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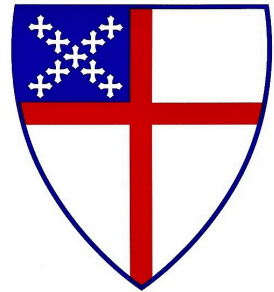
A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I think I once mentioned in a sermon that sometimes in the middle of the night I wake up in a panic about all the stuff that has to be done. A few nights ago that happened to me yet again, and I thought of the overwhelming amount of stuff coming our way: the building project; Lent; the Chili Open on March 9th (get your foursomes ready!); all the items demanding attention for the Standing Committee on which Cynthia and I serve; and I have to crank out a sermon for the ordination to the priesthood of Angelique Marie Bolling of Holy Trinity, Troy, on February 22nd. (The following day, Gretchen Strohmaier will be ordained a priest at Holy Spirit in Missoula. What a joy to see God's creativity and commissioning in action.)

And so, in the middle of the night, trying to come up with a connection between the 288th anniversary of Washington's birthday and ordination and not succeeding, I thankfully somehow remembered a phrase that my boss, Bill Maxwell, used when I was installed as the Rector of All Saints' Church, Salt Lake City, 26 years ago. In his sermon for the festivities he said, "Bradley, you don't buy a dog and then bark yourself. You let the dog bark. That, after all, is the dog's job." And I knew that not only did I have a great line for my sermon at Angel's ordination, but I had the spiritual melatonin to put me back to sleep for the night. (By the way, if you wonder why I'm retiring it may be said that I've finally run out of Bill's material for my sermons. Had it not been for him, instead of 39 years of active ministry, I'd probably would have only made a year and a half tops.)

Epiphany is a time in which we focus on God's appearing in our world through Jesus Christ. It was one thing for Jesus to be born into the world. It is another thing entirely that he was disclosed or made manifest as the Son of God, the Incarnate Christ. And one of the ways that disclosure still takes place, in a myriad of ways, is through the gifts of the spirit working in all of us, enabling us to engage in components of a ministry belonging to all of us, the Body of Christ. And so, in all the things we need to do this month and the next and which are overwhelming for one person, it is imperative that we realize they have never been designed for just one individual to accomplish. In order to do what is in front of us, some will engage in administration. Others will do the same with hospitality. I'll preach on Sundays. Carl will carve out the fairways in the snow for the Chili Open with his tractor. Shane will draw up the plans for the building expansion. And the dog will do what I have no talent, gift or business doing. The dog will make a joyful sound unto the Lord and bark mightily. In other words, yes we do have a lot going on but thankfully the Body of Christ is up to it because en masse, we've all been called to do what God has enabled us to do in spades, providing we do



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the very same with their gifts as we've been summoned to do with ours.

In this sacred cooperation with one another, amazing things will happen. We will complete what is on the plate and wonderfully so. We will even do this in a way that exceeds our wildest imagination because God is working through us. As well, we will not have a nervous breakdown thinking we need to do this all by ourselves. And, most importantly, those who see what it is that we are doing will actually find in our offering and accomplishment, the manifestation of Christ in their and our midst. I find that stunning.

All this is to say, "Bring it on!" We, the Body of Christ, which includes the barking dog, are up for the challenge.

Faithfully yours,

Bradley

ANNUAL MEETING: VESTRY AND CONVENTION DELEGATES

We welcome to the Vestry, Betsy Paugh, who was elected to her first term. Kathy Thomas, who has served on the Vestry by virtue of being the appointed clerk, was elected in her own right for a three-year term. Cynthia Benkleman was elected for her second three-year term. Continuing members of the Vestry include Grace Benkleman, who has served as Junior Warden this last year; Carl Thomas, elected member and also treasurer; Shawn Sloan who is an elected member; Heidi Sobczak; and Senior Warden, Ben Pomerantz. Ben was appointed by Bradley to a second-year term as Senior Warden at the meeting.

We applaud Shawn Sloan, Jenanne Solberg, Grace Benkleman and Heidi Sobczak who were elected delegates to the Diocesan Convention in Bozeman at the end of July.

As such, on our congregation's behalf, they will cast ballots in the election of the next bishop. Also voting from our congregation will be Bradley, by virtue of being a canonically resident priest in good standing in the diocese, and Cynthia Benkleman, who is a member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Montana.

ALL SAINTS' YOUTH

By Cynthia Benkelman

Children's Chapel: We are studying parables for the next few weeks. Take a look at their home sheets to see what we are doing! There is plenty to wonder about in a parable. The older Children's Chapel kids will be comparing the Godly Play stories to the versions in the Bible. Beginning in Lent, we will hear stories about Jesus from his birth through the Resurrection.

Youth: Kids in junior and senior high, put February 14th on your calendar! Valentine's Day is a great day to get up early and join us for our first BWB. That means "Breakfast with Bradley". Bradley and Cynthia will be at Coffee Trader's for a 7:30 breakfast so come join us and let Bradley buy your breakfast! We will be able to transport the senior high kids to school in time for their first class. Middle school kids, you'll be steps away from school in Whitefish, so you will be able to walk there in time. We will be willing to help out if there is crazy weather. Call Cynthia if you have any questions.

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

STANDING COMMITTEE NEWS

On January 29th, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Montana, functioning as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the diocese as we have no bishop, approved All Saints' Church obtaining a building loan and, if needed, longer term financing, in order to begin and bring to fruition the expansion of the sanctuary and the construction of two offices adjoining the Christian Education room. The Standing Committee approved as well the plan of the Vestry of All Saints' to name Bradley Rector Emeritus upon his retirement effective, most likely, July 31st of this year. This will allow him, following retirement, to be an assistant clergy person, to have a limited portfolio and to be useful in things the Vestry and/or interim rector and ultimately the new rector deem appropriate.

February Sunday Bible Study

UPDATE: Classes extended to March 3

Fr. Bill Baumgarten will lead a Bible Study at All Saints' after the 11 o'clock services in February. On February 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th Bible Study will take place from approximately 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

The topic will be "Hebrew Prophecy: A Short Course" and will include reading the prophets Micah, Habakkuk, and Jonah.

Please contact Kathleen Martin at kathleenmartin88@gmail.com or call (314) 249-3968 by February 1st if you plan on attending. Kathleen will email participants the pre-session scripture reading assignments for each week. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch.





2019 Quilt Retreat at All Saints' for Grace Camp

In Memorial Hall

Sunday, February 10th 3 pm to 5 pm

Monday, February 11th 9 am to 5 pm

Tuesday, February 12th 9 am to 5 pm



Come join us in making quilts for children attending Grace Camp. Grace Camp is a free summer session at Camp Marshall for children who have a parent in prison.

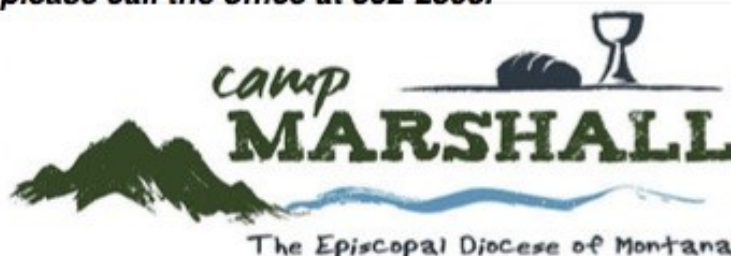
All stitchers are welcome.

Come for the entire event or just part of the time.

Fabric and patterns will be provided.

Bring basic sewing tools: machine - scissors - cutting board - rulers - rotary cutters etc

*For more information or if you are interested
(so we can get a head count for snacks)
please call the office at 862-2863.*



The Episcopal Diocese of Montana

SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, March 5th, 2019

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Memorial Hall



Serving:

Huckleberry Pancakes

Sausage

Bacon

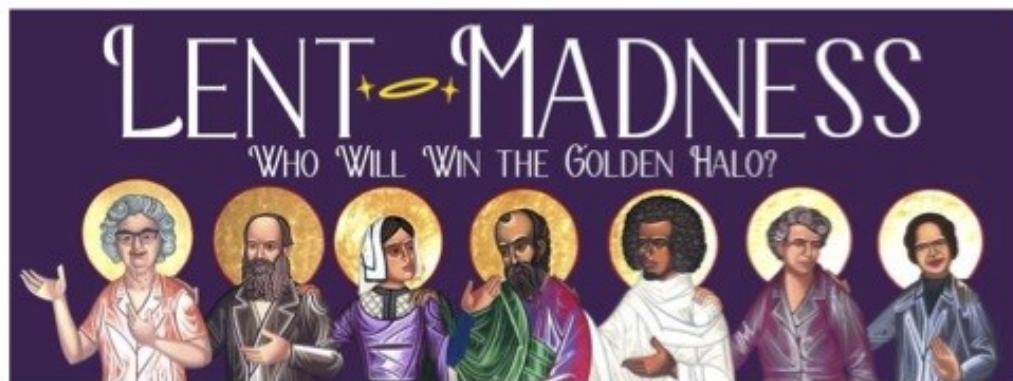
Veggie Sausage

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES MARCH 6, 2019



On March 6, Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday.

This particular observation, in which a season is given over to self examination, prayer, and repentance, dates back to the Seventh Century. It originally began on a Sunday. Because there was a desire to make it forty week days for fasting (Sunday always is a feast day and the fast is broken.) four extra days were added a few centuries later and that was the advent of Ash Wednesday. On that day we will have **three services**, one at **the Springs at 10:00** in Whitefish, another at **All Saints' Church at Noon**, and a third for **children and youth** at **Cynthia Benkelman's house** (contact Cynthia for information). All services will have the imposition of ashes, reminding us of our mortal nature, and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, reminding us even more importantly of our companionship with one another and with God, through Christ, as well as our living in the midst of eternal life. You are invited to attend and begin your pilgrimage through Lent.



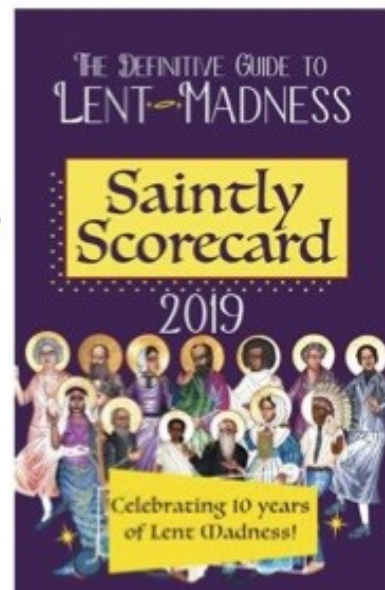
For the 6th year, All Saints' will once again participate in the world's most popular online Lenten devotion -

LENT MADNESS.

Every Wednesday during Lent: March 13, 20, 27, April 3, and 10, we will gather in Memorial Hall at 5:30 for a light supper and then from 6:00 until 6:45 we will examine the lives of 32 saints as they enter the "Lent Dome" to battle it out in the saintly brackets.

Participants will receive a *Saintly Scorecard* booklet which contains biographies of the 32 saints and a full color fold out bracket.

As is our usual practice to help up prepare the right amount of food, sign-up sheets will be posted in Memorial Hall, you can call 862-2863, or send an email to allsaintsmt@gmail.com. But as always, even if you don't sign up please feel free to join us as there is always an over abundance of food.





All Saints' 12th Annual Chili Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, March 9, 2019.



For the twelfth year in a row, the most celebrated winter golf tournament in Montana will take place on the church grounds Saturday, March 9th 2019. Join us for this wonderful snow golf tournament that raises much needed funds for The Flathead County Animal Shelter, The Flathead Spay and Neuter Task Force, The Humane Society of Northwest Montana, and Spay Montana, serving the Blackfeet Reservation.

"Green Fees" which include golf and lunch are \$20 per person with the entirety of what is raised being donated to help the most vulnerable of God's creation, dogs and cats who are homeless and abused. A Friday night pre-tournament fund-raising party has a suggested donation of \$20. Again this year, holes in one can be purchased for \$50 each. (In the event of severely inclement weather, golfers will be notified that the event will be postponed to the following week.)

The Chili Open is a "shotgun started Texas Scramble" style tournament with a capacity of 72 golfers, 36 in the morning round and 36 in the afternoon round.

The first tee off time of the day is 10:30 a.m. and prior to that, rolls, pastries, and coffee will be available. At 12 noon a catered lunch will be served to all participants during which a silent auction will be held. Afternoon tee off time is 12:45.

On the night prior to the golf tournament, Friday, March 8th, beginning at 7:00, an evening wine/soft drink/appetizer fund-raising party will be held at the Pomerantz home at 342 Plantation Drive, north of Kalispell off Whitefish Stage Road. This fund-raising event has a suggested donation amount of \$20 with the entirety of that going to the dogs and cats.

Lunch is again being generously donated by Famous Dave's Restaurant in Kalispell, Loula's Restaurant in Whitefish, and Tupelo Grille in Whitefish.

Reservations for this extraordinarily fun event can be made by emailing allsaintsmt@gmail.com, or by calling (406) 862-2863 or (406) 291-3613. For ongoing information and event updates, visit www.allsaintsmt.org or www.facebook.com/allsaintsmt/

All Saints' is dedicated to striving for the day when no homeless pet goes unloved or lacks compassionate care. This is the reason they energetically support these wonderful animal welfare agencies. The church is committed to providing pastoral care to those pets including celebrating the annual blessing of the animals on a Saturday close to St. Francis Day (Oct 4th) and making available a Rite offered by the Episcopal Church, for the burial of beloved pets and companion animals.



**All Saints' Episcopal Church is located at
2048 Conn Road just south of Highway 40 midway
between Whitefish and Columbia Falls.**





In Search of Our New Bishop

The Episcopal Diocese of Montana

The Search Process in 2019

When Bishop Franklin Brookhart announced his retirement in 2017, he initiated the canonical process of selecting a new bishop. Guided by our diocesan procedures and those of the Episcopal Church, the **Standing Committee** set in motion the process recommended as most fair to all of us in the church and to any committed person willing to become the shepherd of the church in Montana:

A **Consultant** was selecting from among those recommended by the Presiding Bishop's office.

The **Nominating Committee** was formed by the selection of a lay person and a clergy person from each deanery. They designed and collated the surveys and they lead the listening sessions to develop the Diocesan Profile covering the gifts of our diocese – our people, our parishes, our history and our current needs.

They coordinated the invitation to those interested to submit applications. Those have been screened and some interviews have been held. In early April the applicants chosen will share in a retreat together as they become more familiar with our diocese. Discernment is the core activity from this time forward and the Committee will prepare the slate of candidates to be approved by the Standing Committee. A short period is open for other applicants to petition for inclusion as candidates.

The **Transition Committee** helped coordinate the bishop's retirement at the last Diocesan Convention, and now is working to plan and to coordinate the more public events of this search process. Public Walkabouts to introduce the candidates to the people of the diocese will be held at five locations throughout the diocese in early July. With some time to assess and discern the talents and gifts of the candidates, and relying on the Holy Spirit, the Special Election Convention will be held at the end of July in Bozeman to choose our new bishop. The Diocesan Convention begins there the next day. The other bishops of the Episcopal Church and the Standing Committees of each diocese will proffer their consent and acceptance of the bishop-elect for our local church.

In early December, our **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry** will ordain our new bishop in Helena. The next day our bishop will be seated in the bishop's chair of our St Peter's Cathedral.

This search for a new bishop is a unique opportunity for the people of our diocese.

Please join us with prayer and hope in this adventure.

'We must choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptizing until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.' Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas... and Matthias, they prayed, 'Lord, you can read everyone's heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place'. They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles. Acts 1:21-26

Please refer to the Diocesan website: www.diomontana.com

Choose "Bishop Search" for more information & documents

The Calendar for the Search for the Tenth Bishop

2017	Dec Transition Committee retreat
Jul Standing Committee initiates the search process	2019
Deaneries select Nominating Committee	Jan Transition Committee planning
Aug	Feb Screening & interviews continue
Sep Consultant Rev Ann Hallisey chosen	Mar
Oct Nominating Committee retreat	Apr Applicants retreat together
Nov	Nominating Committee prepare slate
Dec	Standing Committee approve slate
2018	May Petition period opened
Jan Listening sessions & diocesan survey	Jun
Feb	Jul Walkabouts in five locations
Mar Holycow Executive assessment	Special Election Convention - Bozeman
Apr Listening session thro Jun 600 attend	Bishop-elect chosen
May Clergy meet with consultant	Diocesan Convention - Bozeman
Jun Listening Sessions summary published	Aug Consent process beings by all Bishops and
Jul Diocesan Profile prepared	Sep diocesan Standing Committees
Aug Standing Committee approve documents	Oct
Sep Diocesan Profile published	Nov
Transition Committee appointed	Dec Ordination of new Bishop - Helena
Oct Applications accept 1 Oct – 15 Nov	Seating of new Bishop – St Peter's Cathedral
Nov Screen applications & interviews	

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Prayer For A New Bishop

Loving God, raise up for the diocese of Montana a shepherd
 who will lead with compassion, with courage and
 with comprehension of the needs of all your people,
 that we may be led by a bishop who is committed to
 ministering from the mountains to the plains,
 from cities to rural areas always remembering the poor,
 the marginalized, and those with no voice.

Amen.



Update on the search for the X Bishop of Montana



As of January 31, 2019

The Nominating Committee spent January conducting the first round of interviews for the bishop search. They used video conferencing to bring the interview teams and candidates "face to face". Each Nominating Committee member will review all of the interviews before they gather again in Livingston on February 15 and 16 to prayerfully consider which candidates to invite to the in-person discernment retreat happening April 1-4 at Chico Hot Springs. Thank you also for your continued prayers for guidance in this process.

*Please direct comments and questions to
bishopsearch@diomontana.com.*

God willing and the people consenting
The Standing Committee
as Ecclesiastical Authority

Welcomes

*The Rt. Rev. James E. Waggoner,
VIII Bishop of Spokane (retired)
Who, by the laying on of hands
and the Invocation of the Holy Spirit,
will ordain to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood*



Angelique Marie Bolling

*Friday, February 22, 2019 at 1:00 PM
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
218 Missoula Avenue, Troy, Montana
A reception will follow in the Parish Hall*

AND

Gretchen Gina Strohmaier

*Saturday, February 23, 2019 at 1:00 PM
Holy Spirit Episcopal Church
130 South 6th St. East, Missoula, Montana
A reception will follow in the Parish Hall*

**You are cordially invited to join us to
Celebrate both these joyous occasions!**

Clergy: red stoles

The Members of the Worship Committee of Christ Church would like to invite local Episcopalians to an upcoming workshop on:

Hildegard of Bingen

- When: February 16th, 2019 from 10am to 2pm
Where: Christ Church Episcopal 215 3rd Avenue East, Kalispell
Who: Hildegard was a 12th Century German nun, mystic, prophet and political moralist
What: We will spend the day learning about this saint and doctor of the church and especially about Hildegard's beliefs and practice of Veriditas; about her concept of a new heaven and a new earth.

This experiential day will begin with Rev. Donnel O'Flynn discussing his research about this remarkable woman, and his appreciation for her teachings. The remainder of the day will be a day of free choice of participation in learning about her art, writing, music, and gardening. Rev. Angel Bolling will offer the chance to learn about Hildegard's cultivation and use of healing herbs.

A soup lunch will be provided. There is no charge for this workshop, but a free will donation to the Haiti Rehabilitation Foundation would be welcomed. Rev. O'Flynn's wife, Janet, is working in Haiti now.



Please RSVP with an email to
Barbara Myers -
wwacres@aol.com





THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MONTANA

February 5, 2019

A Letter from The Standing Committee of the Diocese of Montana serving as the Ecclesiastical Authority on the Suspension of the Statute of Limitations for Clergy Sexual Misconduct.

Dear friends in Christ in the Diocese of Montana,

At the General Convention of the Episcopal Church this past July, a resolution was approved to suspend for three years the canon (church law) that places a time limit on initiating proceedings in cases of clergy misconduct against adults. There is no time limit on reporting clergy sexual misconduct against children and youth.

As a result of this resolution, from January 1, 2019 until December 31, 2021, those who wish to bring a case of sexual misconduct against a member of the clergy will be able to do so, regardless of how long ago, the alleged misconduct occurred.

Allegations of misconduct in this diocese may be made to our intake officer, The Rev. Jean Collins. Her email is jgcollins08@gmail.com. Reports may also be made to our confidential hotline at either 800-495-2159 or 406-442-4175.

The Church is the Body of Christ; called at all times to be a living example of the human expression of God found in the person of Jesus. Called to be the place where all of our members are loved and cared for, nurtured and respect, and never, ever harmed or abused in any way. Your Standing Committee is deeply committed to helping all of our churches be places of safety, welcome, and love. Please know that any allegations of sexual misconduct by clergy, or anyone in a position of authority, including laity, will be treated with great seriousness and no one who is in leadership in our church will be protected from the full enforcement of the law. If you find you need to talk with any of us about issues of sexual misconduct in the church, please feel free to contact us at any time. All Standing Committee

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THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MONTANA

members are listed on the Diocesan website (Diomontana.com/Ministries/Committees/Standing Committee), along with contact information.

We ask that this letter be printed and posted in a public place in all of our congregations. Please pray for all those impacted by sexual misconduct in our church and in our greater society.


Yours in Christ,

Members of the Standing Committee

The Rev. Donna Gleaves, President
The Rev. Jean Collins
Mary Messina

Cynthia Benkelman
Rick Harden
The Rev. Canon Bradley Wirth

FEBRUARY 2019

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THE NEWEST MEMBER OF ALL SAINTS'

On January 13th, the All Saints' parish family welcomed our newest member...Ellie, daughter of Lily and Jess.



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Christian Formation Minister/Children and Youth: Cynthia Benkelman
cgraine@montanasky.us
406-261-9636

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the church, and in Christ Jesus forever.

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YouTube link: http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPZ_oAI6n1GwSPS5dIAkzdA

Webpage link: <http://www.allsaintsmt.org>

Vestry members:
Rector: Reverend Canon Bradley Wirth
Senior Warden: Ben Pomerantz
Treasurer: Carl Thomas
Clerk: Kathy Thomas
Cynthia Benkelman
Grace Benkelman
Betsy Paugh
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