

The 7th Sunday After the Epiphany

What is Lent?

Today is the Seventh Sunday after Epiphany, which brings the season of Epiphany very near to its end. In 10 days, the church will begin observing Lent. Ash Wednesday falls on March 6 this year, and marks the beginning of the season of Lent, the 40-day period before Easter.

The period of 40 days, which traditionally does not include Sundays, commemorates the “40 days and 40 nights” (Matthew 4:2) that Jesus fasted in the desert and then resisted temptations from Satan.

The word “Lent” comes from an Old English word for “spring,” and is derived from the German word “lang,” meaning “long,” because during this season before Easter, the hours of daylight become longer.

The Book of Common Prayer explains Lent in this way: “The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord’s passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church (Book of Common Prayer, pp. 264-265).

The Episcopal Church invites us to observe Lent “by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word” (Book of Common Prayer, p. 265).

The Reverend Timothy P. Carr, Rector Elect All Souls’ Episcopal Church, Miami Beach, Florida

The Reverend Timothy P. Carr has been the Priest at St. John’s Church in Boonton, NJ since 2013. Prior to arriving at Boonton, he served at both All Saints Church in Hoboken and St. Edward the Martyr, an English and Spanish-speaking congregation in Harlem, New York City.

Fr. Tim is motivated to “seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves” and believes the Church is the sacred center of spiritual strength and inspiration to fulfill that promise.

A creative leader with strong administrative and strategic planning skills, Fr. Tim has led St. John’s to a renewed focus on strengthening the church’s stewardship of property and finances, while simultaneously continuing to grow outreach ministry. St. John’s is consistently one of the fastest growing churches in the Diocese of Newark and has doubled in attendance in his time serving.

Within the Diocese of Newark, Fr. Tim is a member of the Diocesan Council, a former member of the Bishop Election and Transition Committee and a former member of the Diocesan Board of Trustees. He is trained as a conflict mediator, vocational discernment specialist, an educator in church history and a congregational growth specialist.

Within the wider community, Fr. Carr has been recognized by the Union of Black Episcopalians, with their *Clara Horsley Leadership Award* and bestowed the honor of *Citizen of the Year* for his engagement with a broad range of charitable efforts in Boonton. Father is a chaplain for the Boonton Ambulance Squad as well as the New Jersey Firemen’s Home.

Fr. Tim is a graduate of Thomas Edison State University in Trenton, NJ, with a B.S. in Psychology. Before earning his M.Div. from the General Theology Seminary in New York, Fr. Tim had a career in the cosmetic and fragrance industry including stints as the Vice-President of Sales or Marketing for several well-known brands such as Yves Saint Laurent, Giorgio Beverly Hills and Shiseido.

Fr. Tim Carr is married to Dr. Edwin A. Acevedo who is a Superintendent of Schools. They have an adopted, grown son name Mario. Their dogs, a Cocker Spaniel and Teddy, a rescue terrier, both enjoy the role of parochial canines.

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Stewardship Opportunities

During this exiting time of transition, we have **numerous stewardship opportunities** to donate your talents and time to our Church Community. This year, these opportunities also include **vacant positions in our Vestry**. Please **consider any nominees (yourself included) to fill these positions**. Feel free to speak to any of the current Vestry members about nominations or any questions you may have about these **integral leadership roles in our congregation**.



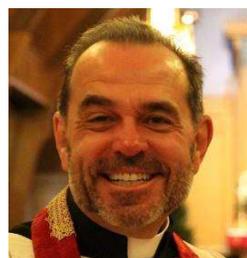
Boiled Eggs for the Homeless

Thank you for participating in this very important ministry. **March 17th** is our next monthly opportunity to extend our hospitality as an act of outreach and inclusion to those whose life circumstances have rendered them homeless and often hungry. **We encourage you to bring to church as many hard-boiled eggs as you are able**, so we may continue to play a part in one of downtown Miami's **Feed My Sheep feeding programs**.

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Flowers for the Altar

Please consider donating \$75 to the Altar Flowers fund in thanksgiving for a special occasion, a special person or in remembrance of a departed loved one. Two arrangements are used on the main altar. One is later placed in the Memorial Garden and you may take home the other one. An acknowledgment of your contribution will be placed in the Bulletin Insert or Service Bulletin.



Meet and Greet

On behalf of the Search Committee and Vestry, we would like to invite to you to participate in a **Meet and Greet with our new Rector, Father Timothy P. Carr!!**

Date: **February 28, 2019**
Time: **6:30pm**
Place: **Taylor Hall, All Souls' Episcopal Church**

Hospitality

If your surname begins with A - E, a reminder that there is an opportunity for you to provide a much-needed food item for our hospitality next **Sunday, March 3rd**. Please check with Joyce Foreman this morning and ask her what she needs for next Sunday. **Items needed usually are a starch (pasta, potato, etc.), a meat, a salad, a vegetable and a dessert.**

Shrove Tuesday / Pancake Dinner

Shrove Tuesday will be held on **Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 6:00pm in Taylor Hall. Buy your Tickets Today!!**

Children under 12: \$5.00, Adults: \$10, Families: \$20.00

All funds collected will be used to advance All Souls' outreach activities. **Hope to see you there!!** 😊



Prayer List

We are continuously updating our church's Prayer List. If you would like to add the name of a loved one, a place, an organization, an event or a situation to the Prayer List, please email us at: parishoffice@allsouls.org

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Season of Lent

*All celebrations and/or events are held
at All Souls' Episcopal Church
unless otherwise noted*

Thursday, February 28th

"Meet & Greet" with Fr. Carr!!

All Souls' / Taylor Hall **06:30pm**

Saturday, March 2nd

Centering Prayer

All Souls' Episcopal Church **10:30 am**

March 3rd

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Sung Eucharist **10:30 am**

Saturday, March 9th

Centering Prayer

All Souls' Episcopal Church **10:30 am**

March 10th

The First Sunday in Lent

Sung Eucharist **10:30 am**

We Hold in Prayer †

*Heavenly Father, giver of life and health:
Comfort and relieve your sick servants,
and give your power of healing to those
who minister to their needs, that those
for whom our prayers are offered may be
strengthened in their weakness and have
confidence in your loving care; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever. Amen †*

For Healing:

Baby Ailia, Bob, Bobby, Bronwen, Carmela
Dana, Daphne, Darryl, Dennis, Gary, Glen,
Greg, Fr. Errol Harvey, Jim, Karen, Deacon
Katon, Ken, Reverend Kleban, Lily, Malu,
Nellie, Obie, Paul, Rafael, Ray, Richard,
Rick, Rito, Rose, Santos, Sheila, Bishop
Sturdie, Tania and Tony.

For all Hospice and Palliative Care Units.

For the dying and those who watch and
care for them and mourn for their loss.

For the repose of Ms. Elma Benjamin.
For peace throughout the world.

For the strengthening of our
congregational life in this time of
transition.