

Memoriams / Thank Offerings

A donation has been made to All Saints Parish in loving memory of **Melvin Boyd Porter** by: sons- William and Christian Porter

Worship Schedule for the Week of February 12th – February 18th

08:30am - Holy Eucharist, BCP

Eucharistic Assistant: Charles

10:00am - Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Assistant: Gloria G., Bill H., Gerry F.

Liturgical Planner: Carol

Warden: Bill Haynes

Servers: Hannah D. & Karen P.

Prayers of the People: Baptism Family

Sides Persons: Team 1

Counting Team: Team 2

Greeters: Dana B. & Christina B.

Sound Technician: Jerry Farrell

Choir Practice: Thursday evening @ 8 pm

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Monday – Friday, 09:00am - 3:00pm

Lunch Closure 12:30pm-1:00pm

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All Saints Candle

Sunday, February 5, 2017

Shining a Light on What's Happening in Our Parish

Rector's Remarks

The Journey of Discovery – Mt. Sinai

In 2007 I spent 5 nights in the Sinai desert, including sleeping on the desert floor as the guest of a Bedouin Sheik, a night at St Catherine's Monastery and climbing to the top of Mount Sinai. In every sense of the word, it was a life altering pilgrimage, a pilgrimage that began when I read the book, 'A Way Through the Wilderness.' What follows are excerpts from my journal of the time.

"We have been in Egypt since Monday, having traveled down from the Galilee. After spending the night sleeping on the desert floor as the guest of a sheik, we climbed through a mountain pass to come to a small spring - with water coming from a rock - sound familiar? (Exodus 17)

After another hike, we saw a major oasis at a distance - quite -possibly one used by the Israelites. But it was the sight of St. Catherine's Monastery - the oldest monastery in the world that gave me a huge thrill. The Monastery, started by Constantine's mother 1,700 years ago, was fortified by Justian (a Roman Emperor). Safety has been guaranteed in a letters from world leaders throughout history, including one from the Prophet Mohammad.

We were honoured to be allowed to stay the night in the Monastery's guesthouse - and at 3 am I began the climb of my life. The first part of the climb was a two hour camel ride towards a plateau known as Elijah's plateau. After a cup of tea - for it was still quite dark, we went onto the plateau, overlooking an oasis towards the top of this Holy Mountain. While here, I had the honour of celebrating Communion. There were lots of other pilgrims on the mountain, but all had gone on up to the summit, so by the time we headed towards the top, they were all on the way down. After what seemed like a billion steps of rough stone, I made it to the top. To sit in prayer and in awe is still quite overpowering as I write this.

Just think how much of humanity has been influenced by what was said to Moses, to Elijah, and to countless others on this mountain.

The way down was by far the hardest workout I have ever had in my life - but I made it! We then had a tour of the Monastery's chapel, museum, and then we were invited in for a tour of the monastery and one of the most famous and most important Christian libraries in the world. The librarian was our guide - an American Greek Orthodox Priest. We saw books that were written by Eusebius over 1,700 years ago as well as some of the oldest biblical documents ever found. Only the Vatican has more original manuscripts than they do.

After this, this same Priest invited us onto the roof of the monastery to look around the oasis on which the monastery is built - an awesome sight."

Our Lenten theme this year follows the journey of Moses and the Israelites through their journey through the Sinai. Their 40 years formed them into the People of God. Our 40 days of Lent, are meant to reflect Moses and the Israelites sojourn in the desert and Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. Do plan to take part in the book study, join us in worship on Sundays and Wednesdays in Lent and plan to be part of our Lenten retreat on March 18th

Archdeacon David

Welcome to Our Parish! We pray that you will find our worship inspiring, and you will join us at the Altar to receive the Lord's Supper; may you be spiritually fed. We do have an active Sunday School (Godly Play) which meets in the Parish Hall during service for children aged 4 and over. Please feel free to talk to one of the clergy or sides people; we would be glad to introduce your child to our children's ministry.

Our Mission: To be a family of worshipping Christians, dedicated to Christian Education, Spiritual Growth, Pastoral Care, Outreach and Fellowship.

Food Bank: Please do not forget your local FOOD BANK. Items needed include: Teabags, rice, granola bars, tin tomatoes, Kraft Dinner, luncheon meats, tin soups, Chef Boyardee, tin milk, Side Kicks, dry soup mix, tin fruit, crackers, tin noodles, sugar, jam, Cheez Whiz, peanut butter, Mr. Noodles & cream soups. Financial contributions are also gratefully accepted.

Library We have a library for our clients at the Food Bank which provides children's and adult books. I am looking for gently used books for this library. If anyone would like to donate books, it will be greatly appreciated.
Mary Butler, Food bank Rep.

Visitation is Important to Us and to You! Unfortunately, sometimes we are unaware of your situation, and if you would like a home visit from your Clergy, please let us know. Also, if you know of anyone in the hospital, please let us know by calling the office at 834-4501. Remember, if you don't inform us, we have no way of knowing you or a loved one is in hospital.

Parish & Community Events

ACW are having a Valentines fun and fellowship evening on Wednesday, February 8th @ 8pm with card and bingo games. All ladies are welcome.

All Saints Tea Room Community Luncheon is resuming on Wednesday, February 1st, 12:00-1:30pm. All are welcome to come and join us for food, fun, and fellowship. The only cost is your time and company. **Menu for Wednesday** is mashed potatoes, sausage, peas, coffee, tea and dessert.

All Saints goes Green

"As youth leaders, we want to help our youth grow to their full potential. We want to empower and encourage our youth to share the love of Christ. One way to demonstrate the love of God is through reaching out to various charitable organizations throughout the world. Therefore, the All Saints Youth Ministry Program have a recycling account at the CBS Green Depot. Anyone interested in donating their recyclables can go to the Green Depot Express, enter 2312232 (when prompted for phone number) and then the screen will show All Saints Youth Ministry Outreach Program. Just label your bags and go. There is no waiting!

Let's help and challenge our youth to demonstrate the love of Christ through this practical means of recycling and as a result reaching out to others."

Archdeaconry Youth Conference

Our parish is hosting this year's Archdeaconry Youth Conference, a conference that brings youth, 11 to 19, together for a weekend of fun, challenge and learning

Vacation Bible School

Boys and Girls, Moms and Dads. Get your passports ready because the VBS flight is preparing for the "Passport for Peru" Our VBS for 2017. The dates are set for June 26th - June 30th with our closing on Sunday July 2nd. The flight crew of our dedicated leaders and junior leaders are eager to set off on this great adventure, They will be eagerly waiting to guide you through a wonderful week of bible stories, crafts, games, and also meeting some real life kids whose lives are so different from ours through the video time. Keep watching for more information about registration. This will be the most exciting week of the summer.

June 26-30th.2017 is set aside for VBS. What is VBS? Ask any child in our church community and his/her eyes will light up. It is a week for vacation bible school. It is a week of fun learning: about God and what he means to our lives, about Jesus and his promises of everlasting life and our connections with them and to each other, We often have 75- 90+ children ages 3 -12 years from 900- 1200 Monday - Friday .

We have a very dedicated and faithful group of leaders who look forward each year to be a part of the fun and in many cases to learn from the children, A very valuable part of our group is our junior leaders 13 and up. The younger children love them and they do a wonderful job each year. VBS is a week filled with stories, music, games, crafts, videos, laughter, very tasty snacks and loaded with fellowship and fun. It has been a part of All Saints for over thirty years. If you would like to share in all this excitement, let us know at the office at 834-4501 or Helen at 834-3325, you will have a very rewarding week and want to come back next year for sure. Registration for the children will be announced at a later date.

Annual Meetings

On February 19th, it is the Vestry's intention to hold our Annual Meeting. The Vestry is the main working committee of this church. Each Vestry member, (through discussions and their voting power) assists on all matters financial for this parish. As the main committee of this church, they are empowered to make all final decisions on parish initiatives and to advise the Rector and Wardens on issues of common concern. If God is leading you to a ministry on the Vestry, please speak to Archdeacon David, Percy Greenslade or Aura Farrell.

In order to have the Annual Report ready on time, **we will need the reports into the Parish Office by January 31st: If you don't have your report done, please have it in to the office this week.**

We will have a pot luck supper @ 5:30pm and the meeting will start @ 6:30 pm.

From Archdeacon David: My Induction as your Rector is on **Sunday, February 26th at our main service (10:00am)**. I am looking forward to sharing this special time in my ministry with you.

Inductions are meant to involve every aspect of parish life. As such we are asking every parish group to be present, and be willing to take an active role in the liturgy on this day. We'd also like to propose forming a Celebration Choir (much like our Christmas Choir) for this event. Join us for practices on Thursday, February 16th and 23rd from 8:00 – 9:00PM.

Added to the Induction will be the Instillation of the new Vestry. All Vestry members, elected or affirmed at the Annual meeting will be asked to also be at the 10:00 am service for their instillation into this ministry of leadership and service within our parish.

Archdeacon David