

The Sanctuary Lamp

It has long since been the custom of the Church to set aside a small portion of the consecrated bread and wine for emergency use in ministering to the sick or dying. This “Reserved Sacrament” as it is called, is usually stored in one of two places - in a Tabernacle (a cupboard built into the front center of the altar upon which the cross is usually placed), or in an Ambry (a cupboard built into the wall of the sanctuary, close to the altar). All Saints’ has an Ambry built into the wall above the credence shelf at the right rear of the sanctuary.

Furthermore, it has been the custom to have a candle burning (symbolic of the Light of Christ) above the Tabernacle or Ambry whenever the sacrament is present.

Under normal circumstances, the only time the candle would be extinguished would be at the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday Eucharist, when all the remaining sacrament is consumed. (The bread and wine are never consecrated on Good Friday). The candle remains unlit (darkened - symbolic of the apparent victory of darkness over light) until the first celebration of the Resurrection on either Easter Even or Easter morning.

The Sanctuary lamp utilizes a seven-day candle. It is first lighted from the “New Fire” struck on Easter Even for the Paschal Candle and then transferred to the candle in the Sanctuary Lamp. Each week, as the candle is exchanged for a new one, the “Light” is also transferred.

An opportunity therefore exists for the sanctuary candle to be given as either a thank offering or a memorial and remain burning in the church for the week. The name(s) of those being remembered will be listed in the Sunday bulletin. **The cost for donating a candle for the week is \$6.00.**

If you would like to donate a candle in memory of a loved one or as a thank offering, please fill out the form on the reverse side and return it to the parish office with your check made out to *All Saints’ Episcopal Church with Sanctuary Candle on the memo line*. Additional forms are available at the tract rack and at the office. Memorials must reach the parish office by Noon on Wednesdays to be included in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

SUNDAY DATES July 2017 through June 2018					
July	02, 09, 16, 23, 30	Nov.	05, 12, 19, 26	Mar.	04, 11, 18, 25
Aug.	06, 13, 20, 27	Dec.	03, 10, 17, 24, 31	Apr	01, 08, 15, [Easter] 22, 29
Sept.	03, 10, 17, 24	Jan.	07, 14, 21, 28	May	06, 13, 20, 27
Oct.	01, 08, 15, 22, 29	Feb.	04, 11, 18, 25	June	03, 10, 17, 24
Easter Sunday — April 1 st			All Saints’ Sunday, November 4 th		

Sanctuary Candle Donation Form

Please print clearly

Candle Fund starting the week of Sunday July 2, 2017 through week of Sunday June 24, 2018

You may include the relationship of your memorial/thanksgiving – such as in memory of my mother, Mary Smith; in thanksgiving for the birthday of my grandson, John Doe, etc.

Date: _____ In Memory of: _____

Date: _____ In Memory of: _____

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Date: _____ In Memory of: _____

Date: _____ In Memory of: _____

Date: _____ In Thanksgiving for: _____

Date: _____ In Thanksgiving for: _____

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Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ made out to **All Saints' Episcopal Church** with
[donation \$6.00 per date] *Sanctuary Candle* marked on the memo line.

Name _____

Address _____

Date Received: _____ Date Processed: _____ Date of Deposit: _____