

Saints Alive!

The Episcopal Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew

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The Rev. Virginia "Gini" DiStanislao, Priest in Charge

One of the many things that I love about the Episcopal church is that just when I start to feel comfortable in a particular liturgical season, it is time to move on to the next. This is part of the rhythm that is so beautiful and keeps us growing in our knowledge and love of God. I am settling in to the season of Epiphany, so it must be time to move on to Lent.

Since not everyone is able to make it to our Ash Wednesday service at 5:30 pm on March 1st (one of my favorite services of the year), I want to remind you of our call to an observance of a holy Lent as found on page 264 in the Book of Common Prayer.

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. And, to make a right beginning of repentance, and as a mark of our mortal nature, let us now kneel before the Lord, our maker and redeemer.

As we read and meditate on God's holy Word, we will study with Adam Hamilton – John, The Gospel of Light and Life at our Wednesday evening Soup and Study. Jesus calls us in the Gospel of John to live in relationship with Christ by abiding in him. May this Lent be our opportunity to enhance our relationship with God through Jesus.

I look forward to traveling through this season with you.

Blessings, Gini+

March - Worship Assistants Schedule

Lay Readers

3/5 Jim & Margie
3/12 Steve & Tucker
3/19 Peter & Larry
3/26 Nikki & Vyta

Acolytes

Jakob & Jeb
Emma & Emily
Ann Turner & Jackson
Jakob

*If you cannot serve on the day assigned, please secure a substitute to cover.

Sunday Schedule

9:30 AM Second Sunday
Forum
10:30 AM Godly Play &
Church School
10:30 AM Worship – Holy
Eucharist
Refreshments and fellowship
following the service



Rev. Gini DiStanislao

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Vestry and Staff

Sallie Ann Buchanan, Sr
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Treasurer: Margie Nevins

Music Director: Eileen Duffy

Pianist: Cristyl Word

March - Godly Play Schedule

3/5 – Mary Lou

3/12 – Margie

3/19 - Sallie Manson

3/26 - Nikki



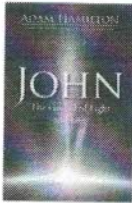
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Tues., Feb. 28th - 5:00 pm

Please join us for our famous pancakes prior to beginning our fasts on Ash Wednesday. Please invite your neighbors, family and friends to join us! Proceeds from this supper will go to Madeline's House, a wonderful outreach in our community.

Ash Wednesday Service and Imposition of Ashes – Wed., Mar. 1st – 5:30 pm

Ash Wednesday begins the 40-day season of Lent. This liturgy features a fairly thorough admission of our failure to serve God and our neighbor. The black mark of ashes on our foreheads (“You are but dust and to dust you shall return”) is an outward sign of our mortality and imperfection and that we are in need of God’s Mercy, forgiveness and love. The Holy Communion assures us that we are forgiven and united with Christ and that we are expected to live more faithfully. Please join us to make a right start to the holy season of Lent.

Lenten Soup and Study



Please join us each Wednesday night during Lent, March 8th to April 5th for our annual Soup and Study. We will join together for dinner at 5:30 and then move into our program of watching a Video and discussion. We will close with worship. Your attendance and contribution in our conversation is appreciated. May this be a season of growth in our relationship with Christ. If you can help with dinner or desserts, please contact Vicky Hall.

100th Anniversary Committee

Ordering books, afghans and the wood church pieces – See Margaret Richards about these purchases, if you are interested.

Photos needed – If you have old photographs that would be good for our Centennial Book, please give or send them to Steve Israel as soon as possible.

Centennial Anniversary Service of Confirmation – May 21st

The Centennial Anniversary Service of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist with the Rt. Rev. Herman “Holly” Hollerith, IV will be held on May 21st. If you would like to be confirmed or received in the church at this service, please see Gini+.

A luncheon will follow the service. More information to follow.



Thank you to Jakob and Emma who helped serve at our Valentine's Day dinner – we really appreciate all that you did!

Save the Date! March 12th – Following the service we will have a youth Lent outreach program. Please plan to join us!



Prayer List

- Please keep the following parishioners and friends in your daily prayers for healing in mind, body or spirit:

Alice	Hailey	Jim
Teresa	Betty	Ed
Amandalynn	Anna	Shirley
Grace	Paul	Ginny
Janice	Don	Linda
Joe	Billy	Libby
Alicia	Tom	John
Buck	Harry Lee	Neil
Bobby	Merrill	Eileen
Tyler	Larry	Lou
Paul	Jerry	Erin
Anthony	David	Charlie
Margaret	Jimmy	Carol
Joan	Isaiah	Shelli
Beneatha	Tyler	Kalina
Hunter	Barry	

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like for someone to be on the list, please fill out a prayer request card found in the pews. All names currently on the list will be removed and only those with a prayer request card will remain on for the time designated on the card. Thank you for your help and input with this new process.

We commit to God's gracious care and keeping all the men and women of the armed forces at home and abroad, especially Joe, Aaron, Rodger, and Jody. We pray that their courage and sacrifice may bring lasting peace wherever they may serve.

Communication

Facebook Link:



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MISSION STATEMENT of The Episcopal Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew

It is the mission of the Parish to be present in our community as living examples of Christ's love; to be good stewards of God's creation, to seek out the needy, and to bring others to know Christ.

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