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Rector's Thoughts

by the Rev. Canon Nancy H. Wittig,
Interim Rector

"Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because she could do only a little." — Edmund Burke

This quote is in a book I am reading, *Cooler Smarter: Practical Steps For Low-Carbon Living*. Some may ask, "What does this have to do with anything?" Well, I believe this speaks to our faithfulness and even to Easter.

As Jesus' disciples, we are all about doing. There is the rub, since a significant part of living faithful lives has to do with *how* we live our lives. Are we frozen because the task seems so daunting? What difference can you or I make in the scheme of things?

We can make a big difference by daring to step out from what we know into what we do not know. We do not have to reinvent the wheel. Rather, as caring people, we can make a difference in another person's day. Have you noticed how people resist smiling at folks they do not know?

We are people of the Resurrection who believe God's love for the creation is an aspect of the Divine presence. But we must look around this 'our island home' and respect it in the many and varied ways we depend on it

Do even a little where & when you can, and together we will know it made a difference.

Memorial Easter Lilies

If you wish to contribute to the purchase of the white lilies that announce the resurrection of our Lord, send a form & check made payable to All Saints (memo for "Easter lilies") to the church office by **Thursday, April 11th.**

Parish retreat: Lent for people who don't like Lent

by Mary Susan Sheaves-Bein

I found the parish retreat on March 9th a marvelous experience. In the morning our presenter—the Rev. Rosalind Hughes, rector of the Church of the Epiphany—had many interesting insights to give us as we dialogued about "Lent for people who don't like Lent." All I can pass on, of course, are the gems that especially struck me.

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Holy Week Services

So much to experience in just one week:

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| Palm Sunday | 14th | 8:30 & 10:30 AM |
| Maundy Thursday | 18th | 6:00 PM pot-luck; 7:00 PM service |
| Good Friday | 19th | Noon & 7:00 PM |
| Holy Saturday | 20th | 7:00 PM Easter Vigil |
| Easter Sunday | 21st | 8:30 & 10:30 AM |

Parish News

A sweet tradition before Lent

by Jan Fritzsche



Sweetie Emilie Kunesh & her sweet breakfast

Here is one of the happy faces at our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast held between services on Sunday, March 3rd. Many thanks to our skilled kitchen staff: Eric Czerny, Ed & Mallory Ralls, and Trevor Youngmann. And to Ruthann Wasil for her faithful dedication to clean-up. And a big thank you to all those who came, ate, and contributed in any way to our pre-Lenten celebration.

Easter Egg Hunt

The social committee is calling all children aged two to ten to join us Easter morning for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Kids 11 & older are invited to serve as "Hunt Helpers." We will meet right after worship in the parish hall. We hope to see lots of smiling faces and a day filled with sunshine!

Madison & Jacob Vargo move

by Miss Sandy, Miss Jan, & Miss Lisa

On March 17th in Sunday School, we studied the Episcopal Shield and the history of our Episcopal church. Did you know that the shield is rich in symbolism?



Top row: Ellie, Erin
Bottom: Madison, Jacob, Sarah

We also had to say goodbye to Madison and Jacob Vargo. We wished them well in their new adventure as their family moves to Atlanta, Georgia. After we presented each with a cuddly stuffed sheep and the parable of the Good Shepherd, John 10:1-8, Canon Nancy blessed the children and their sheep.

During the beginning of April we will be studying the parts of our church service and the etiquette we should follow. We will learn when to bow and how we hold our hands to take the Eucharist, for example. As Holy Week approaches, we will study the parable of the Good Shepherd and His Presence in the Eucharist.

Record number of volunteers help at the Food Pantry

by Jeff Fowler

Finally, a day when it wasn't terribly cold . . . that is, until the clouds moved in. Still, my pen didn't freeze every time I tried to make a note at our March Pantry at All Saints.



Do you want to hear something crazy? Between the parishioners of All Saints; our friends from Rise in Love; members of the Upper 90 Futbol Club; a couple of Young Marines; and several individuals from the community: we had 80 volunteers working hard to serve our guests! I believe that's a record. Together, we served 25 quarts of hot soup, 140 cups of coffee, and 36 plates of pancakes & sausage. We gave 10,464 pounds of fresh produce & milk, 250 boxes of nonperishable food, 250 boxes of household & personal supplies, and 186 articles of clothing to 297 households (including 41 first-time families).

April Outreach: Big Red Safety Boxes

by Lisa Czerny

April is National Autism Awareness Month. And those with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) may be prone to eloping from a safe environment, and may be unable to recognize danger or stay safe. The National Autism Association provides the **Big Red Safety Box** as a toolkit (at no charge to families in need) to assist families in preventing and responding to wandering-related emergencies.

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Weekly Services

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| Sundays | 8:30 & 10:30 AM | Holy Eucharist; all welcome! |
| Sundays | 9:45 AM | Sunday School; all children are welcome. |
| Wednesdays | 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM | Holy Eucharist & Healing Oil, followed by Bible study |

Upcoming Events in April

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| Monday | April 1st | All day | A day for fools: all Christians, Paul told the Corinthians |
| Sunday | April 7th | 9:30–10:15 AM | Lenten Bible study & DVD on “The Jacob Saga” |
| Tuesday | April 9th | 7:00 PM | Book Discussion: <i>The Children Act</i> by Ian McEwan |
| Thursday | April 11th | Noon | Deadline for memorials to be listed in the Easter bulletin |
| Saturday | April 13th | 9:00–11:00 AM | Mobile Food Pantry (volunteers, please report early; note that this falls a week early due to Holy Week) |
| Sunday | April 14th | 8:30 & 10:30 AM Noon | Palm Sunday services Vestry meeting |
| Wednesday | April 17th | n/a | No Eucharist or Bible study |
| Thursday | April 18th | 6:00 PM 7:00 PM | Pot-luck dinner Maunder Thursday service |
| Friday | April 19th | Noon & 7:00 PM | Good Friday services (same service at both times) |
| Saturday | April 20th | 7:00 PM | Easter Vigil service |
| Sunday | April 21st | 8:30 & 10:30 | Easter Sunday services |
| Monday | April 22nd | All day | Office closed; Easter holiday |
| Wednesday | April 24th | n/a | No Eucharist or Bible study |

Editor's corner

by Mary Susan Sheaves-Bein
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I have to make a mea culpa on the delivery of this issue so close to the 1st. I am grateful to my wonderful steady contributors for news & photographs; you all came through for this issue. Once again, the news overflowed the Parish News page. Novel contributors are welcome, too!



**Book Discussions
Re-commence**

Our first book discussion of 2019 is on **Tuesday, April 9th**, at 7:00 PM. Ruth Bakonyi will lead the discussion of *The Children Act* by Ian McEwan.

Outreach

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Typically the NAA funds 5,000 boxes per year. Stock is now depleted (except for a small inventory for emergency & high risk cases). The plan is to get the program restocked and available in May, as the need is unfortunately rising.

Our April Outreach project is to raise \$250 to add 10 Big Red Safety Box toolkits to this vital program. Any and all donations are accepted and very much appreciated! Please mark them "April Outreach," with checks made out to All Saints. Thank you!

Editor's footnote: to raise your own awareness of this sobering condition, go to the NAA's Autism Fact Sheet at: nationalautismassociation.org/resources/autism-fact-sheet/

Parish Retreat: Lent for people who don't like Lent

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First we looked at "Lent words."

Sin is the *cause* of wrong-doing, whether or not it makes us feel guilty. Sin cannot separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:38-39).

Guilt is useful: "This is not the person that you want to be. You can do better."
Shame is not: "This is all that you can be. You can do no better."

Repentance is about turning in a new direction—using guilt as a prompt—not wallowing stagnant in shame.

Sacrifice means giving something up to God, paring away distractions. Not just dieting, but giving God our desire for rich foods.

Discipline has to lead somewhere; just giving up chocolate isn't discipline. When a pang for chocolate arises, say "It's Lent—Hi, God!"

Suffering means seeing the sorrow in the world—and sitting with it. It can mean being kind to people that we don't want to be kind to.

Then we built our own version of **Romans 8:38-39**, knowing that it's all there in Paul's sweeping poetry. This is the version I came home with from the suggestions offered. (*I like moving Paul's "nor powers" to emphasize the Hebraic repetitions.)

For I am sure that
neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers*,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor height, nor depth,
nor self-doubt, nor fear, nor worry,
nor anger, nor frustration,
nor envy, nor pain,
nor news, nor questions,
nor entertainment, nor busyness,
nor evil, nor denial,
nor anything else in all creation
will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We approach the crucifixion, Rev. Hughes said, knowing that even *that* suffering cannot separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God is there; love is there; the resurrection is in sight. And so, for an afternoon of meditation, she led us through the Stations of the Cross.

"We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."