. I would encourage us as congregation to study and discuss two of the spiritual practices of the Way of Love for Lent. Those practices are "Turn" and "Go".

Turn. Pause and listen and choose to follow Jesus.

Go. Cross boundaries, listen deeply, and follow Jesus.

More information to come with details on how we as a congregation can walk this Lent together in conversation about the Way of Love. Scripture reading suggestions and reflection questions will be offered. *When we meet each other in real conversation, we learn how to love.*

Ash Wednesday services are at 12:00 noon and 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 6.

Grace and Peace,
Julie

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UPCOMING ALL SAINTS' MEETINGS/EVENTS

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, Jeffrey 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: Glenna Wilson

Altar flowers on Sunday March 3 are given in thanksgiving for the birthday of Hakim Evans by his parents, Rosetta and Harrington Evans.

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

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Please bring your old palms to church on 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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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.

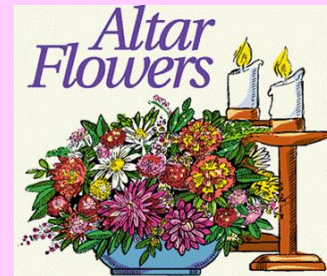


Please note that the next meeting is Tuesday, March 12, 2019

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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.



During Lent, we will be using greens on the altar in lieu of fresh flowers, but you may still designate a Sunday in memory or honor of a loved one.

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.



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

March 3, 2019

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35; Ann Marie Nagle

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Kojo King, Jr.

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

March 10, 2019

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Rebecca Silliman

Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13; Musa Goll

Prayers: Robert Wells

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Chalice: Dan Mechnig

Greeters/ Ushers: Marsha Mott and Rita Madave

Altar Duty: Cecilia and Paul Connors

Coffee Hour Team: Felicia and Bill McBorrough

NEXT E-PARISH MESSENGER

The next edition of the e-messenger will be emailed on March 7. The deadline to submit information and articles for this edition is Tuesday, March 5. Please submit any articles/info you may have to Kathy at asmcri@verizon.net.

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