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Lenten Disciplines

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During Lent it is common to take on special spiritual disciplines to draw us closer to God. One aspect of our life as a parish is the time we spend building community with each other. I would like to invite you in recognition of Lent to take on the spirituality

of fellowship, encouraging and gathering with one another. I encourage you to take up two or three different devotions.

The first is to gather after Sunday service for twenty minutes in the parish hall. Have a cup of coffee or tea, just spend some time getting to know and checking in with other members of All Saints.

Second, invite two different people or families to join you for lunch, dinner, or coffee. Have one of those

Lenten Series & Soup Suppers

Join us Wednesday evenings during Lent for soup supper at 6 pm followed by Adam Hamilton's series the 24 hours that Changed the World. We used his series during Advent to look at the locations in the Holy Land surrounding the birth of Jesus. During Lent we will be studying the events and places of Jesus' last day before his death.

No preparation is required, but for those who are interested there are both a book and a Lenten devotional available for study beyond our sessions.

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be someone you have not seen or spent time with in a while and the other one be someone you do not know well.

Third, join us on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm for soup supper as we gather in community to eat and to read God's word.

Jesus would frequently gather his disciples and other followers over a meal to spend time in fellowship with one another. Together this Lent let us also gather together in Christ's name.

The book is available from the library or can be ordered for \$12. The devotional costs \$8. Please sign-up if you would like to have copies of either ordered for you. A youth version of the book is available for \$9. If finances are tight, please speak with Pastor Heather about having a book ordered for you.

I hope you will plan to join us for any or all of our Lenten Soup Suppers!

How Should We Think About the Poor?

Last Part In A Series

*On March 26, 1991, Bishop Kenneth E. Untener of Saginaw, Michigan, issued a “decree” that from that day forward, until July 1, 1991, all meetings held under Church auspices, at the parish or diocesan level, no matter what their purpose, must begin with the agenda item: **How shall what we are doing here affect or involve the poor?** The following are his reflections as he looks back on the decree.*

The decree on the poor was in effect for 97 days.

Never in my life had I talked about and listened to so much about the poor. On some days I had four or five meetings, and each began with: the poor.

I learned a lot, not only about the poor, but also about us, and how we think about (or don't think about) the poor. Believe me, I am no expert on the poor. But I learned eight things in particular during those 97 days.

8 The poor also help the poor.

People who work with the poor can tell a hundred stories about the —generous poor. — A hundred stories. A family takes in a neighbor's child without a second thought, because the child needs to be taken in somewhere. A person who has next to nothing gives money to someone who has nothing at all, simply saying, “Well, they need it more than I do.” A poor family in a small house takes in another family because they had their heat turned off in the dead of winter. Food is shared even though there isn't enough to begin with.

There are countless true stories about the “generous poor.” The widow's mite wasn't a parable that Jesus

made up. It was a true story that unfolded before his eyes. And it still happens every day in poor communities.

Mental note: Don't judge their “laziness” too quickly.

Putting our insights into action

When the 97 days had ended, I asked myself, “Is it all over? Can we now get back to normal?”

Yes. We can get back to normal by realizing that “normal” means talking about the poor at normal meetings, and finding ways to translate our words into actions. “Normal” means focusing on the poor as much as Jesus did.

I hope that the decree simply primed the pump. I hope we have only just begun, for there is more to learn, more to do.

The decree was successful, but it was like the success of someone who joined Weight Watchers and reached their goal by losing 37 pounds. They are congratulated, cheered by all at the meeting and given a pin. But the true measure of success is whether they will change their eating habits in the weeks and months and years ahead. Some do, and some don't.

The Church of Saginaw achieved its goal of talking about the poor at all meetings for 97 days. Now we must see if we have changed our meeting habits, and if we will think and act differently. The true measure of success lies in the months and years ahead.

In Memorium

MURIEL A COHEN (nee Baskwell), age 91 of Parma; beloved wife of Louis; loving mother of the late Sheila Ann Wertz; step-mother of Nick Cohen (Heather); dear grandmother of the late Darlene; step-grandmother of Kristen, Matthew, Elise and Adrian; sister of the late Claude and Arthur; dear friend and neighbor of Marilyn and Joyce. Passed away on Monday, January 28, 2013.

Funeral Service at the Funeral Home on Friday, February 1, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. Interment at Sunset Memorial Park, North Olmsted. Friends may call at the BUSCH FUNERAL HOME, 7501 RIDGE RD., PARMA FROM 10 A.M.-12 P.M. ON FRIDAY. 440-842-7800

Please keep Louis Cohen and his family in your prayers and thoughts as they mourn the death of Louis's wife, Muriel. The Cohens have been long time members of All Saints and home bound the last several years.

Visitation will be at Busch Funeral Home on Friday, February 1, 2013 from 11 am to 1 pm.

Father of all, we pray to you for Muriel, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Outreach Thanks

Many thank-you's to all who supported our December projects; your generosity is very much appreciated!

- Christmas gifts for Parma students: many children, many gifts.
- \$400 for Christmas Memorials supporting Episcopal Relief/Gifts for Life Clean Water Program.
- Remembrance Tree: \$65 for All Faiths Pantry.

For our January Outreach project We offer some assistance to our own in house Senior Dinner Program, carried out by the Lipucci Family and Friends and the All Saints Youth Group. We collected single roll paper towels, dish/hand soap, Kleenex and body wash for the Senior Dinner Bingo Prizes.

As always, envelopes can be found in each pew for monetary donations to Outreach projects.



Elijah and Emelie's Baptism



Cast of So You Think You're Smarter Than A Pharisee

Kiva Loan

Juana is the coordinator of her group Mujeres al Triunfo (Women to victory) 1, 2 & 3 . This group is composed of 15 people and is located in the urban slums surrounding Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Juana makes her home here in a simple structure with her long-term partner. She says that her biggest challenge is to have savings, because with it she can reinvest, provide for her children, or to have a plan for the future.

Juana has a Pica Pollo (fried chicken restaurant), where the principal dish is chicken with fried plantains or potatoes. She has been running her business for almost four years. Using some savings, she started selling fried food. She plans

to use this loan to invest in her business by buying many pounds of chicken, plantains, potatoes, cooking oil, and other items like disposables. She will use the profits to save and reinvest in her business. Juana thanks you all for your support!!!



Juana is the first person on the left.

River Valley Paper Company

All Saints is changing recycling companies; our new company is River Valley Paper Company. Their bins are either white or green with flowers on the front of the bin. We switched because they offer more money per ton. Good reason.

The following items are ACCEPTED in the recycling containers: newspapers, mail, phonebooks, office and school paper, magazines, catalogs, brown paper bags, cardboard, hard and soft bound books. NOT ACCEPTED are any type of plastic,

styrofoam, glass, metal, trash, aluminum.

Cardboard should be flattened before placing in bin unless loaded with paper. Now is a good time to get rid of those old text books that are out of date but please wait until the new bins are in place.

The yellow bins should be gone within the month and new ones will arrive at anytime. Thank you for your support of this program and it is always good to see the community supporting this program also.



Thank you to our Youth Group who joined with other youths and spent a windy night outside, sleeping in cardboard boxes, to raise awareness and funds for the Lakeside Men's Shelter. Thank you also to the three adult chaperones and all the All Saints visitors. This past Sunday, an impromptu free-will collection took place at church and another \$101.00 will be going to the shelter

The Bulletin Board

The **deadline for Carillon submissions** is the 21st of the preceding month (March submissions are due by February 21st).

Join us on Sunday, February 24 at 9:30 am for our **monthly breakfast!** We will have a speaker sharing about the companion relationships our diocese has with churches in Belize (education focused) and Tanzania (healthcare focused).

Coffee Hour. If you enjoy a hot cup of coffee or a cold drink, please do not forget to make a donation now and then. Coffee hour has always been self supporting because of your donations.

Please support our **Outreach** programs. Donation envelopes can be found in the pews.

Bishop Williams will be visiting us Sunday, April 24th. Whenever a Bishop comes to visit, there is an opportunity for confirmation. If anyone is interested in being confirmed or received (from a different denomination), please speak with Pastor Heather.

Shrove Tuesday.....on Sunday!! We will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday with a Pancake Breakfast following the 10:30 am service on Sunday, February 10th. Mark your calendars and help us celebrate Shrove Tuesday.....just a little early!!

Join us to mark the beginning of Lent with the **Imposition of Ashes** on Wednesday, February 13 at 10 am and 7 pm services.

Over the past few years Episcopal churches have begun to offer ashes on **Ash Wednesday** to commuters at public transit or in public areas. If you are interested in taking Ashes to the streets on Ash Wednesday, please speak with Pastor Heather.

Wednesday Lenten Program

Mark your Calendars for the Wednesdays in Lent to join us for our yearly Soup Suppers and Lenten Program 6–8 PM February 20 and 27, and March 6, 13, and 20.

New Vestry Members Wendy Ott, Nathan Kamps, and Derek Wilkinson were elected to three year terms at our annual meeting on January 27.

On the First Sunday after the Epiphany **Emilie Reese Kunesh** and **Elijah Axel Hill Berg** were baptized at the 10:30 service. One week later Pastor Heather's daughter **Kailani** was baptized at St. Marks in Canton.



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**All Saints
All Welcome**

February Events at All Saints

Sundays Holy Eucharist at 8:30 and 10:30 am

Mondays Walk the Walk at 7:00 pm

Wednesdays (excluding February 13)
Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am
Bible Study at 11:00 am

Sun 10 Shrove *Sunday?* after 10:30 service.
Pancake Breakfast!

Wed 13 Ash Wednesday Services at 10 am & 7 pm

Wed 20 Lenten Soup Supper and Program at 6 pm

Sun 24 Monthly Breakfast at 9:30 am with speaker

Wed 26 Lenten Soup Supper and Program at 6 pm

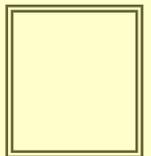
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