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Save the Date: Sermon Discussion Lunch With Clergy

Join us for our next lunch on Sunday, Mar. 14, in the Forum at 12:30 p.m. Sermon discussion lunches provide an opportunity to talk over how All Saints preachers focus on theological and spiritual themes, interpret scripture, use books and articles referenced in the sermons, and think about social action issues. Copies of the sermons will be available. A light lunch will be provided for \$10 until we run out, or you are welcome to bring your own lunch if you prefer.

Bill Cunliffe Plays Grammy-Winning Work at Jazz Vespers!

Sunday, Feb. 28, at 5:00 p.m. in the Chancel. Our Composer-in-Residence Bill Cunliffe is gathering nationwide attention with his innovative and swinging recordings and compositions. He first fell under the influence of jazz by studying at Duke University with the great pianist Mary Lou Williams; the Thelonious Monk International Jazz Piano Award; and has received stipends from the National Endowment for the Arts. As a composer/arranger Bill has been nominated for two Emmys and three Grammys, winning the Grammy for "West-Side Story Medley." Christina Honchell will offer a meditation. Child care is provided. If you would like to use the elevator for accessibility, please arrive five minutes early. For more information, contact Melissa Hayes at 626.583.2725 or mhayes@allsaints-pas.org.

The Evolving Saints Alive

FROM ANNE BRECK PETERSON, SENIOR ASSOCIATE, LEADERSHIP AND LITURGY

I love the image of All Saints as a river, not a pond. The image of moving, aerated water that refreshes and restores is powerful. It can also be unsettling. Movement implies change. Change from something inadequate to adequate is wonderful, from something wonderful to wonderful-in-a-different way can be challenging.

Beginning Sunday, March 7, our weekly newsletter *Saints Alive* is changing shape once again.

When I first came to All Saints in 1978, award winning sports writer turned priest, Huston Horn, wrote the weekly publication, called *The Bulletin*. On Mondays he composed the text and set it off to the local printer, Geddes Press. Tuesdays he proofed the galleys. The printed copies then were delivered to the church office where volunteers labeled and sorted them for bulk mailing. When Huston retired, the single voice and dry wit style of *The Bulletin* expanded to many voices, and contributions were solicited from the parish.

Over the years, we changed the format and the design. The size of the document expanded. What began as a two-fold became a four-fold and then again a two-fold. Near the end of 1993 we changed the name, as *Saints Alive* seemed to capture better the spirit of who we were. We brought the production in-house and then we outsourced it. Currently the Pasadena printing house Licher prints, fold and mails our weekly product.

Financial exigencies have prompted our deci-

sion to move *Saints Alive* to a monthly publication, at a savings of \$45,000 a year. The monthly issue will be the same size as our current version, but the space will contain more photos and reflective pieces about what has happened as well as what's ahead. This edition will continue to be mailed and accessed on line.

A new two-sided one-page document, *This Week at All Saints*, will be published every week, describing what is coming in the following week. It will be attached to the back of the Sunday liturgy and available on the lawn at the Welcome Table, as well as online. If you've been receiving the weekly *Saints Alive* online, you will receive *This Week at All Saints* the same way automatically. If you hadn't made the move to the online version of *Saints Alive*, this is a good time to contact us and let us add you to our email list. If you are not able to receive this information via email or at church, contact Amanda McCormick at amccormick@allsaints-pas.org and we will mail you *This Week at All Saints*.

In my long tenure, I have experienced something about every change in our newsletter as a loss, which I have mourned. In every change, I have also seen gains, in which I rejoiced. So I invite you to wade with me into the swirling waters and go with the flow to a new place where the spirit communicates to us in a new form. For questions or comments, please contact me at apeterson@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2713.

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Sunday

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

ADULTS AT 10:15

RECTOR'S FORUM

Award-Worthy Films and Others with film critic Kenneth Turan

Two hosts for the evening? Ten nominees for best picture—some of which people have actually seen? In a shrinking economy, the Academy Awards is expanding. Just in time to explain why, and to answer all the questions on your lips, our favorite film-critic-in-residence Ken Turan makes his annual visit to the Rector's Forum. It really doesn't matter how many of the nominated films and actors you have seen, Turan will be your guide. We like his informative and interesting take on the movies themselves and the state of film in general. He likes the questions from the audience. It is a perfect partnership, and one from which you will benefit, hugely. Come on down to the Forum for the best show in town. And bring your notepad to list recommended films the Academy didn't notice but should have. Copies of his new book about Joe Papp, *Free For All*, will be available for purchase. Forum

Emerging Church and the World as Sacrament

with Tom Ambrogi

The Emerging Church is the center of attention in most theological circles these days. More and more people declare themselves to be spiritual, but not religious, find the church irrelevant to their search, and prefer to divorce themselves from institutional structures. Ambrogi will discuss his latest theological article and engage you in a lively reflection. Sweetland Hall

Lenten Bible Study, Part 1

with Sharalyn Hamilton

Church Politics: Jesus of Nazareth was no stranger to political machinations. Nothing will more quickly alarm those on top, in comfortable positions, than the suggestion that they may not end up on top, but that some of those now relegated to the bottom will ultimately be first. Luke 13:31-35. Guild Room

The Next "Second Saturday" Celebration is Saturday, March 13, at 5 p.m. in the Learning Center

An African Celebration! Even in Darkness!
Join our Second Saturday Celebration on March 13, 5:00 p.m. in the Learning Center. Stephanie Mowery and a group of Trouveres, Troubadors and Mastersinger choristers will join us for our festive, informal family friendly eucharist, with a celebration of African songs and drumming, and a Lenten focus. Community potluck follows the service. Wilma Jakobsen preaches. Don't miss this fabulous celebration!

FOR CHILDREN

Preschool (ages 2-4), SCOTT HALL

9:00 Infant and Child Care with Bible Stories
10:30 Rooms 2 and 3: *Faces of Easter, Part 2*

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—Faces of Easter, Parts III & IV*
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
Lent Series

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH ROOMS

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

The Rev. Susan Russell will preach on *Nevertheless* 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 will offer *Out of the Depths* by Alan Hovhaness, with soloist Zanaida Robles and *Tantum ergo* by Anton Bruckner.

SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Psalm 27
Luke 13:31-35

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

Save The Date: Summer Adventure 2010

Wha-wha-what?! Summer Adventure is at night?! Did you know that as many as 50% of California's public school students take summer school? This prevents many students from experiencing the joys and importance of Summer Vacation Bible Day School. This year, in an effort to reach out to more families, we are going to turn Summer Adventure upside down and have it in the evening! June 28-July 2 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Children will gather for dinner each evening, fun activities and evening worship all before bedtime! We look forward to this exciting adventure and can't wait to see you there! For more information contact: Jobi Harrell at jharrell@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2763.

Meeting God Anew: Cleansing Our Spiritual Palate

This is our 20/30 Series on Sundays during March in the Guild Room from 12:45-2.30 p.m., after the 11:15 service. We all have concep-

tions of God that have been shaped by our life's journey. Some of these are life-giving, others oppressive. In this four-week series, we will explore spiritual practices that help us to identify and let go of images of God that stifle growth. Join us and encounter God in fresh and exciting ways! March 7, 14, 21, and 28. Open to all young adults in their 20s or 30s. Light snacks included. Sign up at the 20/30 table on the lawn, or at siya.allsaints-pas.org

Cooperative Process Training

Improve your effectiveness in meetings and relationships. On Saturday, Feb. 27, 9 a.m. - Noon, and Tuesday, Mar. 2, 6-9 p.m., learn a way of conversation that builds trust and allows for conflict and accountability. Discover ways to better acknowledge your feelings in the moment. By listening and responding to your feelings, you put your cognitive self in charge of your emotions, rather than letting your emotions rule you. Ed Bacon would love for the entire parish to be trained in this process! Questions = Anne Peterson apeterson@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2713. Sign up = amccormick@allsaints-pas.org

Jim Wallis At All Saints

Jim Wallis will be in the Forum on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. as part of his national book tour for his latest, *Rediscovering Values*. Wallis is a bestselling author, preacher, and commentator on religion, public life, faith, and politics, and old friend of All Saints Church. Come be inspired! Books will be available for purchase and for signing.

Holy Rakers

The Holy Rakers typically don't garden in February as the ground is usually too muddy, but this year is an exception. Last month's rains have brought on an early growth and we need many hands to tame the garden in preparation for Easter. We hope you will join us Saturday, Feb. 27, from 8:30-11:00. We will be working in the Quad Area and the front of the church. We will provide all the tools you need and even a pair of gloves if you don't have your own (not to mention tasty home baked treats!). Please contact Candy League at bcandida@echomt.net, 626.797.4678 or Judith Fischer at fischer.judith@sbcglobal.net and let us know you're coming.

Children's and Youth Choirs African Celebration

The Trouvères, Troubadours and Mastersingers will offer West African drumming, singing, and dance, music of South Africa and traditional spirituals on Sunday, Mar. 14, at 5:00 p.m. in the Church. \$5 suggested donation. For more information, contact Stephanie Mowery @ 626.583.2719 or smowery@allsaints-pas.org

All Saints Sabbath Suppers in March

You are cordially invited to participate in a wonderful experience this Lenten season which helps people in our large parish to connect with one another in conversations around a meal.

Sabbath Suppers provide an excellent opportunity to take time out from the fast pace of our lives. The Jewish Sabbath begins at sundown, no matter what. It cannot be delayed until one is ready for it. It just comes. And one stops. In our culture the idea of stopping before one's work is done is daunting. We worry about stopping before we've completed our work and the items on our 'to-do' list. However, as we realize when we do take time-outs, we're still able to accomplish what we set out to do. The Sabbath Supper offers a special opportunity for that reenergizing time-out.

Sharing food is at the heart of our Judeo-Christian faith. The holy meal of Eucharist is the centerpiece of our faith community. The idea that God sets a banquet before us with room for every single person on the face of the earth is central to our life. A meal is a lovely way in which to reflect on life and its meanings. We are fed by the actual food and by our understandings of one another. Sabbath Suppers offer wonderful opportunities to receive this sustenance.

Because of the success of last spring's Suppers, the Growth and Incorporation Committee is planning Sabbath Suppers to be held on the weekends of March 19, 20 and 21 and March 26, 27 and 28.

Take time out to participate in the Sabbath Supper

experience. Sign up for one of the Sabbath Suppers at the Sabbath Supper Table on the lawn on February 21, 28 and March 7.

Sacred Journeys Presents: "Abiding in the House of Love"

Join us for an inspiring and transformational small group that will give you some important tools for your spiritual toolbox. This group will be led by Robert Cornell, Hilda Boulware, and Kathleen Stroup, who have had extensive training in the Spiritual Psychology program at the University of Santa Monica. There is no charge and the group will be kept to thirty participants, so sign up early.

*Experience the power of entering deeply into knowing that you are God's beloved child...

*Discover new ways to get unstuck when your buttons are being pushed...

*Learn about how your ego keeps you from accomplishing important things in your life - and how to move ahead!

Meetings will be held from 1-3 p.m. the second and fourth Sundays each month beginning March 14 and ending June 20. Contact Robert Cornell at robertbcornell@earthlink.net or 626.398.5581 for further details.

Save March 21-22! "Grace Trumps" with Serene Jones

The Rev. Dr. Serene Jones is coming to All Saints to talk about "Grace Trumps: Claiming the power of God's grace to triumph over crisis."

Dr. Jones is the President of Union Theological Seminary. Previously on the faculty at Yale University, she has authored or edited 7 books and numerous articles and has been featured in the national media, including Oprah's Soul Series with Ed Bacon.

Ed was excited by her story: "Serene's incandescently bright personality coupled with her passionate discussion of 21st century Christianity made me want to know her and learn more from her," he said. "During my radio program, Serene spoke of the power and centrality of Grace, telling me the transformative story of a horrible period in her life in which she went through divorce, suffered a major physical breakdown resulting in a traumatic hospitalization, and then found her new life through Grace. I wanted her to come tell her story at All Saints."

On **Sunday, March 21**, Dr. Jones will preach at 9:00 and 11:15 a.m., give the Rector's Forum presentation at 10:15 a.m., and have a presentation at 7:00 p.m.

On **Monday, March 22**, there will be a workshop at 5:30 p.m. with presentation by Dr. Jones at 6:30 p.m.

Please don't miss being transformed by the soulful intellectual firepower of this amazing 21st century religious leader. Your life will be empowered by her story. All events are at All Saints Church, and are free and open to the public. Child care is available for children from infancy through fifth grade by calling 626.583.2781 at least 24 hours in advance. No reservations are needed for Sunday mornings. For more information call Norma Sigmund at 626.583.2734.

Lenten Small Groups

Online any time

The Last Week by Marcus Borg + John Dominic Crossan – Sharalyn Hamilton
The Sacred Meal by Nora Gallagher – Susan Russell

Sundays (starting March 7)

12:30 p.m. For 20s and 30s, Meeting God Anew – Wilma Jakobsen

Mondays (starting 2/22)

7 p.m. *The Future of Faith* by Harvey Cox – Jim Prendergast

7 p.m. *The Case for God* by Karen Armstrong – Ken VanDerHorst

Wednesdays (started 2/17)

11 a.m. Experiencing the Lectionary Readings – Richard Wingell

Thursdays (starting 2/25)

7:15 a.m. *The God We Never Knew* by Marcus Borg – Anne Peterson

6:30 p.m. Are You Open to the Law of Forgiveness? – Zeld Kennedy

Sign up at the Small Groups Table on the Lawn or email amccormick@allsaints-pas.org.

Lunch of Compassion with The Writers Group of The Women's Room

The Women's Community and Sustainable World cordially invite all members of the parish to attend the final Lunch of Compassion on Sunday, March 7, at 12:30 p.m. in Sweetland Hall. The program is "Among Women," readings by members of the Writers Group at The Women's Room (TWR), a daytime refuge in Pasadena for women who are homeless or at-risk.

The women's compositions are the products of "Courage to Write," a class sponsored by La Pintoresca Library and the Ecumenical Council of Pasadena Area Churches, home of TWR. "Courage to Write" offers a way to strip off layers of social niceties or disturbances, to dig deep and find the authentic within," says Esther Bradley DeTally, teacher of the class. Esther has published in numerous publications and is author of *Without a Net: A Sojourn to Russia*. Her latest book is *You Can Carry the Heavy Stuff*.

Net proceeds from the Lunch will go to the Downtown Women's Center.

Advance reservations are \$15 and must be received by February 28. The cost will be \$20 at the door (space permitting), or \$8 plus a bag of food for the pantry at the Ecumenical Council/Friends in Deed. For more information contact Chris at chrsvander@mindspring.com or MaryLouise at molau@charter.net. For child care, please phone the Child Care Coordinator at 626.583.2781 one week in advance. There is plenty of free parking in the Kaiser Parking Lot, corner of Euclid and Walnut Street.

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Youth & Parent Event with Day One and Other Youth Organizations

Wednesday March 3, Learning Center, 6.30 p.m. on the increasing use of the Ecstasy drug among teens. For more information contact Isabel Leus at ileus@allsaints-pas.org or 626.583.2733.

Lenten Taize Eucharist and Prayers Around The Cross

Sunday Mar. 7, 5:00 p.m. in the chapel. Join Wilma Jakobsen and others for a contemplative, candlelight Eucharist, with song, music, silence, scripture, prayers and reflection. The perfect way to become centered and quiet during your Lenten journey.

Authors Coming to All Saints

The following authors will be coming to All Saints soon:

- **Jodi Picault**, *House Rules* - Tuesday, March 16
- **Diarmaid MacCulloch**, speaking about his new book, *Christianity, the First Thousand Years* - **Wednesday, March 24.**

All events will begin at 7 p.m. in the Forum. Books will be available for sale and signing.

Transformational Journey To Kenya

Kenya is a beautiful country in East Africa. It is also one of those that has been severely affected by climate change. Nomadic communities, the Maasai among them, have

been adversely affected. Poverty has increased tremendously especially among families.

All Saints is organizing a Transformational Journey to Kenya from July 18-31 to see firsthand the effects of climate change and how the nomadic communities are coping; their struggles and their hope. A two-day safari will be offered as an option at the end of the trip.

Please contact Betty Kisimir and Charles Haig on allsaintskenyatj@yahoo.com for details or call 626.325.3185.

prayers


FOR THE PARISH COMMUNITY

Remember those for whom prayers have been requested:

Betsy Baxter; Michael Checca; Rebecca Cronin & Family; William Davis; David Jared Dimmick; Eric Floyd; George Garrigues; Irene Gasparelli; Omar Gonzalez; Bertie Holty; Lucas Kaphart; Jessica Katz; Delores Lewis; Lyle Loehr; Maryanne McCaffery; Jim McCleary; Ceci Montalvo; Florence Munoz; Gail Moore; Joanne Nelson; Nicholas Andrew Plati; Isabel Ramirez; Herb Reinwasser; Valinda Richardson; Mark Riebs; Kenni Setzer; Jennifer Spragins; the Sherman Family; Julie Two Cass Sues; the Winch Family; Mark; Michael B.

We celebrate and give thanks for: the birth of Liam Touryan Iverson, son of Arpi and Terry Iverson and grandchild of Don and Lorna Miller; the 40th wedding anniversary of Bee & Bernie Halloran; and for the 100th birthday of Grace Clark

For those who have died: Eric Fowler; Grace Joi; Amelia Florence Koester Koch; Donald Nance; George Albert Sandoval; Bob Winch

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