

The Herald

March 10, 2013

4th Sunday in Lent

From the Rector: Of Finding and Being Found

I was asked by several vestry members back in late 2005, while I had been the interim rector for only several months, whether I would consider being the Rector here at All Saints. That proposition, given this diocese's tradition, was unorthodox especially since the bishop had said that when I became the interim that I could not be in the selection process of finding the new Rector. In that meeting I'll never forget Jamie Praytor saying to the bishop, "now bishop we'll just have to keep an open mind about that, won't we." The vestry and I decided that rather than have a formal search process, we would just wait a year and trust that we would know whether I belonged here or not. The vestry could evaluate my work, and at the same time Katharine and I had time to evaluate whether this was the place for us, both at All Saints and Mobile.

There were many considerations that went into our thought processes, and one among them was All Saints' relationship with L'Arche Mobile, an organization that takes care of mentally disabled people in the context of residential community. People living in community who otherwise would be institutionalized. L'Arche's origins were in the Catholic Church, and now it is a worldwide ecumenical organization whose sole mission is to allow the so-called least of us to live in dignity, as part of the family of God. The residents of the L'Arche communities, as they are able, participate in preparing meals, cleaning their rooms, all the things we able-minded people do, to the extent of their capabilities. The several houses they live in are in walking distance from All Saints.

Many of you know that we provide office and meeting space for L'Arche in our buildings. We don't so much interact or outwardly collaborate with them on a daily basis, but still there is an intimacy in our relationship. It is as if the Spirit, among our coming and going with special intention, binds us in some mysterious way. Mary and I from time to time celebrate the Eucharist for them. We have buried some of their dead in our garden. We provide from time to time spiritual direction for the staff, who sometimes find themselves under great pressure. I am speaking to them at a luncheon today, hence this reflection. L'Arche is a messy and stressful enterprise, like life itself except more visibly heightened and amplified.

What I have learned from the L'Arche community is that in our quest to seek and know God, it is God who finds us, God who does the finding, when we are most vulnerable, when we find ourselves on life's periphery; it is as if through the fissures of our broken hearts God's love flows in and fills us with a renewed sense of belonging, a powerful sense of being loved. That is the dynamic of the L'Arche community. They have their inevitable family fights, but for them there are no secrets, everything above board, in your face, and sometimes that's hard to look at. But God in God's grace enters the fissures of vulnerability, the cracks of our brokenness, and fills us with love that is real and reconciling. Notice the love with which the L'Arche staff attend to the residents, and notice the love the residents have for their care givers. It is truly a model for all of us. That we live for each other, utterly open to the vulnerability that lies within us and within our neighbor. Don't worry about the cracks in our hearts and souls acquired over this life. There's no sense in pretending they're not there. Own them and know that God will find them and fill them with love brimful.

On the Calendar:

Wednesday, Mar 6
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
4pm St Cecelia choir rehearsal
5:30pm Trinity choristers
6pm Taizé service (Chapel)
6:30pm Supper (Stirling Hall)
7pm Lenten classes
7:30pm All Sts & Trinity Adult Choirs' rehearsals

Thursday, Mar 7
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Saturday, Mar 9
10:30am PFLAG

Sunday, Mar 10
8am All Sts HE, Chapel
8:45am Breakfast, Stirling Hall
9am Trinity Holy Eucharist
9:30am All Sts Adult Xian Ed
10am All Sts Youth Xian Ed
10:30am Trinity Christian Ed
11am All Sts Holy Eucharist Reception following
6pm Movie night: Mobile in Black & White, pt. 2

Wednesday, Mar 13
9:15am L'Arche (Chapel)
12N Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
4pm St Cecelia choir rehearsal
5:30pm Trinity choristers
6pm Taizé service (Chapel)
6:30pm Supper (Stirling Hall)
7pm Lenten classes
7:30pm All Sts & Trinity Adult Choirs' rehearsals

Thursday, Mar 14
9am Food Share delivery
12N Al-Anon
7pm AA

Friday, Mar 15
5:30pm Food Share packing

Saturday, Mar 16
7:30am Food Share distribution

Thanks to all who came out to help spruce up the grounds and clean out closets last Saturday! The landscaping looks great and the closets look -- well, you can actually see inside them! Well done, good and faithful servants!!

Wednesday Lenten programs continue each week with a Taizé service in the Chapel at 6pm, supper in Stirling Hall at 6:30pm, and class at 7pm. There are two classes from which to choose: one on achieving balance and one on Collects and contemporary issues. Childcare is available. All are welcome!

There are still Daily Meditation Booklets and Hope Chest boxes available throughout the Parish Hall. Help yourselves!

All Saints is on Twitter! Check it out! Our address is <http://twitter.com/allsaintsmobile>. Please check regularly for Tweets about events and activities at All Saints, and please share the link with your friends. If you aren't already a Tweeter or Twitterer (which is proper?), now is a good time to try it out.



Malcolm and Lillian Carsten are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Carolyn Christine Carsten, to Michael Meagher of Medford, Massachusetts. Carolyn is a human resources manager with General Electric in Boston, and Michael is a sommelier employed by Treasury Wine Estates as their New England representative. The couple were married on Feb. 9 in Groton, MA on the weekend of the "Nemo" blizzard. Congratulations to the Carsten family!

A message from Beckwith: Camp Beckwith is accepting summer camp job applications through the month of March. We have already hired some amazing young people to come work this summer. Please let your clergy know if are interested in working with us. You can also check out the job descriptions and apply online at Beckwith's new website, www.beckwithAL.com.

Family Promise guests will arrive on Easter Sunday afternoon (Mar 31). If you can help set up beds & walls or volunteer to cook or spend time with them, please let Henry Brewster know. Sign-up forms will be emailed out 2 weeks before; please sign up early. If you want to know more about the program and how you can help, please get in touch with Henry at brewster919@bellsouth.net or 479-9781.

Do you want to be confirmed? If so, please call the Rector at 438-2492. If Jim is not available please leave a message.

To all EYCers: Watch during the week for email and Face Book announcements for EYC activities this coming weekend.

Sunday night is Movie Night at All Saints! There will be a viewing of part 2 of our own Rob Gray's movie entitled *Mobile in Black and White*. The movie begins at 6pm in the Walter K. Smith Room. Everyone is invited.

Are you missing a pillow?
Please claim it!



Food Share Next Weekend!

Here's the schedule:

- Thursday, Mar 14, 9am, unpacking food pallets
- Friday, Mar 15, 5:30pm, packing food bags
- Saturday, Mar 16, 8-8:30am, food distribution (volunteers should arrive at 7:30am)

All activities take place in Stirling Hall. Everyone is invited to help.

The Service Center of Catholic Social Services is looking for a volunteer nutritionist to teach classes on healthy eating to their clients one day a week. If interested, please email Volunteercoord@mobilecss.org or call 434.1510. Volunteers are also needed to sort clothing donations for The Curiosity Closet thrift store and to work in the food pantry. For more information about The Service Center, go to www.servicecentercss.org.

Can you help? The Refugee Pantry needs bath-size bars of soap. Please drop them off at the church office on Sunday or during the week. Thanks.



Where's Jesus?

Look at our picture taken in the garden near the cross. Can you find Him?

Here he is among the freshly weeded and landscaped grounds, and on the smiles of the volunteers who helped clean, organize, repair and garden last Saturday.



It's Time to Change the Time!

CHURCH-GOERS!



**Don't experience the
horror of arriving to
church as everyone
else is leaving!**

Set your clocks

AHEAD

1 hour before

going to bed March 9th!

All Saints' Holy Week schedule :

- Mar 24 **One service only**
11am Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday and Confirmation
- Mar 25 7:30am Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
- Mar 26 7:30am Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
- Mar 27 12pm Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
- Mar 28 6pm Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist in the Church
- Mar 29 Office closed
Good Friday liturgy at 12pm and 6pm in the Church
- Mar 30 9am Holy Saturday liturgy in the Church
7:30pm Great Vigil of Easter, and feast to follow
- Mar 31 **One service only**
10am Easter Eucharist
Reception to follow with Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr 1 Office closed



Easter means flowers and greenery! If you would like to help offset the cost of the beautiful decorations for the church, please use this form to make memorials or thanksgivings for loved ones, and turn it and your donation (suggested: \$50) in to the church office. **The deadline is Tuesday, Mar 26.**

Please **PRINT** the name(s) as you would like them to appear. Check M(emorial) or T(hanksgiving)

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Sunday, March 10, 2013

Third Sunday in Lent

The Lessons

[Joshua 5:9-12](#)

[Psalm 32](#)

[2 Corinthians 5:16-21](#)

[Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32](#)

The Collect of the Day

Undignified God, spirit of dangerous feasts, inviting the unclean to your table: find us in the far country of hopelessness and greed; free us from the prison of resentment and envy and bring us back to life; through Jesus Christ, the friend of sinners. Amen.

Those Who Serve

Altar Guild: Jeff Clearman, Martha Harris, Rosemary Williams, Julie Praytor, Ellen Wingard

Bread Bakers: Jeff Clearman, Betty Bentley

Flower Guild: Beth Hardaway, Charlotte Hall

Breakfast: Clark Kelly, Curt Doyle, Will Hester, Jim Rivers

Reception:

8:00am

Lector: Joe Basenberg

Intercessor: Bill Evatt

Chalice: Serena Willcox

Ushers: The Souths

Greeter: Renee Dillard

11:00am

Lectors: Michael Morrison, Marlena Kelley

Intercessor: Frances Rouse

Chalices: Lister Thomas, Cora Cade-Lemmon

Acolytes: Boone, David, & Dustin Reeves

Ushers: Ricky Bradford, Henry Callaway, Alan Blair

Music

Voluntary Johann Sebastian Bach – *O Mensch, Bewien' Dein Sünde Gross*, BWV 622

Processional Hymn 686 *Nettleton*

James McGregor S-89 *Kyrie eleison*

Peter Hallock – *Psalm 32*

Sequence Hymn 471 *Breslau*

Jeffrey Smith – *The Nicene Creed*

Offertory Anthem Thomas Attwood – *Turn Thy Face From My Sins*

Presentation Hymn 411 *St. Thomas (Williams)*

Robert Powell S-129 *Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit*

Robert Powell S-163 *Agnus Dei*

Communion Hymn 469 *St. Helena*

Motet Henry Purcell – *Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts*

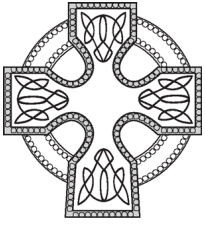
Post Communion Hymn 690 *Cwm Rhondda*

Processional Johann Sebastian Bach – *Fugue in D minor*, BWV 538

Please keep in your prayers:

✚ For healing for: Deon Bourassa, Jim Haynes, Rick Hunt, Karly Dodson, Achol Guet, Barbara Blum-Barnett, Caroline Fletcher, Joe Camp, Cheryl Winters-Heard, Dorothy Clark, Mackenzie Petersen, Tom Wilson, Glenda Bazzell, Nancy Hartley, Shannon Lord, Mit Kopf, Sybil Wilson, Francis Argulewicz, Nancy Golson Smith, Charlie Myers, Trinity Church, Nancy Quittmeyer, Regina Slayton, Julie Tadlock, Eleanor Mae Hunt, David Leff, Angelo Harris, Melanie Wright, Steven Bodiford, Walter Sims, Mitch Price, Austin Brown, Barbara Deming, John Stephens, 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



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Burl Ratcliffe

Clayton Ryan

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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

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Flower Guild: Katharine Flowers

Food Share: Mark Taylor, Burl Ratcliffe

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IHN/Family Promise: Henry Brewster

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Long-Range Planning: Curt Doyle

Nursery: Elizabeth Doyle, Amy Hunter, Jim Ayres

Parish Development: Clark Kelly

Property: Ricky Bradford

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Ushers: Harold Dodge, Louie Wood

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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)