

# The Herald

February 3, 2013

4th Sunday after Epiphany

## From the Rector: [Of a Holy Lent](#)

Lent begins in two weeks, if you can believe it. As we are invited in the Ash Wednesday rite to observe a Holy Lent, I am asking you to do the same. Lent is the season of the church in which we, with great intention, pay attention to ourselves as individuals and as community. We call it a penitential season because we take time to recognize that we are in some way or another complicit with the sin that exists in our world. We have, over the years, even over the centuries, made this penitence a highly personal, highly individual enterprise. I would like to suggest that more emphasis needs to be placed on the penitence of the community as a whole in which we live and move and have our being, even beyond the church, and recognize that the change that comes through such examination does not apply only to us as faithful people, but that the change also applies to the sinful structures of our world that would shame and abase our neighbor. In other words, our imaginative turning towards the Good has profound ramifications for the world. In the ancient world (in the world of scripture) sin is most often looked at as the embedded force in the world that corrupts the powerful and oppresses a people; a force that bears shame and violence. That is why we use the confession in our liturgy from *Enriching our Worship* that says “forgive us for the evil we have done and the evil done on our behalf.”

So our penitence has relevance to us and to our world. I invite you during the course of this Lenten season to seek our sacred relevance and acknowledge anything that would impede such relevance. This Lent we will begin with a Taizé service each Wednesday evening. Taizé is a beautifully reflective service of song, scripture and prayer (one parishioner called it yoga for the brain). The service will be followed by a meal, and then conversation. We are still planning what these conversations will be, but all of this is designed to help us center on this community here gathered that is called “to have a bearing on or a connection to the matter(s) at hand.” That is the definition of relevancy. If you buy my preferred definition of prayer as “the art of paying attention”, then it follows that through prayer, artfully paying attention, we gain the potential to discover more about ourselves and our relevancy to the world we serve.

During Lent we prepare for a world continually being made new. We prepare, in short, to live resurrection lives. That takes imagination, courage, discipline and commitment... and hard work. I invite you into a holy season of preparation, because the world lies waiting.

### On the Calendar:

- Wednesday, Jan 30**  
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)  
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
4pm St Cecilia choir rehearsal  
5:30pm Trinity Choristers  
7pm All Sts & Trinity Adult  
choirs rehearsal
- Thursday, Jan 31**  
12N Al-Anon  
7pm AA
- Friday, Feb 1**  
6pm Bayou Bash Parade Party
- Sunday, Feb 3**  
8am All Sts Holy Eucharist,  
Chapel  
8am Trinity Holy Eucharist,  
Church  
8:45am Breakfast, Stirling Hall  
9:15am Trinity Holy Eucharist  
9:30am All Sts Adult Xian Ed  
10am All Sts Youth Xian Ed  
10:45am Trinity Christian Ed  
11am All Sts Holy Eucharist  
Reception following
- Tuesday, Feb 5**  
11:30am All Saints serves @ 15  
Place
- Wednesday, Feb 6**  
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)  
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)  
4pm St Cecilia choir rehearsal  
5:30pm Trinity Choristers  
7pm All Sts & Trinity Adult  
choirs rehearsal



The Episcopal Church welcomes you

**EYC & Super Bowl** The EYC will meet in the Walter K. Smith Room at 5:30pm this Sunday for chili and the Super Bowl. Come join the fun!

**The Flower Guild schedule** for February is as follows: Feb 3-S Drew, K Butler; Feb 10-S Drew, B Wilson; Feb 17-B Ratcliffe, C Mackey; and Feb 24-J Tucker, K McKenzie.

**The next Rector's Forum** and potluck supper will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 6pm in the Saad Room of the Parish Hall. Supper begins at 6 and discussion follows at 6:30. If you are interested in being confirmed or received, this is the place to prepare for the Bishop's visitation. Call Jim to let him know -- 438-2492.

**The rector is offering confirmation** instruction for youth ages 12 and up in the Rector's office from 9:30am to 10:15am Sunday mornings between services. We will cover church history, both the church of England and the American Episcopal Church...where we come from; we will also discuss the Book of Common Prayer, and the authority and interpretation of scripture; and we will have conversations as to the contemporary mission of the church. Call Jim right away to sign up -- 438-2492.

**Confirmation of adults & youth** will be on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2013. The Rt. Rev. Philip Duncan will preach, celebrate, and confirm adults and youth 6th grade or older. Adult confirmation instruction will take place during the Rector's Forum classes, held every other Tuesday at 6pm. If you are interested, call Jim Flowers, or just show up at the forum!



**Stewardship Report** To date we have received \$449,000 in pledges. That is \$13,000 more than last year. We will be able to present to the vestry a balanced budget. There are still a few of you who pledged last year and have not yet pledged; and a few of you who are relatively new have not yet made a pledge. We still need additional income in order to deal with some critical maintenance issues this year, so if you haven't made your pledge, there is still time, and every dollar counts. Thanks for your generosity.

**The Bayou Bash Mardi Gras** Parade Party will take place at the home of Jim & Katharine Flowers at 6pm, this Friday, February 1 with chili & fixin's. To attend, please call the church office, 438-2492. Cost is \$15 per person, children get in free. Pay at the office or when you get to the party. Jim & Katharine's address is 922 Conti Street. All are welcome!

**Youth Sunday School** is changing the time it begins on Sunday morning to 10am! The class will last until 10:45am, giving everyone time to get to church, but there will not be so much waiting around between the end of class and the beginning of church. If you have questions, please call Frances Rouse, 458-7541.

**The Refugee Pantry is bare.** It needs non-food staples such as paper towels, toilet tissue, cleaning supplies, dish and laundry detergent, bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, light bulbs, dry cat food, ant spray and bug spray. Please drop items off at the office. Thank you.

**The kitchen is in need** of some more clear glass bowls of serving size. Several have recently gone the way of the trash can due to chips or cracks. If you have a spare bowl you don't use, please bring it to the office during the week or to Stirling Hall kitchen on Sunday. Thanks for your generosity!

**The Sunday Breakfast Teams** would love to have 3 2 more teams to fix breakfasts in the rotation on Sunday mornings. A new team has formed and has stepped up to help provide breakfast! Eight teams would mean that everyone only has to prepare and serve every couple of months. There are no rules about what is fixed for breakfast—each team chooses what it serves. If you are interested in forming a team or being added to one, call the office at 438-2492.



## Revamped Food Share Program Ready to Go!

All Saints' Food Share Program has a new look! Beginning in February, we will offer Senior Food Share for folks who are 62 and over. The schedule is the same as before: on Thursday, Feb 14, Burl needs help with unpacking the food pallets in Stirling Hall around 9am. Packing the client food bags is Friday evening, Feb 15, at 5:30pm; distribution is Saturday, Feb 16, (the third Saturday of the month) beginning at 8am. We will still need volunteers to come early on Saturday, around 7:30am. Come and join us!

**A Diocesan Resolution** As many of you will recall, the All Saints Lenten program last year included five evenings spent exploring the ongoing Israeli/Palestinian conflict, with particular focus on the study guide **Steadfast Hope: The Palestinian Quest for a Just Peace**, released by Episcopal Peace Fellowship. Ruth and Ed LaMonte, both of whom are now members of the All Saints family, served as our discussion facilitators. When Ed and Jim assessed the completed program, they agreed that the sessions, and particularly **Steadfast Hope**, were valuable, informative, thought-provoking, and deserving of wider exposure in the Diocese. They agreed to prepare a resolution for the 2013 Diocesan Convention, encouraging parishes "to develop programs of education and to explore methods of engagement which have as their goal the promotion of a just peace in this conflict."

The resolution has been submitted for consideration by the Convention; a copy has been posted on the bulletin board outside the Walter K. Smith Room. Please feel free to get in contact with Ed if you have any questions about it. He can be reached at 928-4631 or by e-mail at [elamonte@bsc.edu](mailto:elamonte@bsc.edu).

The Diocesan Convention will be held Feb 21-23, 2013 in Panama City Beach. All Saints' delegates are Andi and Bruce Barrett, Michael Morrison and Clayton Ryan. All of the clergy will be attending as well.

*The article below is from the Episcopal Peace Fellowship, received via email on January 23, 2013. FYI.*

## **A Call to Episcopalians to Support the Episcopal Voices of Conscience Prophetic Challenge to Executive Council**

Brother and Sister Episcopalians,

The "Prophetic Challenge to the Executive Council" [ [Read it HERE](#) ] was written and signed by a group of prominent Episcopalians who are frustrated by the Church's lack of action in implementing the General Convention's resolutions concerning Palestine/Israel. The Palestine Israel Network of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship could not agree more nor express it better. Fifteen Christian leaders representing other U.S. churches and religious organizations committed to seeking a just peace for Israelis and Palestinians have endorsed a letter to our government asking it to hold Israel accountable for its use of foreign aid from our government. These laws prohibit assistance to any country engaging in a consistent pattern of human rights violations. The Episcopal Church has declined to join these Christian leaders while Israel's human rights violations continue to mount.

We invite you to support the "Prophetic Challenge" by adding your name (Episcopalians only, please) to this statement of support which will be delivered to Executive Council for their 25-27 February 2013 meeting in Linthicum Heights, Maryland.

To sign the statement of support, go to the EPF/PIN home page [HERE](#) and click on "sign the petition." Every signature adds weight to the appeal of these prophetic Episcopal leaders!

# Tri<sup>o</sup>logue

MUSLIMS, JEWS, AND CHRISTIANS – TOGETHER

## INTERFAITH SYMPOSIUM

*We're Still Here! Apocalyptic Expectation and Eschatology*

Thursday January 31, 2013

Spring Hill College

Gautrelet Room 7:00-9:00 pm

Venue is on first floor of the Lucey Administration Building

Campus Map located at: <http://www.shc.edu/about/map/>

The pleasure of your company is requested for this gathering of Muslims, Jews, and Christians from the Mobile area as we continue to learn from one another through interreligious dialogue.

*For this event our Triologue will be enriched by three brief speakers as they share their insights about apocalyptic expectations from their respective religious traditions. The topic was inspired by the recent cultural uproar concerning the Mayan calendar.*

We hope you will join us for this event.

**RSVP (251) 380-4458**

**Requested—though not required (for the sake of planning only)**

**Admission is Free**

**Light refreshments served which meet dietary restrictions of all faiths.**

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT TRIALOGUE:**

THURSDAY APRIL 18, 2013

TOPIC: MONEY IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER

BYRNE MEMORIAL HALL, 7-9 PM SPRING HILL COLLEGE

**Sunday, February 3, 2013**  
**4th Sunday after Epiphany**

**The Lessons**

[Jeremiah 1:4-10](#)

[Psalm 71:1-6](#)

[1 Corinthians 13:1-13](#)

[Luke 4:21-30](#)

**The Collect of the Day**

Provoking God, calling us through the face of the Other: free our fickle hearts from our need to divide and exclude the foreign and the misfit; lead us through the storms of rage to a clear and new beginning; through Jesus Christ, whom hatred cannot touch. Amen.

**Those Who Serve**

Altar Guild: Suzanne Drew, Burl Ratcliffe, LaVada Raouf, Johnna Rogers, Margaret Winkler, Kay Montgomery  
Bread Bakers: Beth Hardaway, Lillian Carsten  
Flower Guild: Suzanne Drew, Kathrine Butler  
Breakfast: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Suzanne Cleveland, Barbara Evatt  
Reception: Elizabeth Doyle, Michael Morrison

**8:00am**

Lector: Albert Lilly  
Intercessor: Joe Basenberg  
Chalice: Burl Ratcliffe  
Ushers: Bill & Barbara Evatt  
Greeter: Renee Dillard

**11:00am**

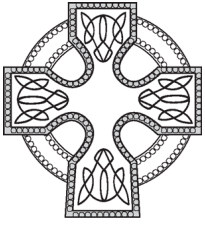
Lectors: Thomas Locke, Martha Durant  
Intercessor: Tressa McCleod  
Chalices: Betty Bentley, Ruth LaMonte  
Acolytes: Ben Foster, Liam Gray, Douglas Greene  
Ushers: Mark Williams, Hank Caddell, Chris Conte

**Music**

Voluntary William Mathias – *Processional*  
Processional Hymn 448 *Deus tuorum militum*  
Craig Phillips – *Festival Eucharist, Gloria in Excelsis Deo*  
Anglican Chant Ivor Algernon Atkins – *Psalm 71:1-6*  
Sequence Hymn 612 *Troen*  
Jeffrey Rickard – *The Nicene Creed*  
Offertory Anthem Thomas Attwood Walmisley – *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*  
Presentation Hymn 440 *Liebster Jesu*  
Craig Phillips – *Festival Eucharist, Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit*  
Craig Phillips – *Festival Eucharist, Agnus Dei*  
Communion Hymn 606 *Ubi caritas*  
Motet Thomas Tallis – *O Lord, Give Thy Holy Spirit*  
Post Communion Hymn 530 *Gott sei Dank*  
Processional Charles Callahan – *Toccata on Old Hundredth*

**Please keep in your prayers:**

- ✦ For healing for: Mackenzie Petersen, Becky Park, Tom Wilson, Glenda Bazzell, Nancy Hartley, Shannon Lord, Mit Kopf, Thad Mauldin, Sybil Wilson, Nate Smith, Francis Argulewicz, Nancy Golson Smith, Charlie Myers, Trinity Church, Nancy Quittmeyer, Mark Wilson, Jeff Jenks, Regina Slayton, James Henry LeBatard, Julie Tadlock, Eleanor Mae Hunt, David Leff, Brittany, Angelo Harris, Melanie Wright, Jack Ratcliffe, Steven Bodiford, Arthur Johnson, Walter Sims, Alan Grubbs, Mitch Price, Austin Brown, Barbara Deming, John Stephens, David Barrineau, Johnny Madden, Brian Hammond, Heather and family, Martha Collier, JoAnn Pappas, Dunn Chandler, Scott Podstata, Abraham Kuol, Roy Muth, Jim Gray, Jane Arnau, Jessica Montalvo-Lopez, Evina Valera, Ed Givhan, LaNiece Bland, Sharon Cleverdon, Patsy Childress, Anna Marie Brown, Laura
- ✦ For those who serve in the armed forces, especially: Spencer Abbot, Matt Abbot, Jonathan Carter, DeMario Snead, Randy Johnson
- ✦ For those who have died, especially Daniel Horst



# All Saints Church

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## Clergy

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## All Saints 2012 Vestry

Joe Basenberg  
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Henry Callaway, Sr Warden  
Hank Caddell  
Valerie Case, Clerk  
Richard Coarsey  
Chris Conte  
Elizabeth Doyle  
James Hamilton  
Woody Hannum  
Amy Hunter  
Emily Kelley  
Don Mosley  
Burl Ratcliffe  
Clayton Ryan

Curt Doyle, Treasurer

## All Saints Committee Chairs

Acolytes: The Rev. Mary Robert  
Addiction & Recovery: Becky Wilson  
Adult Christian Education: The Rev. Jim Flowers  
Altar Guild: Betty Bentley, Melanie Petithory  
Choirs: Jeff Clearman  
Community Ministries: Matt McDonald  
Constitution & By Laws: Pete Mackey  
Episcopal Youth (EYC): Breck Pappas  
Finance Committee: Curt Doyle  
Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers  
Food Share: Mark Taylor, Burl Ratcliffe  
Golden Circle: Laura Rutherford, Wylly Stirling  
Hospitality & Events: Jean Tucker  
IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster  
Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Bill Evatt  
Lectors, Intercrossors & Chalice Ministers: The Rev. Mary Robert  
Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle  
Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres  
Parish Development: Clark Kelly  
Property: Ricky Bradford  
Refugees: Martha Harris  
Ushers: Harold Dodge, Louie Wood  
Stewardship: Don Mosley, All Saints Vestry  
Wedding Guild: Betty Bentley  
Youth Christian Education: The Rev. Mary Robert

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## Service Schedule

**Sundays** 8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
9:00 am Breakfast  
9:20 am Christian Education Classes (during school year)  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist  
**Wednesdays** 12 Noon Holy Eucharist (Chapel)