

To the People of All Saints: With Deepest Gratitude

With the deepest of gratitude for our shared ministry these past eleven and a half years, I am writing my last newsletter article to you.

All Saints is a parish I deeply love and at which I have spent a major portion of my ordained ministry. It remains difficult for me to imagine a life apart from this community. As Scripture tells us, “to everything there is a season, a time for beginnings and a time for endings.” Change comes to all with the passing of time. There is both grief and hopeful anticipation in my decision to transition out of full time ministry at the age of sixty-five.

I have given over 37 years of my life to ministry within the Episcopal Church. They have been extraordinary years—years of joy, challenge, and willing sacrifice. Increasingly, Nancy and I find our hearts drawn to be there for our adult children and grandchildren when they call on and need us. I want to continue to serve as an Episcopal priest in this diocese and beyond, but eventually in a way that will allow me greater time and flexibility. I have a deep love for Christian spirituality and the contemplative way, and I want to pursue study, teaching, and writing in these areas. My ministry career may be ending, but not my vocation.



All Saints is a large and complex community to oversee. I believe it is time for a new person to lead the parish into the future. One who will bring new insights and tested skills for building up this community in the love of Christ. I believe God will lead a very gifted person to join you and our incredibly dedicated staff for the next stage of All Saints’ life. Be assured that you have a great deal to do with who that person will be. It is the call of the search committee, the vestry, and the parish.

I’ve been reflecting on a quote by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow who said, “Great is the art of the beginning, but greater is the art of the ending.”

This comes with my profound gratitude for your love, friendship, and faithful support.

It has been a privilege to be your rector, priest, and friend. Nancy shares my heart for all of you. We will cherish every day that remains as we move to my last Sunday, February 11, 2018, the Last Sunday of the Season of Epiphany.

I will always be on the Journey with you. In the love of Christ,

Fr. Rob Lord+

Mark Your Calendars



Parish Office Closed Glennon House Closed Gift Shoppe Closed All Saints School Closed	Monday, January 1
Food Sunday Bring non-perishable food and toiletries to the Church Rector's Forum 10:15 a.m., Parish Hall	Sunday, January 7
All Saints Fellowship Guild 11:00 a.m., Bride's Parlor	Monday, January 8
Love Wins Delivery Day Rector's Forum 10:15 a.m., Parish Hall	Sunday, January 14
Coalition for the Homeless 5:30 p.m., Thomas Center	Tuesday, January 16
Combined Service Parish Annual Meeting Baptism	Sunday, January 21
Food Sunday Bring non-perishable food and toiletries to the Church Rector's Forum 10:15 a.m., Parish Hall	Sunday, February 4
Love Wins Delivery Day	Sunday, February 11
All Saints Fellowship Guild 11:00 a.m., Bride's Parlor	Monday, February 12
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	Tuesday, February 13
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, February 14
Coalition for the Homeless 5:15 p.m., Thomas Center	Tuesday, February 16
Food Sunday Bring non-perishable food and toiletries to the Church	Sunday, March 4
Love Wins Delivery Day	Sunday, March 11

Parish Register



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Join Us for Farewell Celebrations for Rector and Wife, Fr. Rob and Nancy



We want to invite everyone to participate in our rector and wife's, Fr. Rob and Nancy's, final Eucharistic celebrations and programs in honor of their tireless dedication to the gospel. This beloved couple holds a special place in the hearts of our parishioners and community.

We look forward to the continuance of their vocation. They will be greatly missed by all.

Farewell Celebrations

On **Sunday, February 4**, The Rt. Rev. Ken Good, Bishop of The Diocese of Derry, Northern Ireland will be our guest preacher. At 10:15 a.m. that morning, the bishop will share with Fr. Rob at the Rector's Forum.

Sunday, February 4, at 5:30 p.m. will be Fr. Rob and Nancy's last celebration of the Celtic Contemplative Eucharist. A reception will immediately follow in the Mary Martha Parlor.

On **Saturday February 10**, at 6:00 p.m. join us for a Dinner Celebration and Program in the Thomas Center.

Sunday, February 11, is Fr. Rob's last Sunday as All Saints Rector. That morning, he will preside as Preacher and Celebrant at the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:15 a.m. Eucharist services.

A reception will be held on **February 11** between the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services.

Plan to Attend Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, January 21

On **Sunday, January 21**, the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services will be combined into one celebration of Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. in the Thomas Center.

Following his sermon, Fr. Rob will give his Rector's Report to the parish.

After the service, we will have a 10-minute coffee break before reconvening for the Annual Parish Meeting. We will have All Saints Vestry elections, financial reports, and brief news from leadership.

Child care will be available at that time. Please make plans to attend!



Ash Wednesday on February 14 Marks the Beginning of Lent

The forty-day season of Lent, the fourth season of the church year, begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. This forty-day period reflects the forty days Jesus was tested in the wilderness after his baptism in the Jordan River.



encourage us to live out our faith by demonstrating our love for others as He has demonstrated His love and sacrifice for us.

We begin our Lenten walk on Ash Wednesday with the imposition of ashes and the words “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return,” to remind us that we

During Lent, each of us is called to renew our commitment to Christ and to allow ourselves to dwell in that place that requires faith. We can celebrate a holy Lent by taking on a spiritual practice that strengthens our relationship with God, such as prayer, meditation, and the study of God’s Holy Word.

We are also called to shed those indulgences, habits, and practices that turn our attention away from God. Lent provides us with a time to “clear out” a space for God through fasting, self-denial, and self-examination. In doing so, we recognize that it is God who has met and continues to meet our needs. These disciplines not only deepen our faith and bring us closer to Christ, they

are mortal. Our liturgies during Lent are subdued, meditative, introspective, and penitential in nature. Often, they begin in silence and with the general confession of the congregation. The liturgical color during the Lenten season is purple, signifying the penitent and expectant mood of God’s people. The responses and music follow a more contemplative stance, and joyful canticles, Alleluias and the Gloria in excelsis are omitted from worship.

Neither do we put flower arrangements at the altar during Lent. Though we are reminded of the pain of separation from God, Lent is not a sad or depressing time for those who are focused on what Christ has done for them!

Children’s Ministry Makes First Grade Holy Communion and Lent Plans



Instruction for our first graders in the sacrament of Holy Communion begins **Sunday, January 28**

The series of classes will convene at 10:15 a.m. in the Alleluia Chapel during Grace Place. Highlights will include a visit by Altar Guild member Greg Mellowe for a behind-the-scenes look at preparing the altar and a guided tour of the sanctuary and its stained-glass windows. The series will conclude with an instructed Eucharist in the Thomas Center for the children and their families.

All baptized Christians, regardless of age, are welcomed into the full body of Christ, and are invited to partake of the spiritual food of the body and blood of our Lord. Just as we do not withhold nourishment for the body until the child recognizes the nutritional value of such food, neither do we withhold spiritual nourishment until the child has some understanding of the grace received through the



Eucharistic feast. By first grade, however, it is appropriate to start teaching children about the gifts that they receive through the sacrament. To reserve a spot in these classes, please contact Children’s Ministries Director Dolly Dunnam at dollyd@allsaintswp.com or (407) 647-3413, ext. 313

Children’s Ash Wednesday Service



This special service will lead a simple Ash Wednesday service for children at 4:00 p.m. on **February 14**. The service will include liturgy, the receiving of ashes and Holy Communion, all shared in a loving child-friendly way. Don’t forget that Wednesdays are “early release” day at most public schools, and we hope many of our church and school family children will attend this service. Parents are welcome!

Centering Prayer Begins Cynthia Bourgeault Study January 10



On Wednesday evenings from **January 10 to May 30**, the Centering Prayer Ministry will study Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening by Episcopal priest Cynthia Bourgeault, a well-known writer on the spiritual life. All are invited to participate.

In this guidebook, Rev. Bourgeault goes beyond an introduction to Centering Prayer and examines how the practice is related to the classic tradition of Christian contemplation, looks at the distinct nuances of its method, and explores its revolutionary potential to transform Christian life.

Topics covered in the book's chapters include the Centering Prayer method, the tradition, the psychology of the practice, and how it leads to inner awakening.

Each Wednesday, the ministry comes together as a community at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Chapel to experience God's peaceful presence in silent prayer. We then move to the Bride's Parlor in the Winderweeple Center for presentations and small group discussion. We adjourn promptly at 7:30 p.m. For more information, please contact Nestor de Armas at nestordearmas@msn.com or (407) 415-7161.

Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study Begins *His Last Words* January 24



From **January 24 to March 7**, the Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study will study *His Last Words* by Kim Erickson.

His Last Words is a seven-week Bible study that plumbs the depths of Jesus's final teachings to the disciples. It features:

- A verse-by-verse study of John 13–17 and portions of John 18–21
- Five lessons each week, one set aside for reflection and prayer
- Discussion questions for small groups
- Two weeks for review, reflection, and application and more

Jesus's last words are words of eternal life—powerful and full of love. If you've been longing for more intimacy in your relationship with God, more meaning in your life, and more boldness in your witness, *His Last Words* will draw you into just what you need: the Word of God.

The group meets from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each Wednesday at the home of Facilitator Lynn Fleming Ivanek. For information contact Lynn at (407) 636-0368.

Stop By the Glennon House to Help Create or Pick Up Prayer Cards

Following one recent Sunday service, a chalice minister asked if the beautiful Prayer Cards in the Church are available to be taken. No one there knew where they came from.

Healing Ministry staff and volunteers create these handmade Prayer Cards each Tuesday at noon at the Glennon House. All are welcome to join us. Once the cards are made, they are prayed over by one of our prayer ministers. The cards are for all of us to give to anyone in need of an encouraging word or prayer.



To get one of these prayer cards simply stop by the Glennon House or come to a Healing Service on Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

We have had a wonderful response to our new Prayer Card Ministry. People from the community pick them up every week. Clergy, too, have taken these cards with them to hospital visits. The cards are free to anyone who feels led to take one. However, we will never refuse a donation if anyone feels led to give one.



Trike-A-Thon, Student Registrations, Pet Month, and Literacy Week Take Center Stage in January and February

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

The months of January and February are bustling with exciting events sure to keep our little saints learning and smiling. In January, Tom Marshall will take on-campus photos, parish registration opens for the 2018-2019 school year, and we will hold our annual St. Jude Trike-A-Thon!

February is pet month at All Saints School. During the month, Fr. Russell will treat our families to a very special pet blessing, and we will receive visits from a petting farm and mobile vet. We will also take a field trip to visit a local groomer. During the month, many of our classroom dramatic play areas will be transformed into veterinary offices and grooming salons.



These interactive hands-on activities provide our children a wonderful way to practice the new animal care vocabulary they are learning. In addition, we will celebrate literacy in February.

For more information about All Saints School and its programs contact Dr. Kristin Millson at kristinm@allsaintswp.com or (407) 644-1737



St. Jude Trike-A-Thon Rolls In the New Year

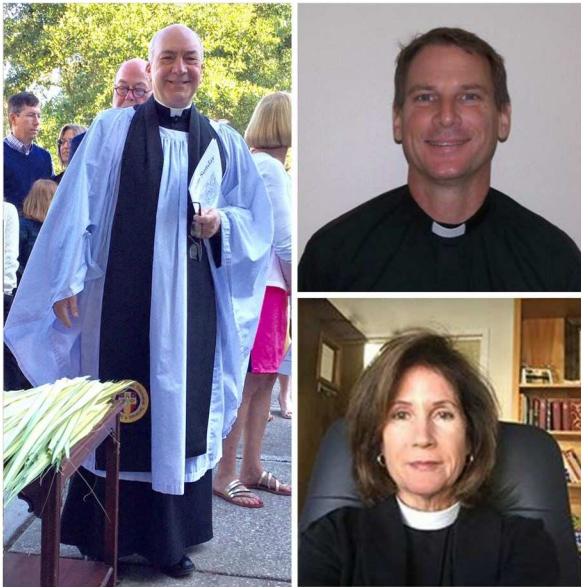
Our annual St. Jude Trike-A-Thon will take place on **Wednesday, January 24**. That morning, our age three and older children will bring their trikes to school and decorate them before riding around a closed course. Family and friends are invited to sponsor their child's participation in the event with either a per-lap or fixed-amount sponsorship. All donations will benefit St. Jude's Research Center. Come and join us for a fast-paced, fun morning.

Returning Student and Parish Registrations Open in January

In-house registration for the 2018-2019 school begins on **Tuesday, January 16**. After current families have registered, on **Tuesday, January 30**, and **Wednesday, January 31**, our parish members are invited to register their families (children and grandchildren) prior to the public. We offer a reduced registration fee for parish members only. If you are interested, please come in for a tour in early January. We would love the opportunity to show you around and answer any questions you may have. We do not require appointments for tours and are usually available Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Come Celebrate Literacy with Us

We will celebrate literacy the week of **February 5** with a variety of activities. Stop by The Writers Block bookstore on the evening of **Tuesday, February 6**, for our Books and Burgers night. That evening, we will read and buy books and then head over to Burger Fi to have dinner with our school friends. On **Wednesday, February 7**, special family members and friends will join us in our classrooms for Café con Libre! We can't wait to enjoy breakfast and snuggly reading time together!



Left, Fr. Rob; Right top, Fr. Russell; Right bottom, Dec. Liz

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Here I Am, Lord †

We, the clergy of All Saints, care about you. We want to walk alongside with you and your family when you are facing challenges. Call us at All Saints in times of trouble. Are you going into the hospital and would like a visit? Call us and let us know. Do you have good news to share such as the birth of a child or a new job? Call us so we can celebrate with you.

For all Pastoral Care issues whether emergency or non-emergency, call anytime: (407) 647-3413; push 2 for Emergencies, push 1 for non-emergencies.

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January/February 2018

Worship Services

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Rite I Holy Eucharist
 9:00 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist
 11:15 a.m. Rite II Holy Eucharist
 5:30 p.m. Celtic Contemplative Holy Eucharist

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. Healing Service

Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Thursday

6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship
 10:15 a.m. Grace Place
 10:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship
 10:15 a.m. Rector's Forum
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Weekly Schedule (continued)

Monday

7:30 a.m. Centering Prayer

Tuesday

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
 12:00 p.m. Prayer Cards
 4:30 p.m. RSCM Children's Choirs

Wednesday

11:00 a.m. Knitters
 6:00 p.m. Centering Prayer
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study
 6:15 p.m. Cantorum Choir Practice
 6:30 p.m. Centering Prayer
 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
 7:30 p.m. St. Gregory Choir Practice

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study