

ALL SAINTS' BULLETIN
The Monthly Newsletter of All Saints'
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Dear Friends,

This month I am yielding my space to Father Brown who is writing to you about All Saints' response to the coronavirus. This is a public health threat which we will be monitoring closely. Father Brown concludes his letter with helpful references to spiritual resources. I would encourage all of you to remind yourself of Psalm 91 which Will+ references. We would all worry ourselves far less about a whole host of things if we had that Psalm memorized!

There are two items which I want to address briefly.

The first is to thank all of you who contributed time and talent to the Community Outreach Auction and who were generous in your bidding and underwriting. Expenses yet have to be finally tallied but it is clear that we netted in excess of \$52,000 which is wonderful. Our special thanks go to Mercer Watt who was this year's auction chair, to Rozzie Davis who was a terrific support, and to Libby Bracken who provided staff back-up.

Secondly, I want to once again encourage you to make Lent an important part of your spiritual life, both individually and as a part of the All Saints' family. It touched me deeply to see 130 of you 'make a right beginning' on Ash Wednesday, which is double what we have averaged over the years.

Every Blessing,
Paul+

February 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday

Dear Friends,

Father Paul asked me to write to you concerning the coronavirus that has been in the news lately, and about which some members of our All Saints' family have expressed concern.

Yesterday (Feb. 25) officials with the Centers for Disease Control said that Americans should be prepared for the virus to begin to spread within communities here in the US, although it does not seem to have done so yet. "It's not so much of a question of if this will happen anymore but rather more of a question of exactly when this will happen," said Dr. Nancy Messonnier, director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases.

I wanted therefore to update you briefly on our precautions here at the church, and suggest some ways that we can all prepare.

1. Don't panic. Although some people in our country have contracted coronavirus, all of them have contracted it while traveling abroad. As of today, as far as anyone is aware, coronavirus is not spreading within or among any communities here in the United States. Furthermore, there is significantly more risk posed by the regular seasonal flu epidemic than by coronavirus. Even for those who have contracted coronavirus, the overwhelming majority of them have recovered with no lasting side-effects.
2. The biggest threat posed by coronavirus is social disruption. It would be prudent to make sure you have a

sufficient supply of necessities on hand in case it became necessary to stay home for an extended period, or should the normal distribution of goods and services be disrupted. Such supplies would include food, water, and medical supplies. The Federal Emergency Management Agency recommends that families maintain a basic level of such preparedness even in normal circumstances. You can read an in-depth guide to citizen preparedness here: <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/7877>.

3. Stay home from work if you are sick.
4. Wash your hands frequently. During the SARS epidemic some years ago, hand-washing reduced the risk of spreading the disease by 30 to 50 percent, according to Dr. Trish Perl, an infectious disease specialist at UT Southwestern Medical Center.
5. Be generally cautious about hygiene. Cough into your elbow. Press elevator buttons with a knuckle instead of your fingertip. Try to avoid touching your face. Make sure surfaces in your home are disinfected. Alcohol and many common cleaners such as Lysol kill coronavirus and most other dangerous germs.
6. Don't wait until the last minute to refill prescriptions. Keep at least a 30 day supply of important medications in case they were to become unavailable or you were unable to get out and about.
7. Families with young children should make sure they have a month's supply of necessities for them too: baby formula, diapers, laundry detergent, etc. And don't forget your pets.

8. If you haven't already done so, get a flu shot. Infectious disease experts also recommend that older people get vaccinated for pneumococcal pneumonia. Although neither vaccine affects coronavirus, contracting coronavirus can make it easier for pneumonia to take hold, so being vaccinated can reduce that risk. Also, if there were to be an outbreak of coronavirus locally, it would help not to have to divert medical resources to treat people with other preventable illnesses.

9. Some people have expressed concern about receiving communion from a common chalice. Our bishop-elect, Canon Frank Logue, recently pointed out that this issue has actually been studied by scientists. In 1998 an article in the American Journal of Infection Control found that "no documented transmission of any infectious disease has ever been traced to the use of the common communion cup." Those who are still concerned may receive communion by intinction, allowing the minister of the chalice to dip the host into the chalice and place it on your tongue, or you may receive the host only. Because Christ cannot be divided, the Church has for many centuries recognized that by receiving either species (bread or wine) by itself, the communicant receives Christ himself, whole and entire. This consideration is relevant also to those who may have concerns about receiving communion for other reasons, such as alcoholics or people with gluten allergies.

10. The leadership of All Saints' will be meeting in the coming weeks to consider ways All Saints' can prepare and assist further should circumstances warrant.

Psalm 91 says "Thou shalt not be afraid... for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the

noon-day.... It shall not come nigh thee." As in every circumstance, our hope is in the Lord, and we may be assured that all will be well.

Finally, I would ask you to pray for those people and communities that have been visited by this sickness, that they may be delivered and that we all may be spared. I commend for your use the prayer on p. 45 of the Prayer Book, *In Time of Great Sickness and Mortality*:

"O Most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succour. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Pax,
Will +

ALTAR GUILD NEWS

The season of Lent is upon us. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, and for the five Sundays in March, our liturgical color is purple, which is symbolic of penitence. There will be no flowers on the altar during this time, with the exception of violets on Mothering Sunday. Meanwhile, we are delighted to announce that Angie Irvin has joined the Altar Guild. Welcome aboard, Angie!

Patti Poppell

EYC

We've made it to March, which means we've entered the season of Lent. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, March 8 at the home of Fr. Paul and Cynthia, where we'll talk about, wait for it, Lent! What is Lent? What does it mean for me? How do we do things differently than any other time of the year?

Switching gears for our March 29 gathering, we're going to see a movie! Watch your emails for movie and meet up time.

As always, friends are welcome to join in on the EYC fun! No need to be Episcopalian - just be ready to enjoy fun and community.

See y'all soon!
Peace and Blessings,
Liz Williams
(404)202-7284

ECW BOOK CLUB

A very special thank you to Nancy McCollum, who did a terrific job leading the book club members and many guests in a discussion on how important a part education played in the lives of the three main characters in recent book club selections: *Educated* by Tara Westover, *Hillbilly Elegy a memoir* by J.D.Vance and *Crescendo* by Allen Cheney and Julie Cantrell.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday March 11th at 11:50 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The book to be discussed will be "*My Mrs. Brown*" a novel by William Norwich. The New York Times described it as, "Timeless, poignant, and appealing, *My Mrs. Brown* is "a contemporary fairy tale...a gentle rebuke to today's hyped-up fashion culture".

If you have the time and would like to get a head start our April 8th selection is *"Gertie: The Fabulous Life of Gertrude Sanford Legendre, Heiress, Explorer, Socialite"* by Kathryn Smith.

Please plan on joining us for a lively discussion and don't forget to bring a brown bag lunch. We'll supply the drinks and some sweets.

Maureen Monsalvatge

ECW NEWS

In February we had a fun afternoon in the Brookwood Art Room. Father Will, Kate and Carol Singletary were our hosts. We heard about St. Valentine and the Creation of Icons. Our group (4-year olds – great-grands) made Valentines for Woodleaf residents. Thank “you all – a fun and informative get together.”

In March Dr. Chip and Kim Bragg will host our meeting on Thursday, March 26. “How one thing leads to another.” (Time and place to be announced!)

Lee Chubb
Lee Mitchell

ATTENTION VESTRY

The Vestry will have its regular monthly meeting in the Parish Hall Library at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 15.

BOOK BY FATHER BUECHNER

Father Buechner has published a book entitled Grace Notes: The Unheard Music, Sermons and Other Reflections on the Mutuality of Religion and the Humanities. It will be of interest to all those who know Father Buechner and many of the sermons were delivered at All Saints'. You may order a copy by calling the office and speaking to Nikki. They are \$25.00 each.

ALL SAINTS' YOGA

Join us for yoga every Monday at 5:15 p.m. and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the parish hall nursery.
(There will be no class on Monday, March 30.)

EASTER LILIES

Those of you who would like to give memorial and thanksgiving lilies for Easter, please call the Church office before Friday, March 27. EVEN IF you have given in the past, please call (228-9242) or e-mail (allsaint@rose.net) to confirm or cancel your order. The cost of the lilies is \$15 each.

MEALS MINISTRY

The All Saints Meal Ministry is our "Meals on Wheels"— a dedicated ministry for our parishioners, providing a meal —at times more than one — perhaps following illness, death, childbirth — whatever the need. Please contact Dale Gurley, Debbie Beeson, or the Church Office if you are aware of a need with any of our parishioners, please do not hesitate to let us know how we can assist.

Dale Gurley 224-0331 Debbie Beeson 403-9016

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AUCTION

I thank everyone for all of your contributions that made the Auction evening a success. Irene and John Gleason, and their terrific team for a fabulous dinner. Rozzie Davis for her leadership and hard work. Libby and Nikki for their many hours of work in advance, during and after Auction night. Everyone who stayed after church last Sunday to decorate. Everyone who showed up to set up the silent auction. The check in and checkout team. Charlie for being the auctioneer and everyone who cleaned up and performed all the necessary tasks to get it done!

Mercer Watt

USHERS FOR MARCH

March 1 Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

The First Sunday in Lent
John Brinson
Stephen Boltja

March 8 Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.

The Second Sunday in Lent
John Carico
Claud Davis

March 15 Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

The Third Sunday in Lent
Howell Ferguson
CB Grubbs

March 22 Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday in Lent
John Glenn
Brad Alexander

March 29 Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Paul Gurley
John Hand

LENTEN PROGRAM
ANGLICAN'S BELIEVE

6:00 p.m.

Lent 1: Wednesday, March 4:

God the Trinity

Lent 2: Wednesday, March 11:

Faith

Lent 3: Wednesday, March 18:

The Bible

Lent 4: Wednesday, March 25:

Prayer

Lent 5: Wednesday, April 1:

The Book of Common Prayer

TRANSITIONS:

Happy Birthday in March to:

Raleigh Rollins	3-2-01
Benjamin A Watts	3-6-07
Harrison Wright	3-11-99
Campbell Avery Smith, Jr.	3-11-09
Caroline Treadway Miller	3-21-05
John Moreton (Jack)	3-28-01

Happy Birthday in April to:

Olivia Anne Enright	4-4-02
Caroline Rossiter Cobb	4-8-10
Rosslyn Ellis Johnson	4-9-14
Elizabeth Anne Rollins	4-14-03
Jack Boltja	4-21-03
Peyton Middleton	4-25-01
John Treadwell (Jack) Josey, Jr.	4-29-07

Holy Week 2020
Schedule of Services

Palm Sunday – April 5

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion &
Reading of the Passion
5:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday – April 9

7:00 p.m. Commemoration of the
Institution of the Lord's Supper
Stripping of the Altar and
Procession to the Altar of Repose

Good Friday – April 10

Noon Day Service
6:30 p.m. Simple Lenten Supper
7:30 p.m. Concert

Holy Saturday – April 11

8:00 p.m. Holy Communion &
the Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday – April 12

9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
10:30 a.m. Holy Communion
(No Evening Service)