

Pro Omnibus Sanctis

Honoring Dick Varnell

For his many years of service to All Saints' Episcopal Church.

After 24 years of service to All Saints' Episcopal Church, **Dick Varnell** retired from his position as Treasurer at the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting. Our congregation applauded Dick on his decades of service, grateful for all he has done for our beloved parish.

Dick Varnell is a cradle Episcopalian, born in Casper, Wyoming. He and his family attended an Episcopal church there until he was 10, when his family moved to Midland, Texas. He attended Texas Tech and received a degree in Engineering, and the day following his graduation, he married his wife, **Emilie**.

For 60 years, Dick has worked for the Phillips Petroleum Company. He moved to Fort Worth in 1973, shuttling between Cowtown and Houston until settling permanently in Fort Worth in 1983. After attending a few other Episcopal churches, Dick attended a service at All Saints' near Thanksgiving. "I knew more people in the congregation here than I ever did in St. Andrews," he said in an interview. "So, I decided this is where I would stay." He joined All Saints' in 1996, and has been here ever since.

In 2000, Dick was appointed to the Vestry to take the place of an existing member who resigned. About a year later in 2001, Dick Varnell accepted the position of Treasurer here at All Saints'. "I have an MBA, I'm a CPA, and I'm a registered professional engineer, so I was a jack of all trades," he explained as the reasoning behind his nomination. He worked with both Fr. Jambor and Lynn Waltman for 23 years, diligently keeping track of the church's finances. "Probably, I think I logged in over 350 vestry meetings in my period. I wanted to keep the financial statements, the integrity of them, beyond reproach." - *continued on Page 2.*



Dick Varnell at a Mustard Seed Charter Reception, 2015.



Dick Varnell & Kent Henning at the 2013 World Mission Golf Classic.



Dick Varnell, Frank Sherwood, and Joe Gray at the dedication of the Gray house, 2014.

Dick did far more than just keep the parish's books and finances in order. He played a pivotal (many would say heroic) role in shepherding All Saints' through the dark days of schism and bankruptcy, helping the church retain its name, history, possessions and much of its property.

His dedication for his work in the church never wavered, even through the day-to-day tribulations we faced during the bankruptcy.

When asked what he felt was his greatest accomplishment, out of the many great accomplishments he achieved during his time as Treasurer, apart from funding the building of the Gray House, and funding a new HVAC system for the Gray House, Dick replied, "People trusted me. I was Treasurer for so long that I became kind of a symbol of the financial integrity of the church. And another achievement was being able to fund all the capital needs, which were significant, without a capital campaign."

"Like I said, I love this church and it's been a big part of my life. And I felt great about it. I never felt like I was a Bible scholar or a particular expert in scripture or anything like that."

"This was my way of serving the church that I loved, and I just can't tell you how strong I feel for it," he said with admiration.

Mthr. Hill honored Dick Varnell for his service at the Annual Parish Meeting with a memorial plaque in the form of a model ship, *The Varnell*, a symbol of Dick's skill in steering All Saints' in the right direction.

Words cannot express our admiration and thankfulness for Dick Varnell for his guidance, generosity, and dedication to our parish. We look forward to our All Saints' continued growth, following the steady course set by Dick Varnell.



Dick Varnell at the Annual Parish Meeting, 2025.



Dick Varnell and Sallie Trotter at Easter, 2021.

Rector Search Update - February 14

By Stephanie Burk and Amy Robinson

As our Search Committee continues to prepare for the next phase of the rector search, please remember that every parishioner can play an active part by praying for this process and for our committee.

A Prayer for the Parish (BCP p. 817)

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Faithfully,

Amy Robinson, Chair
Stephanie Burk, Senior Warden

2025 Diocesan Council

The 2025 Diocesan Council for the Episcopal Diocese of Texas was a huge success! All Saints' Episcopal Church had dozens of volunteers to help as ushers during the service, and to help as Logistic Coordinators, moving anything and everything that the diocese volunteer leaders needed help moving. All the volunteers had a wonderful time meeting fellow Episcopalians from their diocese and represented All Saints' with a strong and unified presence!

Thank you again to all the volunteers who helped this year's council, to the acolytes who served during Friday night's service, and to the delegates who proudly represented All Saints'.



Join us for a
Mardi Gras Celebration!



Join us to celebrate Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday with a pancake feast, the crowning of the Mardi Gras King and Queen, and the entombing of our Alleluias. We hope to see you there!

Tuesday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m.

At West Side Cafe | 7950 Camp Bowie West Blvd

CONTACT BAILEY LOEWENSTEIN FOR MORE
INFORMATION AT BAILEY@ASECFW.ORG.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Baby Shower

HONORING

Dr. Traci & Fr. Zachary Bartkus

FEB

SATURDAY

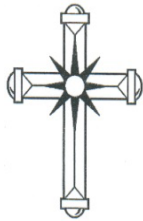
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AT 10 AM

AT THE GRAY HOUSE, 4936 DEXTER AVENUE

Contributions to the Bartkus's diaper fund can be made at the shower. Contact Amy Robinson at amyrobinson1219@gmail.com for more information.

REST IN PEACE



NORMA BROWN
MOTHER OF PARISHIONER MELANIE BROWN

HELEN MURRAY JAMES

HARRIETTE O'CONNOR
WIFE OF PARISHIONER TOM O'CONNOR

Please extend your condolences to all who mourn their deaths and keep them in your prayers.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.



REQUIEM EUCHARIST
FOR HARRIETTE
O'CONNOR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
AT 1:00 P.M.

HELD AT THE ALL SAINTS'
SCHOOL CHAPEL
9700 SAINTS CIRCLE
FORT WORTH, TX 76108

Reception to follow in the Student Union.

Spring Adult Education



Spring Adult Forum: Unveiling the Mystery

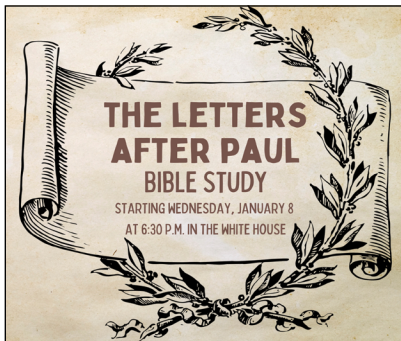
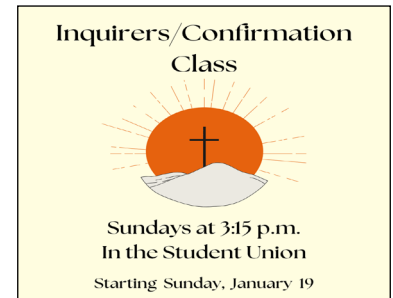
The Church is bound together by a great, mysterious, and invisible reality. That mystery defines our common life, inspires our liturgy, and transforms our very human nature. It is the life of the Church and the crux of our identity as Anglicans. What is this mystery? When do we encounter it? How does it shape our life at All Saints? Join us on Sunday mornings to find out.

This Adult Forum begins at **10:10 a.m.** in the Student Union Conference Room, continuing **Sunday, February 16**. For questions about this Adult Forum, please contact Mthr. Hill at mthhill@asecfw.org.

Inquirers/Confirmation Class

Join Mthr. Hill for an Inquirers/Confirmation Class. This question-based class is geared toward those new to All Saints' or the Episcopal Church, adults preparing for Confirmation, or for anyone who would like to learn more about our faith.

Inquirers/Confirmation Class will meet on **Sundays at 3:15 p.m.** in the Student Union Conference Room continuing **this Sunday, February 16**. For questions about this class, please contact Mthr. Hill at mthhill@asecfw.org.



Bible Study: The Letters After Paul

Between the letters of Paul and the Revelation to John, we find a small collection of letters written under the names of James, Peter, John, and Jude. Continuing **Wednesday, February 19**, we will explore how their collective wisdom and witness helped spread the Gospel to different cultures and communities.

Sessions will be **Wednesday evenings** in the White House at **6:30 p.m.**, with supper at 6:00 p.m. For questions about this class, please contact Fr. Bartkus at frbartkus@asecfw.org or Mthr. van Liew at mthrvanliew@asecfw.org.

Expanding Our Feeding Ministry

By Harrison Hobgood, *Outreach Coordinator*

In 2025, All Saints' has extended our reach to feed even more hungry folks in our city. We are now partnering with Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County to deliver hot meals to our neighbors in Fort Worth.

Meals on Wheels' mission is "to enable people to live with dignity and independence by offering community support through nutritious meals and coordinated services that improve well-being." Having started in the early 1970s, Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County has grown from serving 25 meals their first day to approximately 1.3 million meals each year. Food insecurity is on the rise. The delivery of a hot meal and a "How's it going?" goes a long way, particularly for senior citizens living alone. Meals on Wheels' clients' median age is 75.

All Saints' is delivering meals one day each week. We are currently looking for additional parishioners to help us deliver food. Whether you are available once a month, once a quarter, or even once a year, please consider this ministry in the upcoming new year as a way to grow as a disciple of Jesus.

Please contact Harrison Hobgood at harrison@asecfw.org for sign up details or with any questions you may have. You may also visit <https://mealsonwheels.org> for more information about Meals on Wheels of Tarrant County.



MEALS on WHEELS
AMERICA



All Saints' Feeding Ministry

Upcoming Food Packing



Many children in food-insecure families receive free breakfast and lunch during the week at school, but it can be a struggle for families to have enough to eat over the weekends. The All Saints' Feeding Ministry provides shelf-stable food to help bridge the gap!

This Ministry serves hungry children around Fort Worth, including Como Community Center, Jo Kelly School, Glen Park Elementary, Bonnie Brae Elementary, Mary Louise Phillips Elementary, and Boulevard Heights School.

Our next food packing session will be
Sunday, February 16. at 2:00 p.m.

Food Packing takes place at our Feeding Ministry Hub
at 7616 Benbrook Pkwy.

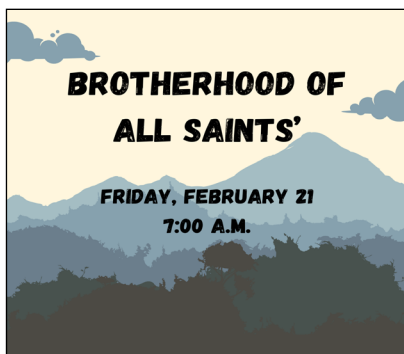
For more information, contact Harrison Hobgood at harrison@asecfw.org.

Upcoming at All Saints'

Grief Support Group

In recognition that loss comes in many forms and that every experience of grief is unique, the Grief Support Group is an opportunity to hold space for encouragement, mutuality, care, and healing. All Saints' Episcopal Church offers a regular meeting of the Grief Support Group on the third **Thursday** of every month at **5:15 p.m.** in the Gray House Staff Chapel, 4936 Dexter Avenue.

The group is led by Mthr. van Liew, **Janie Rector**, and **Larry Story**. The next meeting will be held on **February 20**. All are welcome.



Brotherhood of All Saints'

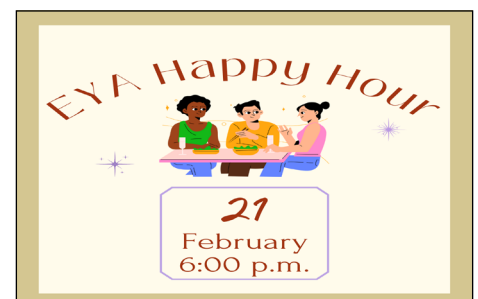
Men of All Saints', begin your day with friends in prayer and study. Brotherhood of All Saints' continues **Friday, February 21, at 7:00 a.m.** at the White House, 4939 Dexter Ave. This Bible Study features meditation, reflection, and discussion of the upcoming Sunday Gospel reading. Coffee and a light breakfast will be provided.

Questions? Email **Eliud Njubi** at eliud1500@gmail.com or Harrison Hobgood at harrison@asecfw.org.

Episcopal Young Adult Happy Hour

Join the Episcopal Young Adults for their first meetup of the year! EYA Happy Hour gives the young adults of All Saints' a chance to get to know one another casually. The next meet up will be **Friday, February 21, at 6:00 p.m.**, held at Mthr. Hill's house. We hope to see you there!

To RSVP and for the address, please contact Bailey Loewenstein at bailey@asecfw.org.



New School Leader Named, Follows Unprecedented 27-Year Tenure

After 27 years under the same leader, All Saints' Episcopal School will usher in its third Head of School effective July 1, 2025. The Board of Trustees has named current Assistant Head of School Wallace Worden as Dr. Tad Bird's successor. Dr. Bird will transition to Head of School Emeritus at that time.

"We are fortunate to be making this transition from a position of strength in programming and people," said Head of School Dr. Bird, "and I'm passing the baton to Wally with full confidence that All Saints' is remarkably well prepared for the future."



While the average tenure of a school leader is five years, All Saints' has had the great benefit of Head of School Tad Bird's visionary leadership for 27 years. In his tenure, Dr. Bird led the School through transformative measures that have elevated it from a small parish school to a premier Age 3-Grade 12 college preparatory institution. Notably, he:

- Fundraised for and oversaw the building of the current 147-acre gated campus in west Fort Worth that now serves 1,200+ students
- Reintroduced the Early Childhood program, building it from 38 students to 160 with a consistent waitpool
- Established mission-focused traditional curricular tenets through strategic partnership with the Lee & Ramona Bass Foundation
- Elevated all School fundraising to include a strong annual giving program and building the endowment from \$300k in 1998 to \$30M today
- Launched a landmark program for the most highly-motivated Upper School students - the Tad Bird Honors College - named after him as a nod to his vision and support

The evolution of student collegiate matriculations under his leadership is also highly notable: In addition to acceptances into a range of schools from Ivy League to in-state favorites, All Saints' senior classes on average earn \$13.8M in merit scholarships with 14+ student athletes signing to play in collegiate athletic programs (14%).

"Having worked for and with Dr. Bird for the past 25 years I've been able to learn from him firsthand," Wally Worden said. "And I'm excited to continue his vision and this great work."

The Board of Trustees focused on three primary areas in succession planning: Maintaining high standards and momentum, and appointing a person with strong character (visible, relatable and accessible) who also has a deep understanding of our School culture and community. As part of that discussion, Dr. Bird promoted Wally Worden from Upper School Division Head to Assistant Head of School in January 2023, to oversee the academic and admission teams, and eventually also the advancement team.

"All Saints' is in a unique position to capitalize on the stability of a homegrown candidate who has already proven to be invested in our community and successful at managing the day-to-day operations of the campus," said Rusty Reid, All Saints' Board of Trustees President. "If you know Wally, you know he is charismatic, energetic and solution-oriented." You can [read more here](#).

This Head of School transition takes place at a pivotal moment in the School's history, as All Saints' will celebrate their 75th anniversary year starting this fall.

SAVE THE DATES FOR LENT & HOLY WEEK

Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, March 5
12:00 p.m. at the Gray House Staff Chapel
7:00 p.m. at the All Saints' School Chapel

Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 13
9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
At the All Saints' School Chapel

Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 17
7:00 p.m.
At the All Saints' School Chapel

Good Friday - Friday, April 18
12:00 p.m.
At the All Saints' School Chapel

Children's Stations of the Cross - Friday, April 18
4:00 p.m.
At the All Saints' School Chapel

The Great Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 19
8:00 p.m.
At the All Saints' School Chapel

Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 20
9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
At the All Saints' School Chapel

Easter Hoppening - Sunday, April 20
12:30 p.m.
In the All Saints' Student Union

Thank you...

to **Julien Cirrincione, Gwen Holder, and Sharon Maben** for organizing and assembling the Sunday morning bulletins every week;

to parishioners **Helen Ferguson** and **Sue Shields** for singing in the All Saints' Choir;

to **Caren Rector** and the Flower Guild: **Joyce Bender, Melanie Brown, Laura Fleming, Kimberly Jerige, Erin Miller, Jenny Miller, Gretchen Smith, Josie Mankin, Betty Mabray, Cameron Colyer, Martica Foy, Mary Elyn Worsham, Anne Marie Levi, and Mary Perry;**

to **Dabney Shires** and our Altar Guild: **Becky Cain, Juleigh Davenport, Helen Ferguson, Suzy Griffin, David Griffin, Eddie Hale, Jan Hale, Gwen Holder, Ann Jambor, Sue O'Brien-Malen, Patty Salazar, Patricia Ward, Suzanne Wood, and Robert Wood;**

to our dedicated Lay Eucharistic Visitors, **Stephanie Burk, Jane Ferguson, Nancy Searway, Shelly Seymour, Whit Smith, and Gilman Tracy;**

to **Larry Story, Liz Holland, Katie Hobgood, Makenna Hobgood, Ian Hobgood, Pattie Phillips, Suzy Griffin, David Griffin, Kirk Barnes, Lisa Gail Barnes, Crosby Barnes, Beverly DeHart, Rick Robinson, Amy Robinson Ed Luke and Allen Kent** for packing food for hungry children in Fort Worth;

to **Ivy Shaskan** and **Jill Kolstad** for cooking delicious meals for the weekly Bible Study;

to **Jeff Nichols, Lynne Nichols, Gilman Tracy, Mary Tracy, Allen Kent, Suzanne Kent, John Kent, Stephen Carroll, Cynthia Carroll, Jas Phillips, Hudson Zimmerer, Makenna Hobgood, Eleanor Carroll, Rick Robinson, Larry Story, Marc Schneidewent, Ann Jambor, Stephanie Burk, and Eliud Njubi** for volunteering at the 176th Diocesan Convention here in Fort Worth;

to **Mike Plunk, Nancy Plunk, and Travis Plunk** for delivering food to the Como Community Center;

to **Joyce Bender, Garry Bender, and Allen Kent** for delivering food bins to Boulevard Heights School, Jo Kelly School, Bonnie Brae Elementary and Mary Louise Phillips Elementary;

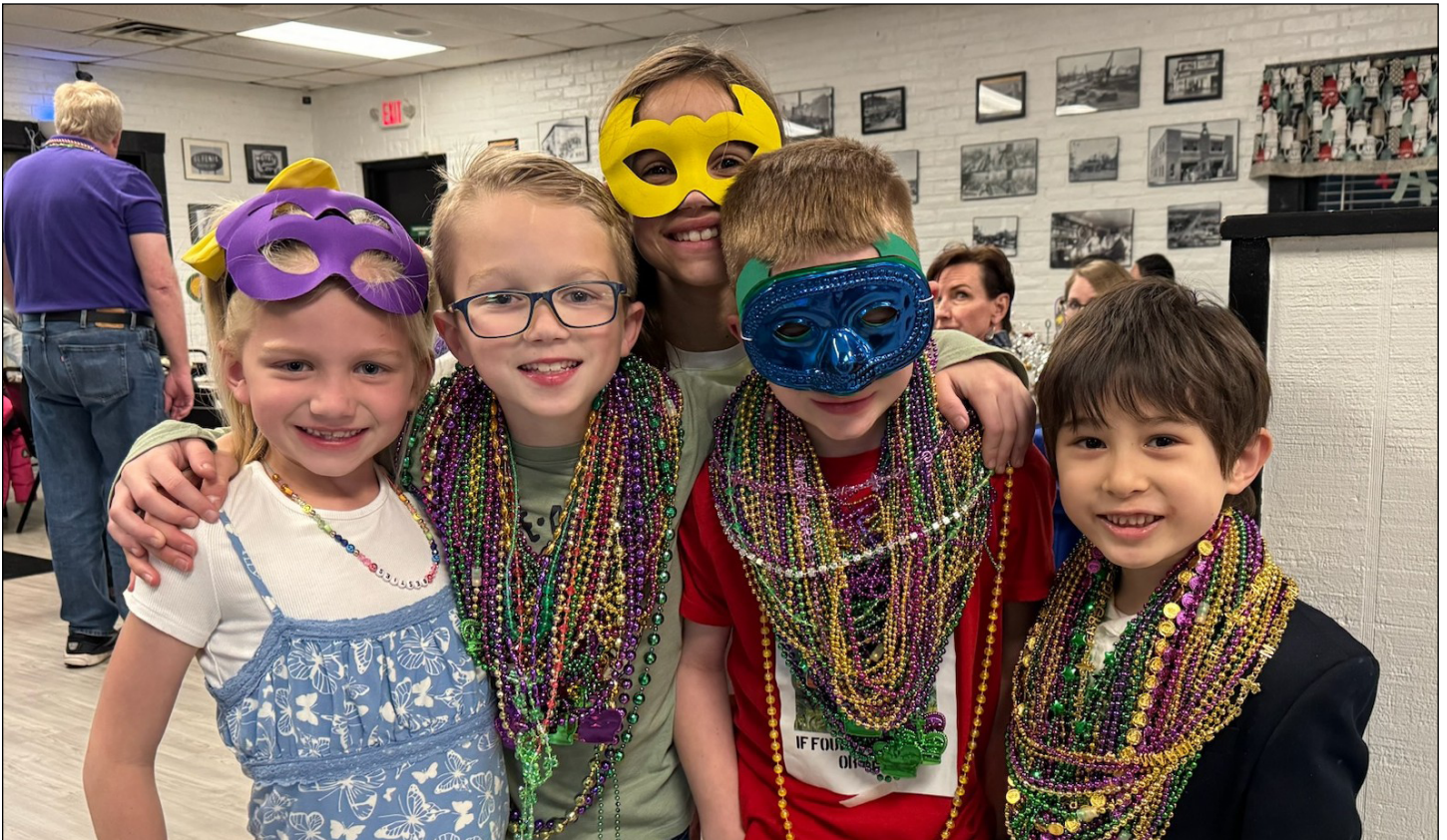
and to **Jeff Nichols, Jim Cross, Judy Cross, Larry Story, Nancy Searway, Susan Howell, and Ellen Feik** for hosting the Solemn Evensong Receptions.



Food Packing on Sunday, February 2

PARISH CALENDAR

<p><u>Sun., Feb. 16</u></p> <p>Nursery Opens 8:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite II 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum 10:10 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite I 11:15 a.m. Food Packing 2:00 p.m. Inquirers/Confirmation Class 3:15 p.m. Solemn Evensong 5:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. EYC 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Mon., Feb. 17</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Tues., Feb. 18</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Spirited Sisters 9:30 a.m. St. Anne's Guild 9:30 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Weds., Feb. 19</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Thurs., Feb. 20</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. Grief Support 5:15 p.m. All Saints' Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Fri., Feb. 21</u></p> <p>Brotherhood of All Saints 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. EYA Happy Hour 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Sat., Feb. 22</u></p> <p>Safeguard Training 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p><u>Sun., Feb. 23</u></p> <p>Nursery Opens 8:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite II 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum 10:10 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite I 11:15 a.m. Inquirers/Confirmation Class 3:15 p.m. Solemn Evensong 5:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. EYC 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Mon., Feb. 24</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Tues., Feb. 25</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Spirited Sisters 9:30 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Weds., Feb. 26</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Thurs., Feb. 27</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. Christian Education Commission 6:00 p.m. All Saints' Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Fri., Feb. 28</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Sat., Mar. 1</u></p>
<p><u>Sun., Mar. 2</u></p> <p>Nursery Opens 8:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite II 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum 10:10 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite I 11:15 a.m. Inquirers/Confirmation Class 3:15 p.m. Solemn Evensong 5:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. EYC 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Mon., Mar. 3</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Tues., Mar. 4</u></p> <p>Men's Fellowship Shrove Tuesday All Day Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Spirited Sisters 9:30 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. Mardi Gras 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Weds., Mar. 5</u> Ash Wednesday</p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Liturgy 12:00 p.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday Liturgy 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Thurs., Mar. 6</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. All Saints' Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Fri., Mar. 7</u></p> <p>Brotherhood of All Saints 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Sat., Mar. 8</u></p>
<p><u>Sun., Mar. 9</u></p> <p>Nursery Opens 8:30 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite II 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum 10:10 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Choral Eucharist Rite I 11:15 a.m. Food Packing 2:00 p.m. Inquirers/Confirmation Class 3:15 p.m. Solemn Evensong 5:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. EYC 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Mon., Mar. 10</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Tues., Mar. 11</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Spirited Sisters 9:30 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Weds., Mar. 12</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 12:00 p.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Thurs., Mar. 13</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m. ECW Steering Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m. All Saints' Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Fri., Mar. 14</u></p> <p>Morning Prayer 9:00 a.m. Evening Prayer 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Sat., Mar. 15</u></p>



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All Saints' Episcopal Church

The Rev. M. Madeleine Hill, *Priest-in-Charge*

The Rev. Zachary Bartkus, *Curate*

Mary Caruthers, *Director of Communications*

Clive Driskill-Smith, *Organist/Choirmaster*

Harrison Hobgood, *Outreach and Mission Coordinator*

Alma Kleckner, *Bursar/Financial Secretary*

Bailey Loewenstein, *Director of Christian Education*

Kyle Mankin, *Business Manager/Project Manager*

Jas Phillips, *Intern*

Patti Roberson, *Assistant to the Priest-in-Charge*

The Rev. Christina van Liew, *Assistant Priest*

Join us on Sunday mornings

All Saints' Chapel at All Saints' Episcopal School

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