

# Crossways—March 2012

The Newsletter of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Johnson City, NY

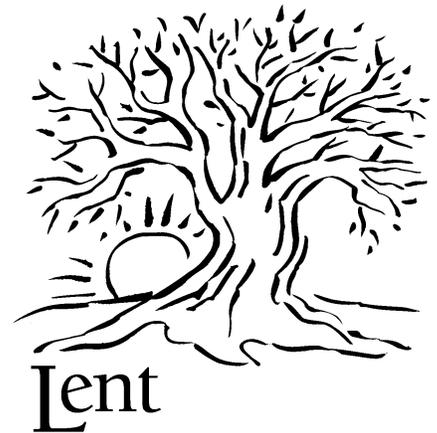
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Feast of John Cassian, Abbot at Marseilles, 433

Dear Friend in Christ,

St. John Cassian is a most a most appropriate saint for the week of Lent 1. He was a desert father who because of dispute with the Patriarch of Constantinople, St. John Chrysostom, in 404 went to Rome for a hearing. There John accepted an invitation to found a "desert-style" monastery, community of faith, near modern-day Marseilles, France. This monastery, Abbey of St. Victor, became the model for monastic orders in the West. Then there's the added bonus that with February 29<sup>th</sup> as his feast day which only comes around once every four years, is perfect for the minimalism of Lent!



Last week on Ash Wednesday you have already been invited to observe a holy Lent. The Prayer Book Lenten invitation asks that we keep Lent "self-examination and repentance; by prayer fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word."<sup>1</sup> How we do this is left up to each of us. For a start, there are All Saints' regular celebrations of Holy Eucharist on Saturdays at 5 PM and Sundays at 10 AM. For those who might wish to read, worship and discuss, there is a Lenten Series, "Call Him Savior" on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM. (See article on page 3 for more information.) Meanwhile the Wednesday Holy Eucharist at 10 AM continues throughout Lent. On Sundays during Lent, for those of all ages desiring to be confirmed, received or just to reaffirm their faith may take part in "Via Media" (See article on page 3 for more information) at 9 AM. Finally, during Holy Week there will also be celebrations of Holy Eucharist at 7 AM in addition to the usual Triduum services.

But what if family, work or school demands make it impossible for one to participate in any of the above? Try setting up a time just to spend a few moments in prayer in the morning or at night. (The lengthening days make it easier to set one's alarm clock earlier.) Or maybe try incorporating prayer into your morning walk—with or without dogs—or daily exercise. Perhaps pick up the *Forward Day by Day* or a copy of the Episcopal Relief & Development *2012 Lenten Mediation* booklet and read the daily readings and meditations. Computer savvy? Try praying the Daily Office online (<http://www.missionstclare.com/>) or doing a labyrinth (<http://www.gracecathedral.org/labyrinth>) or visiting Taizé online (<http://www.taize.fr/>). Still searching? Look at Anglicans Online Lenten Resources, there's sure to be something there that may work for you (<http://anglicansonline.org/special/lent.html>). The possibilities are endless.

You are all invited. Come and observe a holy Lent at All Saints'.

Faithfully yours,

The Rev. Christine J. Day,  
Rector

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<sup>1</sup> *Ibid*, pg. 265

## Warning! Easter Is April 8<sup>th</sup> and Palm Sunday Is April 1<sup>st</sup>! No Fooling!

Of course this could have been titled, "Save-the-Date." But would that have gotten your attention? Please be advised that as soon as the March either goes out roaring like a lion or meekly like a lamb, it is HOLY WEEK! Be prepared for hearing the Passion according to Mark on Palm Sunday weekend (March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>).

Here are other opportunities for Holy Week and Easter:

MONDAY, April 2nd:	7 AM Holy Eucharist
TUESDAY, April 3rd:	7 AM Holy Eucharist
WEDNESDAY, April 4th :	7 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM "Call Him Savior"
THURSDAY, April 5 <sup>th</sup> :	7 AM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Soup & Sandwich Supper 7 PM Maundy Thursday Liturgy, Eucharist and Stripping of Altar
GOOD FRIDAY, April 6th	7 AM Holy Eucharist (reserved sacrament) 12 Noon Stations of the Cross with Taize Chants 7 PM Good Friday Liturgy with Choir
SATURDAY, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter and Baptisms at Christ Church Binghamton
EASTER SUNDAY, April 8th:	8 AM & 10 AM Festival Holy Eucharist of the Lord's Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt follows 10AM



## SAVE THE DATES:

### Spring Work Day

On March 31, there will be a Spring clean up work day from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. The more people we have the faster the work will go. There are many items that need attention in preparation for Easter week. At a minimum we need to wash the windows so please bring window cleaning supplies. We also need to do dusting in the balcony as well as all the window ledges. We will have a list of other items that could use work. It is difficult work when there are only 3-5 people. Thank you in advance for helping.

### Vestry Day - Saturday, May 5th

Vestry Members and Clergy from across the Diocese will gather for a day-long retreat on the work and ministry of an Episcopal Vestry. Event location and registration information will be emailed to all Clergy, Wardens-in-Charge and parish offices on Monday, March 5th.



## “Call Him Savior” Lenten Study Continues



All Saints’ Lenten Program, “Call Him Savior” began Ash Wednesday. It continues at 5:30 PM with a soup and bread supper and discussion each Wednesday during Lent at 5:30 PM in the Chapel for a Taizé Eucharist, then moving to the Library for a light Soup & Bread supper and the program. Each session will be led by Mother Day or District Deacon, the Rev. Dcn. Dorothy Pierce. Come, bring a copy of your Bible and discover why we call Jesus our Savior.

“Call Him Savior“ examines the Revised Common Lectionary Bible readings for Lent.

A key part of living and passing on the faith is to hear and remember the stories of the Lenten season. It is tempting to bypass the somber notes of Lent and rush straight from Ash Wednesday to Easter morning.

“Alleluias” sing easier than “Were you there when they crucified my Lord?” Yet the impact of an empty tomb is most fully experienced when witnessed against the passion of Jesus. In this study, you are offered the opportunity to reflect on Jesus as Savior. You will remember the power and the sacrifice of God’s love through the Incarnation of Jesus and His suffering and death on the cross. Celebrate the gift of salvation and new life in the resurrection and remember these stories, while reclaiming what it means to call Jesus your Savior.

## Via Media – AKA Confirmation Classes <sup>at 9AM on Sundays!</sup>

There is more to the Episcopal faith than sitting in the pews on a Sunday morning. Get involved and be inspired by your faith. The Episcopal Church has so much to offer and you are invited to experience the true colors of our faith tradition in an 8-week course called, Via Media. Via Media will be offered on Sundays at 9 AM in the Library. Beginning on February 26<sup>th</sup> (Lent 1) classes will continue for seven additional weeks. If you are new to the parish, if you had been confirmed in another denomination, if you’ve never been confirmed, if you just want to know more about your faith—please sign-up in the narthex so that enough materials may be prepared for you.

Via Media brings people together with a program that teaches about the Episcopal Church and what it means to be an Episcopalian in today’s world. Hear from well-known and respected theologians and religious scholars as they break down the door of ancient tradition and uncover the truth and reality of the Episcopal Church today and what it means to be a part of a progressive movement in religion. Don’t be passive about your faith, learn about it, understand how it evolved, most of all learn to love it and be proud of what it stands for. District Confirmation is scheduled for 2PM, Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Mark’s, Chenango Bridge.

## “Soup Box” Offerings

Lent began on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. This leads me to remember the generosity of the parish through last year's Soup Box offerings for the Soup and Sandwich Saturday lunches. We collected enough money to supply good nutritious meals for many people. As noted in the annual report, our numbers are going up, and we think there are many folks who have come to depend on our program. My hope is that we can do it all again. This is how it works. Many people give something up during Lent. For example, chocolate, or between meal snacks, or their daily lottery ticket. The money saved is put into a soup box (provided by the Sunday School) and collected on Easter Day. If you need a new box, please pick one up from the pew in the narthex. Thanks, in advance, for participating. As always, I am awed by the generosity of All Saints!

— Debbie Thorpe, Chair of the Soup & Sandwich Program



## Paul and Patti Donnelly Win All Saints' First Ever Chili Cook-off!

After the Mardi Gras Jazz Eucharist on February 19<sup>th</sup>, Paul and Patti Donnelly won All Saints' Chili Cook-Off with a tasty Chili con Carne. Congratulations Patti and Paul! Tied for second were Mother Day (Vegetarian Chili) and Joyanne Kasmarcik (Chili con Carne). Many thanks to all other who competed and all who stayed to taste and eat. A good time was had by all.

## March Life Goes On Meeting

The March meeting will take place at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at The Deacon's Bench on Reynolds Road in Johnson City. If you are planning to attend, please phone Arlene Foley at 797-2111 to aid in planning the group's reservation

## Memorial Service for Steward Edward Purdy

The Rev. Steward Edward Purdy, 82, formerly of Binghamton passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 9, 2012. A Memorial Service will be held at 1 PM on Saturday, March 17 at Trinity Memorial Church, 44 Main St. Binghamton.

## Faith in Action Volunteers Fund Raiser — Dining for Dollars!

—a Clergy Server Night – 7PM with 5:30 PM Complimentary Social Hour – Thursday, March 22, 2012 at the Polish Community Center, 347 Prospect Street Binghamton  
\$27.50 per person for Dinner & Dancing  
For information & Reservations : 724-9130 [Deadline for reservations is March 15<sup>th</sup> ]  
See the Current Events Bulletin Board for more information.

## DOLLARS AND CENTS

All Saints' 2012 budget is a balanced budget! Thanks to our parish making generous pledges! In 2012 a monthly income of \$ 14,244 will be needed to balance the expenses. Please try to keep up your pledges. Truly, with "God all things are possible" (Mt. 19:26)

As *Crossways* goes to press before the end of the month, the financial information below is for the most recent completed month. In this case, it's the month of January 2012.

Income	Actual January, 2012	Annual Budget 2012
Offering & Pledges	\$ 12,118	\$ 155,389
Fundraising	\$ 100	\$ 7,200
Other Income	\$ 832	\$ 8,342
Faith Income	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Income	\$ 13,050	\$ 170,931
Total Expenses	\$ 18,183*	\$ 170,931
Profit (Loss)*	(\$ 5,133)*	\$ 0* Start

\*\*At the beginning of the year there are many expenses that are either paid at the beginning of the year or at the beginning of the quarter (pension, health insurance, other insurance, etc.) that result in a temporary deficit.

Questions? Ask Treasurer, Barb Freed, or a Warden or a Vestry member.

## **Book Club to Meet Thursday March 29, 2012 at 5:30 at the Rectory to Continue C. S. Lewis' *Screwtape Letters***

When the Book Club meets on Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM at the Rectory, it is continuing its study of C.S. Lewis' classic *The Screwtape Letters*. Please plan to have read through letter number 15 by then. As the back cover of the book states:

“Screwtape is an experienced devil. His nephew Wormwood is just beginning his demonic career and has been assigned to secure the damnation of a young man who has just become a Christian. In this humorous exchange, C. S. Lewis delves into moral questions about good vs. evil, temptation, repentance, and grace. Through this wonderful tale, the reader emerges with a better knowledge of what it means to live a good, honest life.”

C.S. (1898-1963) was one of the intellectual giants of the twentieth century and arguably the most influential Christian writer of his day. He was a Fellow and Tutor in English literature at Oxford University until 1954 when he was unanimously elected to the Chair of Medieval and Renaissance English at Cambridge University, a position he held until his retirement. His major contributions in literary criticism, children's literature, fantasy literature, and popular theology brought him international renown and acclaim. He wrote more than thirty books, allowing him to reach a vast audience, and his works continue to attract thousands of new readers every year. His most distinguished and popular accomplishments include *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *Out of the Silent Planet*, *The Four Loves*, *The Screwtape Letters*, and *Mere Christianity*. (Amazon.com) Interested? Come! The cost is \$10.85.

## **GFJ Dream Center's Fifth Annual Bike Safety Day**

The George F. Johnson Dream Center's fifth annual Bike Safety day will be held on Saturday, May 12, from 1 to 4 pm in the UHS parking lot next to Sarah Jane Johnson Church Main Street, Johnson City, NY. The Dream Center is collecting donations of bikes and asking for referrals for youth, age 8 and above who would benefit from receiving a bicycle for transportation to a free summer lunch, youth programs at Sarah Jane Johnson Church and JC Village recreation parks and programs. Youth must be referred prior to event. Please bring bike donations to Sarah Jane Johnson Church M-F, 8:30 to 2:30 PM, until 6 on Tuesday's and on Sunday mornings. Tape a note with your address for tax receipt to handle bars. Ring the bell and leave bike. Bike Locks and helmets also needed. The Dream Center of Sarah Jane Johnson Church assembles area stakeholders to keep the Johnson legacy of empowerment alive to strengthen community life.

Patricia Cardin

The George F. Johnson Dream Center for Community Empowerment  
Sarah Jane Johnson Memorial Church  
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Website: [gfdreamcenter.cfsites.org](http://gfdreamcenter.cfsites.org)



## Prayer List March

Policy reminder: Submitted names are placed on the short term list for four weeks and then moved to long term by request of the person submitting the name, or by need known by the Rector.



*Short Term:* Elizabeth Barborer; Shirley Lipman; Ralph Holloway; Jayden Michael Kasmarcik; the Furman & Austin Families; the Rea Family; Paul Donnelly; Arlene Huyck; Larry Taft; Caroline Labosky;

*Long Term:* Jim Terenzi; Lou Chergosky; Lenni Healy; Andrea & Kali Haus; Derek; Gayle Whittier; Lief; Elios; Kathy Piza; Jeannette Cook; Barbara Freed; Barbara Wort; David Pierce; Ardis Rogers; Wilma Nauerz; Kaitlyn Graham; Tom Johnson; Larry Nickerson; Dorothy Pipisius; Eleanor Genthner; Lucy Grabowski; Lee Grabowski, Nan Grabowski; Sue Thomas; Ray Lerche; Eileen Pepper; John Tasber; Jack Root; Ryan and Shaun Small, Debbie Peters; Jessie Snyder; Clare Meyer; Ann Sholtes; Werner Lipman; Kristen Stroup; Marnie Ward; Brittany Polhamus & Megan; Amanda, Kayley & Nate McGinnis;

Steve Mahon; Norma & Daniel Samson; Lisa Estelle; Ken Barkman; Robert Gillmer; Steven & Sarah Johnson; Michael & Sarah Johnson; Phil, Corrine, Thomas & Ryan Rea; and Dana Nauerz



## Celebrations in March

### Birthdays

- 01 Dallas Elwood  
Ralph Holloway
- 03 Richard Escott
- 04 Elaine McBride
- 07 Bobbi Zurn
- 08 Nancy Elwood
- 09 Richard Hrebin, Jr.  
Amy Lynn Murphy
- 12 Esther Hall
- 13 Jean Preston
- 14 Eleanor Genthner
- 15 Gopal Milligan-Cuffee
- 21 Cynthia Anderson  
Robert Cole  
Marilyn Doersam
- 23 Margaret Zablosky
- 24 Lindsey Hrebin
- 25 Jordyn Ericksen-Hrehor  
Jonah Eriksen-Hrehor  
Tucker Sholtes
- 27 Alberta Gingell
- 28 Erik Heden
- 29 Arthur Elwood
- 31 Herbert Lake

### Anniversaries

- 14 Ralph & Patricia Holloway
- 21 Richard and Lois Kimble
- 31 Don & Sandy Brewster

## Sanctuary Candle

March 4—is given in memory of her friend, Mary Goodwin, by Ardis Rogers.

March 11— is given in thanksgiving for the birthday of her sister, Elaine Natale Davidson, by Roberta Steflik.

March 18—is given by Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving for her birthday.

March 25 – open

**Daylight Savings Begins at 2 AM on Sunday, March 11, Lent 3. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> !**



**The Deadline for submitting news for the April issue of *Crossways*: March 14<sup>th</sup>!**

## Altar Flowers

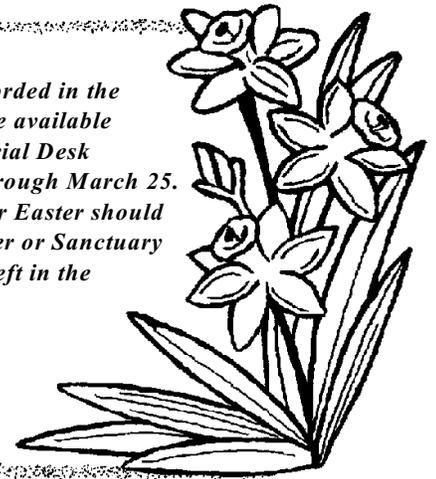
March 4— are given in memory of her husband, Marty Cwikla, by Ceil Cwikla.

March 11 — are given in memory of their grandparents, Adista & Anton Spies and Bethesda & Harry D. Hancock, Sr., by Ralph & Pat Holloway.

March 18 — are given in thanksgiving for the birthday of her son, John Gasdaska, by Marilyn Doersam.

March 25 – are given in thanksgiving for the birthday of her daughter-in-law, Lynda Doersam, by Marilyn Doersam; are given in thanksgiving for the birthday of her husband, Erik Heden, by Rebekah Heden; are given in thanksgiving for the birthday of their son, Brendan Patrick McKeon, by David & Lonna Pierce; and are given in memory of Don's mother, Marilyn Thorpe, by Don & Debbie Thorpe.

*Easter Memorials as recorded in the office by this printing are available for review at the Memorial Desk Beginning March 4<sup>th</sup> through March 25. Additional memorials for Easter should be submitted on a Flower or Sanctuary Candle Form and then left in the office door mail box. The deadline for Easter Memorials is Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>*



## From the Parish Records

### Deaths —

Myra Davies died February 21st . Service to be determined





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**Service and Education Schedule for March 2012**

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Sundays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Nursery Program for infants and toddlers/pre-schoolers: every Sunday

9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class for ages 5 and above: March 18

Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Lent Program 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Lent — Mar. 7, 14, 21, and 28

