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LENT

On Wednesday, February 21, we and all Christians everywhere were marked with ashes in the sign of the cross – “Remember O man that dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return.” These startling words and ritual are meant to awaken us to deeper realities: the reality of our sinfulness and the reality of our need for mercy and salvation.

During Lent we are called to embark on the internal journey of our soul. If we have been faithful Christians throughout the year we may find our soul to be a flourishing place filled with the good things which we have allowed God to give unto us – and, having tasted of the sweet things, we will inevitably desire more! Most of us however will find that we have allowed ourselves to become spiritually dry and barren – a desert in need of refreshment. It will be in this desert that we are called to imitate Jesus: to fast, to pray, to confront and overcome evil and temptation in our lives.

Although this spiritual passage into the desert can be painful and difficult, it reminds us that Jesus is the only One who can quench our thirst. Many times we seek material possessions and different types of activities in the hope that our thirst will be satisfied. The truth of the matter is that we are left spiritually dehydrated and still thirsting, for only God can quench the soul’s thirst: “My soul *thirsts* for God, for the living God” (Psalm 42:2).

As we make our necessary journey through the dry and barren places of our lives this Lent, let us remember that we indeed have a destination. We are not making this journey for the journey’s sake, we are doing this so that we might go to Him who gives us both hope and promise – “whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life” (John 4:13-14). Let us keep our eyes upon the goal, and that will make our journey all the more special and worthwhile.

May God bless all of us during this special time.
Father Hines +

MITE BOXES

Mite Boxes will be passed out to everyone on Sunday, February 25. It is in the Gospel that we can find the origin of the Mite Box. When sitting with his disciples outside the temple doors Jesus gave praise to a poor widow woman as she dropped just two mites into the alms box at the entrance. In the eyes of her fellow Jews her offering went unnoticed, but in the eyes of God it did not. Although it was not a great sum it was still all she had, whereas those around her gave an amount that would cause them little inconvenience. Hers was a true sacrifice and Jesus noticed and praised her for it.

It is typical during Lent to put into the Mite Box the money which we would have otherwise used on the certain things we are fasting from (such as the money we would have spent on going to the movies or to buy chocolate). With these small but heartfelt sacrifices we also hope to gain the attention and praise of our Lord.

The Mite Boxes are to be returned on Easter morning. All the money collected will go to benefit the Provincial Seminary in California.

SENIOR WARDEN’S REPORT

Despite the fact that the Bears upheld the Chicago tradition of “wait till next year,” the Super Bowl Party at Karen and Ron Waitek’s was an enjoyable evening for the 32 parishioners who attended. Most importantly, the silent auction to benefit our Youth Group’s Mission to Mexico in June netted over \$600.

The Lenten Season began with the ACM’s traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 20. Thanks to Ron Waitek and Dick Konigsfeld who took care of the food and arrangements. Contributions benefited the ACM’s treasury.

The ten-session Adult Education Class begins on Sunday, February 28, 8:30 AM to 9:15 AM. Under the theme “The Catholic Faith,” Father Hines will take us through the history of the church and the basics of our faith and practice.

A large selection of Lenten materials is available in the Narthex. The Easter Mite Boxes, for the benefit of our Seminary in California, will be distributed. Stations of the Cross and Mass will be offered each Wednesday during Lent at 6:30 PM. Please note the signup sheet for Easter Flowers in the Narthex.

Morning Prayer will be held at 8:30 AM on Saturday, March 3, with Jeff David officiating, followed by breakfast hosted by Sue and Phil Ross. Both the ACW and the ACM will meet after the breakfast, instead of having their meetings on the second Sunday of the month. Please see Phil Ross if you are willing to take care of a Morning Prayer breakfast for one of the five remaining services in 2007.

On Sunday, April 29, a "trash and treasure auction" will be held after Mass in the Narthex for the benefit of the Youth Group's Mission to Mexico in June, with Fabi and Dan Brush and Karen and Ron Waitek chairing this event. Food will be provided by the Vestry, and every family is asked to bring in one item for the auction. This will be the final fundraising activity for the Youth's mission trip. Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 29. Additional information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

The Vestry is completing plans for the storage cabinetry required to properly maintain the new Altar Hangings and Vestments in the Sacristy and to purchase a new copier for the church office. In addition, work will be done to better utilize the space in the nursery, and a large quantity of unnecessary items will be removed from the Undercroft so shelving can be installed to store basic parish supplies.

In March, the parish will receive complete information on the plans for the 16th Annual Synod of the Diocese of the Eastern States which All Saints will host on June 7-9. As Rector, Father Hines is the Chair, the Senior Warden will coordinate the basic arrangements, and Carol O'Sullivan is working with us on the printed materials and mailings. We can look forward to a successful and enjoyable Synod.

By the end of March, the ACM will provide the "Lawn Maintenance Schedule" for the men of the parish, and a professional grade pre-emergent will be applied to the grass areas within the next few weeks. With some additional planting, the landscaping of our property will be completed this spring.

Bill Jepson
Senior Warden

CHURCH LIBRARY

Looking for some websites to share with your children or grandchildren, but don't know where to start? Go to <http://www.ala.org/greatsites>. The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a subgroup of the American Library Association (ALA), has created a list of age appropriate websites on various subject areas such as animals, literature and languages, sciences, the arts and more. These sites have been vetted by a group of librarians using the following as selection criteria: authorship, purpose, design and stability, content. There are also leads to sites giving information about internet security for children.

I have placed some copies of "The Librarian's Guide to Great Web Sites for Kids" in the library on the counter. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Sue Peterson
Church Librarian

ALL SAINTS CHURCH YOUTH

January opened with the Church Youth cementing their plans for their mission trip to Mexico. We discussed ideas for raising the funds needed for the trip. To that end, the youth decided to hold a silent auction at the Waitek's Super Bowl party. There were individual items for auction as well as services. Kenny's handmade chess board won honors for the highest bid on an item and Taiwo came in a close second with her offering to work around a house for a day. Due to the generosity of the parish, a sum of over \$600 was raised! The Church Youth would like to thank all those who so generously participated in the auction. This money will help fund their June 13-23 mission trip to Juarez, Mexico, during which they will be building homes for the homeless.

Be on the lookout for our final fundraiser for this worthwhile cause coming up on Sunday, April 29.

Dan and Fabi Brush
Youth Leaders

ANGLICAN CHURCH MEN

Please join us Saturday, March 3, for the ACM sponsored Morning Prayer Service with breakfast served afterward. This is always a special time of fellowship and appreciation. We are looking for men who can cook to sign-up as hosts for upcoming breakfasts.

Following the fellowship breakfast, ACM and ACW will hold their monthly meetings. At the ACM meeting we will discuss how the men can best help with the Synod, have sign up for lawn care this spring and summer, and share ideas for ACM activities.

Thanks to Ron Waitek and Dick Konigsfeld for once again organizing and preparing the food for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. We all ate well (and often) and enjoyed this evening of fellowship.

Phil Ross
ACM President

Dates to Remember

Stations of the Cross and Mass, 6:30 PM
(every Wednesday during Lent)

Adult Education Class, 8:30 AM – 9:15 AM
(ten sessions beginning Sunday, February 25)

Tuesday, February 27, 7 PM
Youth Meeting

Saturday, March 3, 8:30 AM, Morning Prayer
followed by fellowship, breakfast and
ACM and ACW Meetings

Tuesday, March 13, 7 PM
Youth Meeting

Sunday, March 18
Vestry Meeting
F I S H

Tuesday, March 27, 7 PM
Youth Meeting

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At 10 AM and Wednesdays at 7 PM
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