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Welcome to the Episcopal Church in Bay Head

For All the Saints



Senior Warden's note>>>

Greetings....

I am humbled to find myself in the position of your Senior Warden, but that's exactly what I intend to be—*your* Senior Warden.

I want everyone to feel comfortable approaching me with ideas, thoughts, constructive criticism, and support! Because with your support, we can all work together to continue to foster our faith family.

We have so many wonderful opportunities here at All Saints for everyone to participate in and the rewards are great!

Please watch for announcements of upcoming Lenten activities, Bible studies, and worship opportunities, starting with our Mardi Gras celebration.

I look forward to working with you and for you.

Chris Kyse

The Rector's Corner

Liturgical In-Between Time

We have just finished the final sorting and packing away of the many things that were used in our celebrations of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Everything has found its way back into marked boxes and onto designated shelves in the attic spaces about Bristol Hall and the upstairs classrooms. Just like at home, the process of putting things away does not

have the anticipation that accompanies unpacking the treasures. On Sunday, 2/2, we marked The Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple, also known as Candlemas, and that truly is the end of the infant narrative cycle.

We are now in the midst of just about a month of in-between time. The next liturgical season is, of course, Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5. In-between times can serve a number of purposes. They provide an opportunity to pause and catch our breath. In the church calendar, it is called Ordinary time or the Sundays after Epiphany. Beginning the Sunday after Epiphany, the color is green, and the focus is on hearing through Scriptures the revelation of Jesus' true

identity. The next Sunday was the Baptism and the last Sunday before we cross over into Lent is The Feast of the Transfiguration.

The word epiphany is Greek for manifestation. During this time, we are invited to allow the teachings to wash over us as Jesus is more and more revealed as God incarnate.

It's a huge truth. It's a reality that surpasses human understanding. It is something that we come to accept by faith.

In-between, I think, is an accurate description within conversations of faith. My belief of Jesus Christ as my strength and Redeemer is clear, and at the same time, I move in-between certainty and questioning. I live in the in-between. Maybe you do, too.

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Liturgical In-Between Time

The Sundays after Epiphany offer us the time and place to hear it again and essentially to pack those stories and truths into our bags, because we will need all of those with us to enter into Lent and keep faithful with Jesus as the going gets tough for Jesus and to build up our own reserves for when the going gets rough for us.

Faithfully, Kathryn+

At our parish in Madison, NJ, we were fortunate to participate in the Daily Office of Evening Prayer regularly. By incorporating Evening Prayer into our routine, we were able to deepen our spiritual life and gain a sense of peace and relaxation after an active day. It can be a wonderful blessing, helping in moments of trouble and inspiring us to pray for those we know and those we may not have ever met. It can teach us to listen and wait for the Lord to speak to us through a community of faith. There were many times we left Evening Prayer feeling it was the best thing we did all day.

Michael and Francine Ling

New offering: Evening Prayer in Lent

We will be offering Evening Prayer on Mondays and Fridays at 5:30 p.m. during Lent.

This brief service from the *Book of Common Prayer* is a meaningful way to close the work day and move into the evening hours. This spoken service, which is meant to fit into a stop on your way home from work or before heading out to supper, lasts about 20 minutes.

Please consider making this part of your Lenten observance so that All Saints can begin a new tradition in our parish Lenten observance.



The Gifts of God for the people of God

Thank you for your flexibility and support as I continue to move us toward a pattern for receiving Holy Eucharist that respects personal piety and practice and aligns with diocesan expectations and our post-COVID health practices..

Keeping in mind that it is our theology that reception in “one kind” is full and complete communion, it is your decision to receive the bread, wine, or both. You may also participate in communion by coming forward for a blessing without receiving either of the elements.

While it may be logistically easier to have those who want to drink from the chalice go to one side of the communion rail and those who want to instinct/dip go to the other, I do not want to split the congregation or families at the rail. I also am committed to maintaining a practice that allows each worshiper the space to focus on the grace of coming to be fed without distraction or wondering where to go. We come together to worship in unity, are fed in unity, and are sent forth together to serve.

Our bishop has directed that individuals should not instinct/dip their own host into the chalice. This rule is meant to prevent our fingers from coming in contact with the wine. We have used a shallow bowl to prevent this. However, to allow some to drink from the chalice and others to instinct at all places at the rail, we now have two chalices and two shallow bowls—and it is very crowded.

Therefore, beginning in Lent, our practice will be as follows

- ✦ We will no longer use the shallow bowls for intinction.
- ✦ You may drink from the chalice.
- ✦ If you prefer to receive the wine by intinction, you will hand the host to the eucharistic minister who will dip the tip of the host into the wine and hand it back to you for you to consume.

I know this is another change. Changes may take time to become comfortable. This practice will allow us to adhere to diocesan requirements and accommodate personal piety for reception of the bread and wine while allowing everyone to come to the rail focused only on the grace of being fed the sacred meal of Eucharist.

‘The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.’

Faithfully, Kathryn+

Exploring Lent

Although Lent is a somber time, it is a busy one as we examine our faith. Before we begin the spiritual heavy lifting, we will once again celebrate Mardi Gras on March 4 at 6 p.m. with a festive meal, the burning of palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday, and burying the Alleluias.



Please sign up on the bulletin board to attend and help make the jambalaya. And on March 9, we will have pancakes after 10:15 service!

Lenten Study

This year we're using The Discovery Series, produced by the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, as our jumping off point. Brief videos will open the discussion for each session. In the first two sessions of this five-session program, we will assess our spiritual gifts, our individual place in ministry, and the importance of personal involvement. Then, we will spend three sessions exploring how our stories are reflections of the biblical story and how the sharing of our stories is an important aspect of sharing the faith.

Each Wednesday session is offered twice for your convenience. The morning session runs from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and concludes with Noonday Prayers. After a soup and salad supper at 6:15, the evening session begins at 6:45 and concludes with a 15-minute service of Compline

Outreach Meeting scheduled

Please join us for our second Outreach Meeting, Sunday, March 23, following 10:15 a.m. service. This meeting builds on the June 2024 initial session and continues the conversation about All Saints' plans and goals for Outreach in 2025 and beyond.

John Copman



at 7:45 p.m.. Participants are encouraged to volunteer to supply a soup or salad.

Lent Madness

Modeled after March Madness, the brackets pit one saint against another instead of basketball teams. This year, those of you who want "in on the action" will read a short piece about one saint each day. Your votes will be cast online with those of others across the Episcopal Church, moving selected saints up the brackets until, just before Easter, one prevails and is awarded the coveted Golden Halo. We'll post the large bracket in Bristol Hall, along with the saints' biographies.

New This Year

In addition to a service of **Evening Prayer** (see p. 2), we are hoping to arrange a **Lenten Retreat** at St. Marguerite's Retreat House in Mendham from 3/30 to 4/1. The two nights' lodging, six meals, and program supplies cost \$200. Details are available by the bulletin board. **Please respond ASAP, if you're interested in joining us!**

And we will continue our Ash Wednesday tradition of offering commuters "Ashes-to-Go" at the Bay Head train station on March 5 (see p. 4). Early birds, please let Kathryn know if you can help.

Parish Family News

As many of you may know, the first couple of months in 2025 have been unusually eventful.

Bob McIntyre and Leslie Bird entered God's immediate presence in January. A Celebration of Life service for Bob is slated for April 5, while one for Les is planned for May. Details will be forthcoming.

Meanwhile, we continue to keep in our prayers several members who suffered broken legs (Anne Bishop, Penny Witt, and Mark Durham, who also needed surgery to his hip), and another (Connie Fortenbaugh) who is recovering from two broken ribs and a compression fracture!

But we have also celebrated the births of two little saints. Cheryl and Clayton Smith have a new grandson, Wesley, who joins his older brother, 2-year-old Lucas. And most recently, Savanna Rose Pavacic was welcomed by her older siblings, Jackson and Gracie, and parents Melissa and Chris Pavacic. Their delighted grandparents are Mark and Linda Carduner.

Please remember to send your news to megberesik@comcast.net

Looking ahead

Keep up with the latest service schedule and events at All Saints by visiting our parish website: www.allsaintsbayhead.org.



All Sunday 10:15 services can be livestreamed via the All Saints Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsbayhead/>

Sundays year-round

8 and 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Nave

Wednesdays year-round

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Nave

Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer in the Nave

Ash Wednesday – March 5 (see p. 3)

6:30 – 8 a.m. Ashes-to-Go at the Bay Head train station

8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist and imposition of ashes

Lenten Study – Wednesdays, beginning March 12 (see p. 3)

10:30 a.m. followed by Noonday Prayers

6:45 p.m. after Soup & Salad Supper (6:15 p.m.) and followed by Compline

Meet your new vestry member – Hilary Morse



Thank you for confirming my nomination as the newest Vestry member of All Saints. My specific ministry/area of responsibility will be as liaison for the Women's Guild, part of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW). Our mission is one of outreach and inreach service, with monthly meetings, events, fellowship, and fun which all women and older girls

of the parish are encouraged to attend. A lifelong Episcopalian, I grew up in Chatham, NJ (St. Paul's), was married to my husband Wayne in Christ Church (Short Hills), and later raised our family in Watchung (All Saints, Millington), before moving to Point Pleasant permanently four years ago. Married for almost 36 years, Wayne and I have three daughters—Chandler (32), Megan (30), and Alexandra (27)—two dogs and two cats. After a busy career in the retirement benefits field and financial sales, I am enjoying living at the beach, meeting new people, entertaining, cooking healthy meals, walking/hiking, reading, and spending time with family and friends, and being welcomed into All Saints. I look forward to faithfully serving this parish on the Vestry!

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Celebrating our saints >>>

Birthdays:

- 2/1: Cynthia Campbell, Joseph Canales, Clayton Smith
- 2/2: Phyllis Kata, Jack Pavacic
- 2/3: Craig Beresik
- 2/5: Sadie Burd
- 2/6: Lindsay Mackin
- 2/9: Bill Rogers
- 2/13: Gerald Harvey
- 2/14: Steven Beresik
- 2/16: Penny Witt
- 2/18: Heather Ward

Anniversaries:

- 2/7: Chris & Larry Kyse
- 2/23: Bruce Bossidy & Dede Pickering
- 2/25: John & Lori Copman



Don't forget to sign up for Mardi Gras dinner, March 4, at 6 p.m.

And on March 9, stay for pancake breakfast following 10:15 a.m. service!