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Interfaith Study Group for January

Want to learn more about Islam from Muslims, and in a mosque? The Interfaith Study group very much hopes you will join us on Sunday, January 10 from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Islamic Center of Southern California. A member of the ICSC will lead a discussion on the basics of Islam. You're more likely to benefit from the evening if you've looked over our reading for the meeting at <http://islam.about.com/od/basicbeliefs/p/intro.htm>. Hard copies for those without computers are available at the Middle East Ministry table on the lawn.

As always, our potluck is vegetarian. Do bring a dish to share as well as a mind open to learn and a heart open to understand.

The address of the Islamic Center is 434 S Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, 90020. Anyone who would like to carpool is invited to meet us in the North parking lot. We'll leave promptly at 4:15 p.m.

For more information about the Interfaith Study Group, please contact Amanda McCormick at amccormick@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2765.

Epiphany: A Sudden Realization

FROM LAURA THORNTON, CHILDREN'S MINISTER, BIRTH - PRE-K

Last September in Children's Chapel, we were talking about the fires and how they were affecting people we knew. Some of the children had to evacuate their homes. Thankfully, none of them lost a home. We were wondering what it would feel like and we played a game around the circle.

The sharing game was: If you could choose one thing to take what would it be? We excluded family and pets, which were all automatically on each child's list.

We tried not to over-steer the children but did mention that saving something irreplaceable might be nice. We had a variety of answers: favorite dolls and stuffed toys. Some kids would grab their money, a few pictures and pieces of art. In each chapel there was a child that needed more time to think of an answer. They each wound up sharing their item last.

At the 9 a.m. chapel, the child decided to save his baptism candle. At 11:15 a.m., the little girl would save her special picture of her sister's baptism.

It was, for me, a sudden realization of how meaningful sacraments and church life are for our children. They are deeply rooted here in baptism, in worship and in community.

For many of us this time of year is difficult. There is sadness and loss that we experience more keenly during the holidays. There is stress over gift giving, finances, relationships.

And then the New Year begins with all its pressure to exercise more, work harder, spend more time with family, to change for the better.

As we move from Christmas toward the sacrament of baptism and celebrate the baptism of Jesus on January 10, we pass through Epiphany.

E-piph-a-ny (*i-pif-uh-nee*) **noun** 1. a Christian feast day on January 6, which celebrates the revelation of God in human form in the person of Jesus Christ. 2. a sudden realization, intuitive perception of or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple, homely, or commonplace occurrence or experience.

This time of year is bursting with newness of life, the birth of a child, the sacrament of baptism, and an abundance of epiphanies. I encourage you to spend some time meditating, praying, walking, wondering about what are the most important things in your life. Think about this in terms of a child wondering about big questions. Rather than struggling for the "right" answer, they wonder about different answers and they relish their epiphanies.

We are challenged and called by God to be the face of Jesus in the world, to work for peace and justice for those who have little or no voice. How can you take your gifts, your abundance, your epiphanies out into the world, to be the face of Jesus to all you meet?

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Sunday
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

ADULTS AT 10:15

RECTOR'S FORUM

Hope and Empowerment Despite Systems of Societal Dysfunction

with Susan Burton

When Peter Sellars spoke to us in December critiquing the California prison system, he mentioned a project which is providing intervention with strong rays of hope and liberation. A New Way of Life Reentry Project is a nonprofit organization providing housing and reentry support to formerly incarcerated women and their children. A New Way of Life operates a total of four sober living homes, serving 40-50 women and children per year, and offers a wide range of support services to help facilitate a successful transition back to community life. Since its founding in 1998, A New Way of Life has helped transform the lives of over 220 women. Susan Burton, who is both a friend of Peter Sellars and a colleague of All Saints' Peace and Justice ministries will thrill us with a witness of how lives which were formerly devalued can be transformed through innovative community support. Come and have your own hope renewed! **Forum**

Couplehood

with Dr. Bruce and Dr. Francine Crapuchettes

You may have already sensed that being a couple is more about growth and healing than just romantic feelings, and have not known how to move in that direction. This offering is an introduction to a six-week educational program which is an adaptation of the New York Times bestseller *Getting the Love You Want: A Guide for Couples* by Harville Hendrix. **Sweetland Hall**

Emotional Health Care, Part 2

with Pastoral Care and Spiritual Growth Ministries of All Saints

Healthguide is a two part program with a multi-faceted approach on ways to balance emotional health. There are many things you can do to boost your mood, build resilience, and get more enjoyment out of life.

Guild Room

The Next "Second Saturday" Celebration is Saturday, January 9, at 5 p.m. "Following the Light!"

Join us, Saturday January 9, at 5 p.m. in the Learning Center to celebrate the light of Christ! Susan Russell preaches. Stay for a community potluck meal after the service. For more information please contact Isabel Leus at ileus@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2766.

FOR CHILDREN

Preschool (ages 2-4), SCOTT HALL

9:00 Infant and Child Care with Bible Stories
10:30 **Rooms 2 and 3: Baptisms**

Grade School (K-5), LEARNING CENTER

9:00 Children's Chapel: Children go to church with their parents, leave after the Gospel, and return before the offering.
10:15 **Grades K-5: Combined Godly Play--Baptism**
11:15 Children's Chapel: Children go to church with their parents, leave after the Gospel, and return before the offering.

FOR YOUTH, JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL

10:15-11:00 **JR. HIGH & SR. HIGH SCHOOL**
"Popcorn and a Movie"

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH ROOMS

EUCHARIST AT 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 A.M. AND 1 P.M.

The Rector will preach on *The Power Over Fear When We Are Loved For Who We Are* at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

The Rev. Abel Lopez will preach at the 1 p.m. Spanish-English service.

At 9 and 11:15, Coventry Choir offers *Grant Us Thy Peace* by Felix Mendelssohn and the African-American spiritual *His Name So Sweet*.

SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 43:1-7
Acts 8:14-17
Psalm 29
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Moving On

Two beloved staff members have informed me of their desires to make major transitions in their lives by the end of this program year in June. Lorna Miller, Director of the Office for Creative Connections (OCC), is retiring. Lori Kizzia, Director of Peace & Justice, is resigning.

Lorna writes, "After 25 wonderful years of employment at All Saints Church, I think it is time to pass the mantle of OCC to new leadership. It has been a privilege and a blessing to represent the church in the city through Creative Connections. I have enjoyed the opportunities and challenges that All Saints has afforded me to work toward healing, reconciliation and justice in our community." Over the past year Lorna has shared with me her desire to be more available to her children and grandchildren who have relocated to Washington and Colorado. She will continue her work with her husband, Don, speaking and writing on genocide and other international issues, as well as supporting organizations of orphans and widows in Rwanda. I am pleased that she will continue her active membership at All Saints.

Lori has been in a place of discernment about her life during the past year. Last year, at her request, she and I reconfigured her position with reduced hours. She says in her letter of resignation, "After careful discernment of my family's needs, my own deep desire to complete my graduate education in social work, and the needs of All Saints' peace and justice mission and ministry, I am resigning my position. It has become very clear to me over these last months that the roles and responsibilities of the Director of Peace & Justice cannot be accomplished on a part time basis... I will continue to serve All Saints and the human family through All Saints' peace and justice work when I return to being a non-staff parishioner."

I cannot tell you what sadness I feel at the thought of the All Saints staff without these two amazing and productive women. At the same time, I love how God is always calling us to new ventures, and I deeply appreciate the care with which Lorna and Lori have discerned the next steps on their journeys. In the coming months we will plan ways in which to celebrate their ministries.

Two searches for their replacements will begin now. Gloria Pitzer, Senior Warden of the Vestry, will oversee both efforts. A chair and members for each search committee will be named in January. Please keep Lorna, Lori and the search processes in your prayers.

~ Ed Bacon

Food Ministry Appreciates Donations

Thanks to the generosity and assistance of All Saints parishioners, approximately 150 homeless and low-income men and women received Christmas food and gift bags on December 21. In addition, new toys, games and books were distributed to parents and grandparents who were then able to give their children and grandchildren Christmas gifts. Thank you to all who brought food, toiletries, sock, shirts and other gifts and to those who helped pack and distribute the food/gift bags. Know that you brought joy to many needy individuals and families this past Christmas.

Small canned food items, fresh fruit, and toiletries are gratefully received every week of the year for the regular Monday food distribution. You may bring donations to the basket on the lawn Sunday mornings or call Diane Williams at 626.583.2714 for more information.

Confirmation Program Still Open

Our Confirmation Program (formerly Covenant II) is a class with many dimensions. It is both for adults considering Confirmation in the Episcopal Church and for those who desire to deepen their understanding of the Christian faith. Class participants are given the opportunity to reflect on their faith and to engage in in-depth discussions of theological issues. The Program's Sunday afternoon lectures engage such issues as Theology, Church History, the Trinity, Peace and Justice, Ethics, the Sacraments and Personal Ministry. Lectures are followed by small group sessions where participants explore the questions raised by the lectures in light of their personal experience and perspective. The Confirmation Program is offered once a year and meets on selected Sunday afternoons for lecture and discussion beginning in January and continuing into May. This year the class culminates in a festive Confirmation Service on Saturday, May 8, 2010 with Bishop Barbara Harris. The Program is the way into Confirmation or Reception in the Episcopal Church and to the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows. The first session meets on Sunday, January 3 at 11:15 a.m. in Sweetland Hall.

To register, please stop by our table on the lawn. For more information, contact Marleen Scheffy at 818.246.9634.

"A New Way to Love"

You may have had the sense that your couplehood is more about growth and healing than just romantic feelings, but have not known how to fully move in that direction. This six-week program, led by Bruce & Francine Crapuchettes, is an educational adaptation of the book *Getting the Love You Want: A Guide for Couples* by Harville Hendrix, which has been on the New York Times best seller list 14 times. It will be offered on Monday evenings, 7-9 p.m., from January 25 to March 8, with a kick-off on Sunday morning, Jan. 10, by Bruce and Francine in Sweetland Hall at 10:15 a.m. The cost to each couple

is \$40 for two comprehensive manuals and a DVD.

The course is about learning dialogical skills that are designed to radically transform your relationship by:

- Improving your relationship with your partner
- Dissolving long-standing conflicts
- Using your relationship to heal childhood wounds
- Using your relationship to grow into your full potential
- Deepening connection and intimacy

The course is for all couples, straight or gay, who are interested in improving the quality of their relationship. If you have taken this course in the past, you are welcome to take it again. Some changes have been made. It was formerly called "Couplehood As A Spiritual Path."

Bruce and Francine Crapuchettes have been members of All Saints Church since 1970, and are licensed psychologists and members of the American Psychological Association. They are both on the faculty of the Imago International Institute where Bruce was dean for two years, 2003-2005. They train therapists and have a practice for couples in Altadena. See www.pasadenainstitute.com for more information on them and their work. Sign up for the class with Ana Camacho by calling 626.583.2737.

Conscientious Projector: Imagining a World Without Fish

It has been called the "evil twin" of climate crisis. Excess carbon dioxide in Earth's oceans is changing sea water chemistry, and the resulting acidification, if unchecked, could lead to dead oceans, the extinction of sea life and the taking away of the primary protein source of one billion of the world's people. Imagine a world without fish.

To generate greater public awareness about this important but under-reported story (and partly in response to the disappointing outcome of the 2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen), Conscientious Projector will present Barbara Ettinger's award-winning *A Sea Change* on Thursday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. at The Armory Center for the Arts. At the core of its narrative is Sven Huseby, a retired history teacher whose love of and concern for oceans and ocean life takes him on explorations to Alaska, Washington state, California and Norway in a fact-finding investigation that brings a looming worldwide disaster to light.

A community discussion will follow the film. The Armory is located at 145 N. Raymond in Old Pasadena. Admission is free and the facility is accessible to disabled persons. For more information, contact Marty Coleman at 626.792.4941 or visit www.aseachange.net.

Fiction Fun! for January

Join us on Friday, Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Guild Room as we discuss Anne Enright's *The Gathering*. Al Kennedy of The Guardian writes that "*The Gathering*...is ostensibly a simple thing...And, of course *The Gathering* isn't a simple thing at all – it's a genuine attempt to stare down both love and death, to anatomise their pains and fears and peculiar pleasures." The book is available for *Fiction Fun!* members at Vromans with a 20% discount. For further information, please contact Amanda McCormick at amccormick@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2765.

Save the Date: James Walker and Kyle Champion in Concert!

On Sunday, Feb. 14, at 5:00 p.m., come and enjoy magnificent sonatas for cello and piano by Ludwig van Beethoven and Bohuslav Martinu in the beautiful setting of All Saints Church, Pasadena. All are welcome.

Wrestling with Church: The Search for Home -- 6th Annual Young Adults Retreat in Santa Barbara!

We all encounter times of struggle in the journey of faith – disillusionment with traditions we no longer accept, rejection by churches that don't accept us, a loss of the sense of where God is in our lives. Join us as we explore how faith-seekers wrestle, wander, and are welcomed home, and how we do so in community with others. Last year's retreat was SOLD OUT, so please sign up early to reserve your spot.

Who: Young adults in their 20s and 30s - students, professionals, singles, couples, regulars, drifters, YOU!

What: A spiritual retreat, a time to reconnect with God, nature, friends, and yourself.

When: Feb. 19-21, 2010

Where: La Casa de Maria Retreat Center in Santa Barbara

How much: \$75 (\$25 deposit due by Feb 7) for two nights of lodging and 5 meals, a superb deal for a relaxing weekend in Santa Barbara! If you will have trouble paying, please come talk to us at the 20/30 table on the lawn.

**God willing and the people
consenting**

The Right Reverend

J. Jon Bruno,

Bishop of Los Angeles,

will ordain

Amy Gabrielle Cox

to the Sacred Order of Priests

Saturday,

the Ninth of January

Two thousand and ten

at ten o'clock in the morning

St. John's Pro-Cathedral

514 West Adams Boulevard

Los Angeles, California

Your prayers and presence

are joyfully requested.

Clergy: Cassock, surplice,

red stole

Altar flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special event, or to give thanks for someone who has touched your life. To donate flowers for the altars, please call 626.796.1172

shorts

Parking on Sundays

Sunday parking at Plaza Las Fuentes (Westin Hotel) is only free until 1:00 p.m. If you stay later you will have to pay for additional time. If you are attending the 1:00 p.m. Bilingual Service or staying for an event, please park at the Kaiser parking structure on the northeast corner of Walnut and Euclid, where the parking is free until 4:00 p.m.

The Welcome Table

The Welcome Table, just outside the north door, is where all newcomers are invited. There they receive a red bag and words of welcome, the answers to questions, and a chance to learn something of the many ways to become

involved at All Saints. We have a wonderful staff of volunteers who work at the table one service, once a month. We need a few more, especially before the 9:00 a.m. service. If you have a ready smile, and wish to be part of the "first face" of All Saints, let us know! Contact Susan Johnson at sl.johnson@mac.com or 626.799.4246.


prayers

FOR THE PARISH COMMUNITY

Remember those for whom prayers have been

requested: Prince Addison; Scott Anderson; Jacqueline Arcaris; Steven & Linda Bean; Laura Cowie Belliot; Vijay Coelho; Hosea Delevoe; Jerome Downes; Margaret Fahy; Patrice Gibson & Family; Vonnie Gliesman; Danny Gull; Jane Harrison; Tamara & the Klarin Family; Camille LeBlanc; Paul McCreery; Lynda McNamara; Evelyn Morales & Family; Karen Nishita; Judie Owen; Julien Salomon; Dorothy & Vincent Sanner; Hollie Stott; Beverly Swabb; Tim & Linda Taggart; Shirley Trissler; Frank Vasiceck; Andrew Weiss; Cheryl; Laney; Joe; Tucky; Beth

For those who have died: Paul Bagmann; Brittany Murphy; Jeff Haas; Cheryl M. Kruse; Luis Angel Mendieta; Arnold Medina; June Nishita; Bess Oplatek; Joel Salgado; Iva Ukias

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