



ALL SAINTS' MESSENGER

LENT, 2017

Diving deep during Holy Week

It seems obvious—especially coming from your priest—but Holy Week will change your life. Join us in worship this Holy Week, and I am confident that you will have a new experience of who God is.

As we join Jesus on Palm Sunday and journey with him to Jerusalem, as we join him for his last dinner with his friends, as we join him when he is crucified, and as we miss him while he is in the tomb, we have an opportunity to be present to Jesus and to experience the events that surround Easter anew.

And then, mindful of the suffering of Jesus, we see and appreciate Easter in a new way. We encounter the miracle that God raised Jesus from the dead well aware of the agony and sorrow that led up to the glories of God's action on Easter Sunday.

What has always struck me is that Jesus did not have to endure all of the suffering that he did during Holy Week. He could have left, but Jesus is faithful to God's calling. He goes forward, knowing that great suffering is in store. In Jesus' suffering, we see our own sinfulness reflected back. We see how humanity responds to the invitation to love. It isn't a pretty picture. It is also not the end of this story.

On Easter, we see God vindicate Jesus' message of love. God raises Jesus from the dead. In that, we see that God redeems everything. God transforms death into new life. And God will transform us, too.

God bless you, and see you in church,

The Rev. JK Melton
Priest-in-Charge

Holy Week Schedule

- April 9 at 10:30 am: Palm Sunday
Join us for the Blessing of the Palms and a bagpiper-led procession through the neighborhood.
- April 13 at 7 pm: Maundy Thursday
As we remember Jesus' last meal with his friends, we remember his command to love one another, symbolized by the washing of feet. The service concludes with the stripping of the altar.
- April 14 at noon and 7 pm: Good Friday Service
This contemplative service calls us to pray for the world as we remember Jesus' death on the cross.
- April 15 at 10 am: Holy Saturday
This brief service marks that Jesus is in the tomb.
- April 15 at 7:30 pm: The Great Vigil of Easter at St. Thomas Mamaroneck
We begin celebrating Easter by lighting the first fire of Easter in the dark as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.
- April 16 at 10:30 am: Easter Sunday
Join us for the Holy Eucharist as we celebrate that death is conquered. The Easter Egg Hunt and Festive Brunch follow the service.

Parish Happenings

- Interreligious Conversation at Harrison Library on May 3 at 7:30 pm
Judaism, Christianity, and Islam all trace their ancestry to Abraham, and we share so much more in common than just an ancestor. Please join us and the Interfaith Congregational Laymen's Committee for a public conversation about the shared values of these three great religions on May 3 at 7:30 pm at the Harrison Public Library. The conversation will feature Rabbi Eytan Hammerman from the JCC of Harrison, Chaplain Samsiah Abdul-Majid from the Upper Westchester Muslim Society, and our own priest, the Rev. JK Melton.

- Lenten Study Group reading Rowan Williams's *Tokens of Trust*
Our Lenten Study Group has been taking advantage of having a Rowan Williams scholar in our midst, reading the former Archbishop of Canterbury's book *Tokens of Trust*. The group is in able hands as they read, since Fr. JK is writing his dissertation on the theology of Rowan Williams. Already, the group has pondered the presence of evil in the world, how prayer works, the meaning of miracles, and what Jesus reveals about who God is. Deep conversations will continue through Lent.

- Facilities Upgrades Continue
Thanks to the ongoing success of the Second Hand Thrift Shop, we are able to continue to maintain our facility. While a number of maintenance needs exist, the funds from thrift shop purchases allow us to keep our church looking beautiful without developing a backlog of deferred maintenance. So far this year, we have been able to put new carpet in parts of the Rectory and paint the interior, which is a boon to gatherings held there. Other recent projects have included a major prune of our hedge. Now, you can see our beautiful sign and church all the way up and down Harrison Avenue. Many thanks to our Thrift Shop volunteers, shoppers, and donors!

CONCERTS AT THE SAINTS HARRISON

World-class musicians right next door

Uncommon Ground brings bluegrass and celebration to a full house

Concerts at the Saints brought Uncommon Ground back to All Saints, and a full house enjoyed the music and festivities. Kids celebrated and led the crowd on a Saint Patrick's Day Parade, and everyone enjoyed delicious food at an Irish-themed reception.



Join us for Sax-O-Philm on May 5

A unique theatrical concert experience recreating the atmosphere of the 1920's. SAX-O-PHILM blends live music, multimedia & world-class talent. This concert event is unlike any other.

Sax virtuoso Chad Smith performs the music of Vaudeville saxophonist Rudy Wiedoeft. SAX-O-PHILM transports audiences of all ages back to a time during which radio, ragtime, silent movies and flappers reigned, Smith will be accompanied by piano, harp, and *Grammy Award winner Vince Giordano on banjo.*

Projected silent film and photo montages, vaudeville, interesting anecdotes of the period, and new arrangements featuring "The Craze of the Nation Band" highlight this evening.

Fully scripted and produced, the story line embodies the character of Wiedoeft through his style, humor, charm and showmanship.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets can be bought at www.concertsatthesaints.org.



Webster Ave. Nursery School News

Pajama Party is a fun time with a good cause

On Wednesday, March 22, we held our annual pajama party in class. Our students participated in fun activities and ate yummy breakfast food, while wearing their favorite pajamas. They even brought their most loved “stuffed friend” to enjoy the party, too.

Our tradition for the last eight years has been to ask our students’ families to donate a new pair of children’s pajamas, which we match with a new children’s book. These items are delivered to Our Sister’s Place and The Children’s Hope Chest. These shelters assist families in Westchester that must leave their homes suddenly for safety reasons, often with nothing more than the clothes they are wearing.

Our donations provide a clean, cozy pair of pajamas and a book to read. We hope our donations offer comfort to these children and instill in our students that you are never too small to make a difference in the lives of others.

Nursery School registration continues

Webster Avenue Nursery School is currently accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. We have limited availability in our afternoon classes for 3 and 4 year olds. If you would like information, please call the school at 914-835-4504 or email us at websteravekids@gmail.com.

We are always happy to answer any questions you might have and can schedule a time for you to tour the school and meet our staff. Tell your friends and neighbors—it’s never too early to think about enrolling your child, even for fall 2018!

Welcome to the new Messenger!

We want to make sure you know about the good things happening in God’s name at All Saints’ Church. Now, three or four times a year, we’ll send you a brief, printed newsletter to tell you about some of the good things happening.

After you are done reading it, why not give this newsletter to a friend?

If you are not receiving our weekly announcement email, and would like it, please email the parish office: office@allsaintsharrison.org.

Please like us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/allsaintsharrison

In the event of a pastoral emergency, such as a death or hospitalization, the Rev. JK Melton can be reached at 914-979-1882.

If you would prefer not to receive this newsletter—or other future mailings—please inform the parish office: office@allsaintsharrison.org.

If you have any questions at all, please be in touch!

How big is a T-rex footprint?

During a recent unit on dinosaurs, the students at Webster Avenue Nursery School investigated the size of a Tyrannosaurus rex footprint.

After creating a 3.3 foot replica on the floor, the students made estimates, and then they tested their hypotheses.

Any guesses? How big is it?



A T. rex footprint can hold 7 sitting nursery school students!



And a T. rex footprint can hold 17 standing nursery school students!

Second Annual Second Chance Thrift Shop

Spring Fling!

...bargains galore...

housewares, furniture, thrift shop treasures,
kids' toys, outdoor equipment,
Shimá Soaps from Navajoland,
clothing, shoes, and MORE

April 22 from 10 am to 3 pm

(Rain date April 29)

Donations for the sale accepted during normal thrift shop hours.

Cash preferred; credit cards accepted at this event; no checks.

The Second Chance Thrift Shop is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 am to 2 pm.

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