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EASTER CONFESSION

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

But [Thomas] said, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." (John 20:25, RSV).

What good does the news of this most glorious miracle do me, if I cannot experience and test it myself? Dead is dead, and wishing makes people gullible. So says doubt in any age, and so thinks Jesus' disciple Thomas. From the few words that have come down as from [Thomas] (*John 11:16; 14:5*), we know him as a disciple who is prepared for any sacrifice, but who openly confesses his questions about Jesus and wants clear answers. After Jesus' death he had separated himself from the other disciples and had also stayed away on Easter day. He did not want to let himself be drawn into unhealthy enthusiasm. When the other disciples give him the news, he says, firmly: "*Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe*". Thomas is right, if he wants either to find his faith himself or not to believe at all; but the way in which he seeks it is wrong. [Yet] in spite of his refusal to believe, Thomas joins the circle of disciples. This is important, for it shows Thomas's willingness to let himself be convinced; it shows the sincerity of his doubt. Nevertheless, it is the free grace of the resurrected One that now also goes after the individual, overcomes the doubter, and creates in him the Easter faith.

[So] Jesus arrives, in spite of closed doors (*John 20:26–28*). Therefore, there could be no doubt about the miraculous nature of his presence. He gives the greeting of peace, which is addressed to all, but this time, no doubt, especially to the restless heart of Thomas. Jesus has come for the sake of his doubting disciple. We see that in his first words to Thomas. Jesus stills the disciple's doubting desire by granting him what he had refused Mary [Magdalene] (*John 20:17*). For there is a difference as to whether we want to take something for ourselves or whether the Lord gives us something. Mary was rebuffed; Thomas is allowed to hear, see, and touch. It is an incomprehensible condescension of the Lord to his doubting disciple to let himself be put to the test by Thomas. "Do not doubt but believe," Christ implores his disciple (*John 20:27*). The final decision has not been made, even if it is very close. But by addressing the disciple as one who has not yet decided against him, Jesus gives him the freedom to reverse himself. Whether Thomas dared to stretch out his hand is not reported. It is not important, but it is important that in Thomas the Easter faith breaks through: "My Lord and my God!" That is the entire Easter confession. No one had said it before this doubter.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, (O. C. Dean, Jr., Translator), *I Want to Live These Days with You*, (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2007), pp. 123–124.

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

The new AED is installed in the hallway and soon we will be seeking volunteers to be trained. This device is for children and adults and is a voice prompted rescue system so even if you are not trained on how to operate it, you will be able to use it.

As with our own personal homes, we must keep up with spring-cleaning & maintenance. We have replaced two sump pumps in the basement and replaced a battery for the backup sump pump, thank you Dan Brush. We also had some electrical work done to add two outlets in the classroom in the basement to eliminate blowing a fuse when the dehumidifier and the sump pump go on at the same time.

The red carpeting in the Nave will be cleaned on May 2 and Bill Jepson is seeking volunteers to help him in moving objects for the cleaning. He will also need volunteers on May 5 and 6 to return the objects after the carpet has dried.

The Vestry has decided to replace all of the blue carpet that runs throughout the church and to install tile in front of the two entrances. This project will take place May 23-27. We also will be replacing the 20-year-old tile in the sacristy and choir robe area, all of which were here when we purchased the building. We will have the same company that installed the tile and carpeting in the Nave do this installation at a cost of \$10,300 that is coming from a special donation fund. Once again Bill Jepson is arranging the boxing and moving of all objects so when you see him, please offer your support as this is a massive undertaking. Thank you, Bill, for another fine job!

The lawn maintenance service has commenced the yearly cleanup. Our gardeners Bill Jepson, Paul Drayton and Carol O'Sullivan will be pruning and planting this month. The grounds look beautiful thanks to their efforts. Thank you, Bill, Paul and Carol!

We have a wish list that Father Schultz maintains and the Vestry reviewed the list and determined that the two projects we would like to tackle next are to remove and replace the sign outside the church and to install stained glass windows on the east side of the Nave. The Vestry has set up two committees. When they have recommendations, we will have more to report. We will see what God has in store for us.

It was announced that a Synod of the Diocese of the Eastern States will be held here on July 27 and 28 and that Archbishop Provenca will return to All Saints in the fall for his "official visit."

Please sign the wedding card in the Narthex for Fr. Hines and his bride-to-be. Fr. Schultz will hand deliver the card and gift when he travels to Texas for the wedding in June.

Chris Oschman
Senior Warden

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report through March:

	<u>March</u>	<u>2011 YTD</u>
Income	\$ 9,868	\$34,416
Expenses	\$13,240	\$36,478
Difference	\$ -3,372	\$ -2,062

Although the 2011 snowstorm is but a fond memory, the bills for the snow removal were paid in March. The substantial bills have contributed to the March shortfall.

Carol O'Sullivan
Parish Treasurer

THE SACRAMENT OF HEALING AND COMMUNION OF THE SICK

Throughout the ages, the Church has used the Laying on of Hands and the Anointing of the Sick as a special means of grace for the sick (*James 5:14-15*). This sacrament is meant to help the sick person encounter his illness with peace, dignity, strength and holiness. If you, or someone you know, is sick, injured or is planning a hospital stay, contact Fr. Schultz to be anointed. Also if you, or someone you know, would like to receive Holy Communion when you, or they, are unable to attend Church, please contact Fr. Schultz. The church cell phone # is 630-710-7375.

EASTER WEEK

The office will be closed April 25-29 and there will be no Mass on Wednesday, April 27. Fr. Schultz will be out of town. In case of an emergency, please contact Deacon Wilson on the Parish cell phone, 630-710-7375.

CHURCH SCHOOL

It hardly seems possible another Church School year will soon be drawing to a close. The last day of Church School is May 22. Heartfelt thanks go out to our teachers and assistants for their dedication to the religious education of our children.

Please note that Church School will not be in session on Easter Sunday, April 24, so that everyone can attend the Solemn High Mass.

Have a blessed Easter and safe summer!

Chuck Bolton
Church School Administrator

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Through the first three months of this year, the Outreach Committee has responded to requests for assistance from 15 different individuals for a variety of needs. Some of the requests were for transportation to doctors, hospitals, social services offices and drug stores to pick up medicines. In several instances we had repeat calls from the same person. Others were beyond our capacity to assist in which case we referred them to other agencies that might be better equipped to give aid. In total, we gave \$764 to those we could help by paying utilities, rent, motel rooms and medicine.

The Committee will be contacting several agencies to schedule hands-on opportunities for parishioners to volunteer. Among the organizations we will be working with are Feed My Starving Children, the Woodridge Food Pantry, FISH and Operation Support Our Troops. Please look for sign-up sheets and/or more information in the Narthex.

Deacon Wilson
Libby Bolton
Sue Ross
Outreach Committee

FATHER JOHN HINES

As was announced in church and in an e-mail sent to the parishioners Fr. John Hines, the previous rector of All Saints, is engaged and will be married on June 25, 2011. The Vestry has voted to give Fr. Hines and his fiancée a wedding gift. If you would like to contribute to the gift for Fr. Hines, make a check out to All Saints with "Fr. Hines gift" in the memo section. A wedding card will be available in the narthex for the Parishioners to sign.

CONFESSION

If you would like to make sacramental confession a part of your Easter preparations, please contact Fr. Schultz to set up an appointment.

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

March's luncheon at Islamorada was lots of fun with a great turnout. We enjoyed the saltwater fish tank full of beautiful coral and fish, and Jean had a blast giving our server a hard time by switching chairs. We had a good natured server and he gave it right back to her - she was thoroughly amused, as was everyone else.

Our April luncheon was at Libby's house, and Chuck prepared a wonderful repast. May's luncheon will be organized by Jan - the date and location will be announced at a later time. We are alternating between the second Wednesday and Thursday of each month in an effort to accommodate all schedules.

Our annual retreat will take place at Fabi's Rushville house on April 29 and 30. It will feature a Friday evening meal of potluck finger foods and beverages, followed by a devotional/Bible study and perhaps a movie. Saturday morning we will have Morning Prayer, followed by breakfast and an excursion to the Rushville Square for sightseeing and shopping. Then, it's back to Chicagoland in the afternoon. We pray for an enriching experience, filled with love and laughter.

Please remember that all women of the parish are ACW members and are encouraged to attend any and all ACW functions.

Fabi Brush
ACW President

ANGLICAN CHURCH MEN

The ACM met on Sunday, March 13, and discussed the following:

Treasurer Donnie Marini reported that the ACM has a balance of \$2,087 at the end of February.

Dan Brush and Bob Oschman are taking care of the sump pump problems in the Undercroft, with any necessary expense to come from the Parish Budget for building maintenance and repair. There is also the question of proper electrical wiring related to the kitchen and the Undercroft.

The ACM sponsored a luncheon at Reza's Restaurant in March. Twenty-six parishioners attended. Another after-Mass Sunday luncheon will be scheduled this summer.

The Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 6, had good attendance and netted contributions of \$300, with thanks to the members who donated all the food and supplies and to Dick Konigsfeld for serving again as Chair of the event.

Dan Brush will make arrangements for a Fishing Party and Picnic at Hidden Lakes Park in late May or early June.

It was agreed that the ACM will host a Theater Party in the fall.

The work of "Operation Support Our Troops" was discussed, and suggestions for charities to consider for support were encouraged.

The red carpet in the Nave will be professionally cleaned after Easter, and there will be a need to organize several members to move furnishings out of the area after Mass on Sunday, May 1.

Members were encouraged to participate in the MACW Easter Mite Box collection, which benefits the Provincial Seminary.

The ACM will meet again after Mass on Sunday, May 15.

Bill Jepson
ACM President

GIFTS FOR THE PARISH

In the last few months the Parish has been blessed with the receipt of over \$6,000 in gifts from parishioners and friends of the Parish. These gifts were given to purchase items that were on the Parish Wish List. With these funds we have been able to refurbish the Rector's Office with a desk, two lateral filing cabinets, glass tops for the desk and cabinets, a couch, an end table and a lamp. These items were much needed since the items they replaced were hand-me-downs that had been given to the Parish when we were still meeting in Naperville. With these gifts we were also able to purchase pew torches that will be used for the major holy days and weddings. A cart was also purchased to store the torches. Finally, as a memorial to Thomas Edgerton we bought a wooden processional cross to be used on Sundays in Lent and for Stations of the Cross.

Thank you to our parishioners and friends. We wouldn't have been able to purchase these items without your generous support.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Sunday, April 17, 9:30 AM
Palm Sunday
Blessing of Palms and Procession Solemn
Eucharist
- Wednesday, April 20, 6:30 PM
Holy Wednesday
Stations of the Cross and Mass
- Thursday, April 21, 7:00 PM
Maundy Thursday
Mass and Stripping of the Altar
Special collection for the Altar Guild
8:00 to 11:00 PM, Prayer Watch
- Friday, April 22
Good Friday
Noon Meditations
7:00 PM, Good Friday Liturgy and Mass
of the Pre-sanctified.
- Sunday, April 24
Easter Sunday
7:30 AM Blessing of the Paschal Candle
and Mass,
9:30 AM Solemn Eucharist
Mite Box Collection
No Church School
- Friday & Saturday, April 29 & 30
ACW retreat in Rushville, Illinois
- Saturday, May 7
8:30 AM Morning Prayer, Breakfast and
Fellowship
- Sunday, May 15
ACW/ACM Meetings after Mass
- Sunday, May 22
Vestry meeting
FISH Collection
Last day of Church School

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WEBSITES

www.allsaintsanglicanparish.org
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Holy Eucharist and Church School
Sunday, 9:30 AM

Low Mass
Wednesday, 7:00 PM

Office Hours
Tuesday through Friday
9:00 AM – Noon
The Rev. Blair W. Schultz, Rector
The Rev. Mr. Robert L. Wilson, Deacon

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If you have any questions, comments,
suggestions or wish to contribute
in any way, please contact
Father Schultz or Marcia Wilson.

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