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**Saints Alive!: News & Announcements for the week of March 17, 2019**

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## ***Saints' Alive!***

**News & Events for the week of March 17, 2019**

### **Weekly Calendar**

#### **Sunday 3/17**

8:00a Celtic Holy  
Eucharist  
9:15a Adult Forum  
10:30a Holy Eucharist

#### **Monday 3/18**

Rummage Set Up  
4:00p BT Art  
7:00p AA

#### **Tuesday 3/19**

Rummage Set Up  
4:00p Bound Together  
6:00p Spirituality Group

#### **Wednesday 3/20**

Rummage Set Up  
4:00 Bound Together  
7:00p Lenten Program  
7:30p Choir

### **The Second Sunday in Lent**

Readings for this Week:

[Genesis 15:1-12,17-18](#)  
[Philippians 3:17-4:1](#)  
[Luke 13:31-35](#)  
[Psalm 27](#)

**Presider and Preacher:** The Rev. Dr. Chris Johnson



**Thursday 3/21**

Rummage Set Up  
4:00p Bound Together

**Friday 3/22**

Rummage Set Up  
11:00a AA

**Saturday 3/23**

8:00a Community  
Breakfast  
10:00a  
Resale/Produce/Book  
Shop

**Future Events**

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Apr 3-6 Rummage Sale  
Apr 14 Palm Sunday  
Apr 19 Good Friday  
Apr 20 Vigil  
Apr 21 Easter Day

*When you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-24)*

This quote from Matthew's gospel was added as an offertory sentence for Holy Communion in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. It doesn't have a parallel in the other gospels per se. It anticipates our celebration of Jesus' institution of the last supper long before Jesus begins to teach his disciples about the road ahead. All this aside, with this addition our Episcopal Church has chosen to emphasize the importance of reconciliation as a requisite for partaking in Holy Communion. While this offertory sentence is not reserved for a particular liturgical season, Lent certainly provides an appropriate opportunity to provoke our consciences and encourage us to be intentional about trying to reconcile our relationships. As we open ourselves to the vulnerability that accompanies such efforts, we also open ourselves to receive grace and healing that can only come through the power of the Holy Spirit. And after all, Lent is a time for healing and renewal.

We adopted a budget this past January that depends on a total effort by this congregation. That total effort will only come to fruition when we are truly willing to labor side by side for the common work of building the body of Christ here at All Saints'. The annual Spring Rummage Sale and Easter Celebration are two fast approaching, really high impact opportunities for us to bear witness to God's power and mercy at work in our midst. Each of us are being called to step up our commitment in order for that to happen.

So what do our budget and reconciliation have to do with each other? Our budget depends upon both individual pledge offerings and corporate fund raising efforts as a further offering. In January, we adopted aggressive 2019 budget goals for our Rummage sales and Resale Shop that assumed we would step up our game as volunteers willing to labor for successful campaigns. Now is the time for us to commit ourselves by our deeds to make this happen. Now is the time for us to focus on what's possible when we work for the common good. Everyone can contribute to extend invitation to friends and neighbors, help with internal and external communications, marketing, set-up, cashier, bagging, searching, greeting and helping, praying...the list is long. Everyone has something to contribute. Reconciliation, where needed, frees us to joyfully work together. And when people in the world around us

experience something of God's loving Spirit present in our midst they too may be inspired to seek to deepen their relationships with God through participation in this community.

Drop me an email to tell me how you can help and I will be sure you are given that opportunity.

Grace and peace upon you,  
Chris  
rector@allsaintspontiac.org

## Lay Eucharistic Visitors

The 1979 Book of Common Prayer put its emphasis on the ministry of all the baptized. This emphasis marked a decided shift away from clergy centric ministry. Liturgies instituting new priests as rectors today even reflect that shift as they incorporate echoes of the baptismal liturgy right from the beginning with the familiar words:

	There is one Body and one Spirit;
People	There is one hope in God's call to us;
Bishop	One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People	One God, Creator of all.

And even more directly the bishop later asked of us during my institution as rector:

Chris; people of All Saints': in Holy Baptism we receive full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

To which we replied together

**We will with God's help.**

Today, in 2019, we continue the long, sometimes fast changing, while at other times the slow shift, towards a fully developed ministry of all the baptized. As rector of All Saints', I believe that intended shift is reflective of a wider cultural shift away from a directive culture of autocratic institutional leadership towards a more inclusive collaborative culture of shared leadership.

As one more step towards the reinforcement of that intended shift, I would like to draw attention to the Episcopal Church's provision for Lay Eucharistic

Visitors. LEVs as they are frequently referred to, are baptized members of the congregation who visit and bring the Sunday Eucharist into the homes of shut-in congregants. This ministry not only allows the shut-in parishioner to hear parts of that day's worship service and to receive the consecrated elements of bread and wine, but it also reminds us as members of the congregation that we are with each other spiritually even in our physical absence. That connection itself strengthens our community. The 2016 Parish Profile reported that All Saints' had six Lay Eucharistic Visitors, though I only know of two today. I would like to ask us to consider changing that reality as an intentional act of pastoral ministry that is committed to both empowering our lay leadership and to strengthening the bonds of love that bind us to each other as a congregation.

Please pray about Lay Eucharistic Visitor ministry as it might be here at All Saints'. If you believe someone you know would serve our community well in that capacity, please ask them if they would consider this as an opportunity to discern that possible call further. I will seek training for our members through the resources of the diocese and plan to commission those ministers during our Pentecost worship, June 09th.

As always, feel free to ask questions.

Chris Johnson

## Quotes to Ponder

Prayer changes our brains and our behavior. What we say and do on Sunday informs and shapes how we act and think on Thursday and Monday and every other day. When we spend our time in prayer focused on gratitude, we become more grateful people. When we pray for peace, we begin to act more peacefully. Our prayers become a deep and meaningful part of us, words that are truly learned by heart, being taken into ourselves and shaping us.

Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe, [Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices](#)

Authenticity is not something you have; it is something you choose.

Susan Scott, [Fierce Conversations: Achieving Success at Work & in Life One Conversation at a Time](#)

## Adult Forum

Adult Forum session, March 17:

Celtic Christianity: Nature, Women and Power. We will hear and discuss presentations on this unique and ancient expression of our faith. Many among us have a taste for Celtic Christianity since our 8:00 a.m. service is heavily influenced by it. It is the version of Christianity that was practiced in the British Isles in the days of Sts. Patrick and Brigid of Kildare. It has much to say about Church life today. We meet in the Library at 9:15 a.m.

## Lenten Programs

### Study Opportunities during Lent

Sunday morning.

Adult Forum from 9:15-10:15 Topics vary weekly.

Contacts are Jim Lewis at [jameswmlewis@earthlink.net](mailto:jameswmlewis@earthlink.net) and Michelle Lane at [michelle.lane@roeper.org](mailto:michelle.lane@roeper.org).

March 17th	Scripture/Bible Study
March 24th	Christian Response to Contemporary Issues
March 31st	TBA
April 07th	Spiritual Growth
April 14th	Contemplative Practice

Monday evenings.

7:00-9:00pm 2nd Mondays Movie Group. Contact is Lisa Uchno at [uchnoj@yahoo.com](mailto:uchnoj@yahoo.com).

The April 14th movie choice will be posted soon.

7:00-9:00pm (usually) 3rd Mondays Book Group. Contact is Ginny Meyer at [jpmeyer9194@comcast.net](mailto:jpmeyer9194@comcast.net). The March 25th book study will discuss, [The Bucolic Plague: How Two Manhattanites Became Gentlemen Farmers: An Unconventional Memoir](#), written by Josh Kilmer-Purcell.

The April 22nd (4th Monday due to Holy Week) book study will be determined during the March 25th gathering.

Tuesday evenings.

6:00-8:30pm Exploring Spirituality group (includes a light dinner). Contact is Mary Beth Tygielski at [tally\\_mb@yahoo.com](mailto:tally_mb@yahoo.com). This group will be discussing the book, [The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus' Final Days in Jerusalem](#), written by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan.

Wednesday evenings.

7:00-8:00pm An Introduction to the Episcopal Church. Contacts are Chris Johnson [rector@allsaintspontiac.org](mailto:rector@allsaintspontiac.org) and Chris Berg [jcberg5301@comcast.net](mailto:jcberg5301@comcast.net). The Revs. Chris Berg and Chris Johnson will enter into a discussion based on their experiences of the Episcopal Church and inspired by conversation in the recently released book, Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices, written by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe.

## Rummage Set Up

We will begin setting up for our Spring rummage sale on Saturday, March 16, at 9:00 a.m. The first task will be assembling tables in the gym.

Our hope is that with the change of set-up date to a "non-working" Saturday, we will be able to recruit more able-bodied individuals to assist us.

Everyone is invited to participate and any help will be greatly appreciated. Please consider joining us!

Sign-up sheets are posted. Please take a moment to mark those day(s) on which you will be available. Evening hours are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Name Tags

If you would like to have a new or replacement name tag prepared, please email the office at [allsaints@allsaintspontiac.org](mailto:allsaints@allsaintspontiac.org) with your request. You may also drop a note in the offering plate.

## Pastoral Care, Notes & Birthdays

### Prayers

For those who have asked for our prayers: Ali, Alicia, Annamary, Bruce, Charles, Chris and Lisa, Chris and Margie, Connie, Cory, David, Delphine, Ernie, Glenden, Gordie, Greg, Harry, Jan, Janet, Jean,

John, Larry, Lenora, Lewis and family, Lisa, Lori,  
Louis and family, Micah, Michelle, Paul, Reatha,  
Sarah, Shari, Shirley, Steven, Susy, Sydney,  
Tim, and Twyla.

**Birthdays:**

**Notes**

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