



The Epistle

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Message from Christian,

Dear Parishioners,

As we near the close of the Season of Epiphany, the Season of Light, we give thanks to God for all the wonders of this season. It has allowed us to revel in the many gifts God has given us especially in the person of Jesus, the light of the world. We will close the season with the Last Sunday of Epiphany on March 6 as we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord with great solemnity and joy.

As a community, we will gather for a delicious Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 7 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will return last year's favor and invite our friends from Emmanuel Church, Wakefield to join us. I hope that you will come and bring your family and/or friends for pancakes and sausage lovingly prepared by Dennis Moreno, Jim Leis and others. Please, plan to come and have fun.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Services with Ashes on March 8. We will have Services at 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. It is a wonderful, prayerful and solemn way to begin the Season of Lent in which we step back, reflect on our lives and ask God to journey with us through Lent to Holy Week and on to Easter Sunday, the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As you will see throughout this Epistle, there are many things going on at All Saints. We continue to move forward and shine the light of Christ to those in Stoneham, Reading, Wakefield and beyond. You are that light, and I am very grateful for your continued commitment to God and the ministry we share at All Saints.



The Mississippi Delta near my family home 02.06.11

May you be blest in your prayer and spiritual journey. May you find the upcoming Season of Lent, its powerful Sundays, Lenten Wednesdays with soup, bread and discussions as well as you own personal prayer a time of great meaning and transformation. May your Season of Lent prepare your mind and heart for the glory of Easter, the memorial of our salvation, and our witness to God's abundance to us through Jesus, our Lord.

Peace and blessings to you and all those whom you love and cherish,
Christian+

New Wardens and Vestry Members

We are very grateful to Kelly Dickey and Allain Collins who have assumed the roles of Co-Wardens and to Rob Webber, Carol Nickerson, Mary Muir and Jeff DiTullio (new Vestry members) who will join Sandy Conlon, Joe Watson and Derek Lee as Vestry Members-at-Large and to Ann Marie Viglione (Treasurer) and Steve Dapkiewicz (Clerk) for offering their time, gifts and talents to serve God and the Parish as Vestry members in 2011. Many thanks to Tina Brown who continues to serve as Assistant Treasurer for the Parish. May God bless them for their commitment, enthusiasm and willingness to serve in this vital and important ministry at All Saints.

LENTEN OFFERINGS

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, March 8

The tradition continues with All Saints hosting the yearly pancake supper in conjunction with our friends at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Wakefield. Coordinators and volunteers are needed for the fun! Please, see Dennis Moreno. The supper will last from 5:00-7:00 pm. A free-will offering will be received. See you there!

Ash Wednesday Services: March 9 at 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Please, plan to begin your Lenten observance with Eucharist and the imposition of Ashes either at noon or at 7:00 p.m. on March 8 here at All Saints. Ash Wednesday is a powerful expression of who we are as Christians and our need to retreat from our busy lives to step back for an hour to remember God's love for us.

Wednesdays in Lent at All Saints: Stations of the Cross Discussion

Mark your calendar and plan to be at Church for soup and a discussion on the 'Stations of the Cross' on Wednesdays March 16, 23, 30 and April 6 and 13. Soup and bread will be served at 6:45 pm. Our time of reflection and discussion will begin at 7:00 pm and end by 8:15 pm. Volunteers are needed to provide soup and bread. Please, see Kelly Dickey if you can be of assistance.

Know Your Faith in 2011 Saturday, March 12

If you have questions and desire more knowledge about the Episcopal Church and the Tradition in which you worship and want to more fully embrace it, please, consider this opportunity. Our next gathering will be March 12 at 10:00 am in the Mission House. If you would like more information, please, see Christian. Thanks!

Spring Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation in the Church

If you have not been confirmed or formally received into the Episcopal Church and would like more information about that process, please contact me. Please, let me know. I would be happy to talk with you.

~Christian+

Spring Diocesan Learning Event March 5

Please, consider attending the Massachusetts Episcopal Diocesan Spring Learning Event on Saturday, March 5th. This year's event on "*Exploring Mission in an Emerging Culture*" will be at St. Paul's Cathedral.

If you have not been to our Cathedral, this would be an ideal time to see and experience this beautiful historic building.

For information and to register visit:
<http://epvboston.eventbrite.com>

We're hoping that All Saints will be well represented to learn more about this powerful topic as well as to represent All Saints. Cost is \$35 per person. If you would like to go but the cost is prohibitive, please let me know.

~Christian+

Food Collection Sunday is March 6

Next Sunday is our first Food Collection Sunday. Please, remember to bring non-perishable food that will be taken to the First Congregational Church of Stoneham for their service to those in need. Next Sunday is also the last Sunday of Epiphany. Our celebration will mark the end of the Season of Light as we begin our preparation for the Season of Lent which begins on Wednesday, March 9.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Red Sox Tickets Raffle and Spaghetti Dinner

All Saints is raffling off two pairs of Red Sox tickets worth \$116 each pair - one game is on Monday, April 11 (Tampa Bay) and the second is on Monday, May 2 (Angels). The seats are on the third base side, excellent foul ball territory. The raffle tickets are now available. Please, take and sell as many as you can to help make this a successful fundraising event. Raffle ticket prices are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The raffle will be held at the Men's Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 26. Tickets for the dinner are \$7 each or \$15 for a family of three or more. Please, see Sandy Conlon for tickets and Allain Collins or Kelly Dickey for more information on the raffle and the dinner.

All Saints' On-Going Fundraising Program

Please, see the flyers in the Narthex for our fundraising program in partnership with Market America, a fundraising campaign facilitated by Robert Dickey. Information is available on All Saints' website at www.allsaintsstoneham.com to learn how you can participate in this exciting program! Please, feel free to contact Robert at Robert@aqwebsites.com who will be happy to discuss the details of the program with you. Please, consider this fundraising opportunity that you can do from the privacy of your own home!

ASC Website Business Partnering Opportunities

The Parish's new website offers the opportunity for businesses to partner with All Saints as part of our new website. Please, visit the website at www.allsaintsstoneham.com and consider helping us by recruiting businesses to join our website, a win-win for us and for them as well. For more information, please contact Robert Dickey at Robert@aqwebsites.com

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Electronics & Small Appliances Recycling Event

Saturday, March 19

Please, plan to bring your electronics, small appliances and car batteries for recycling in the Parish parking lot on March 19. Please, help us spread the word.

All Saints Green!

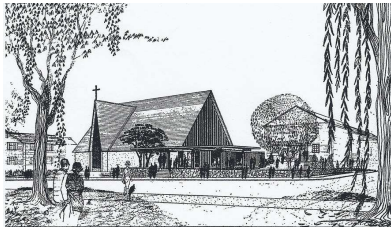
All Saints continues to recycle paper and plastic products as well as cell phones and printer cartridges as part of our efforts to help our fragile environment. The cell phone and printer cartridge recycling box is in the foyer of the Mission House. Please, consider this important ministry of the Parish. Many thanks!



*All Saints Altar
Christmas 2010*



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Mark Your Calendars

Tuesday, March 8 ~ Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Supper at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 9 ~ Ash Wednesday

The Holy Eucharist with Ashes at 12:00 & 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 17 ~ Palm Sunday

Passion Sunday Processional and the Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am

Sunday, April 24 ~ Easter Sunday

The Sunday of the Resurrection Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am