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Sprinkle your January with Saints.

The month of January can drag on for some of us. The action-packed gauntlet between Thanksgiving and Christmas has been run... Epiphany is a joyful but brief 'blip' in our calendar of feasts that only the folks at St. Gabriels' and the Latino churches really know how to celebrate, and, well, frankly... between the cold temperatures and the New Year's Resolutions that invoke discipline back into our lives... January just isn't much fun.

Thank God for the saints.

In the month of January, our church celebrates five feast days and thirteen other saints days. The feast days remember the Holy Name of Jesus on Jan 1st, the Visitation of the Magi (aka Epiphany) on Jan 6th, The Baptism of Our Lord on Jan 10th, the Confession of St. Peter on Jan 18th and The Conversion of St. Paul on Jan 25th.

If that isn't enough to add sparkle to your January, you can join in by celebrating the lives of some of the church's notable figures- among them, Julia Chester Emery who founded the UTO (Jan 9), Aelred, a medieval monk whose role as Abbot asked him to supervise 600 monks under one roof (Jan 12), Fabian, a third century layman who was surprisingly elected as Pope when a dove alighted on him (Jan 20), or Agnes, a twelve year old martyr who was burned at the stake for the love of Christ (Jan 21). There's plenty to get your blood pumping in the lives of the saints.

On Wednesdays at Our Saviour, we remember the "Saint of the Day" during our noontime Eucharist, if it happens to be a day on which a saint is remembered. (The dates are appointed to correspond with the calendar date of the saints' death). We enjoy a short time of listening to a biographical sketch of the saint from our book *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* and then work to draw conclusions between what we know of the saint and the particular bible passage that has been cited in their remembrance.

Spend some time with the saints this winter. In their lives, devoted to the growth of the church, the mission of God and the love of Christ, you might find something that resonates with your own life or that inspires you towards a more holy path.

Brew up some cocoa and sit down with a saint. It will be Ground Hog day before you know it.

Love,

Audrey

PS To find the saints' days, pick up an ecclesiastical calendar at the back of your church- we have several to give away.

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR GOOD TIDINGS

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

As of Sunday, January 3rd, 31 pledges have been received for a total of \$44,494. If you have not returned your pledge card, please mail it to the office or put in the alms basin on Sunday.

BISHOP SMITH VISITS COS

On December 6, 2009, Bishop Andrew Smith presided at the Sunday Service which included the baptism of Olive Sabine Wishinski White, daughter of Melissa Wishinski, Granddaughter of Susan Wishinski and Great Granddaughter of Eleanor Wishinski.

After meeting and greeting parishioners at the coffee hour, Bishop Smith was taken to lunch by the Rev. Scanlan and the Vestry. During this time, the Bishop asked questions which encouraged discussion of the outlook for the present and future of Church of Our Saviour.

PAGEANT HELD AFTER CHRISTMAS

Due to a fairly heavy snowstorm on Sunday Dec 20, the annual Christmas pageant was postponed to the Sunday after Christmas. (You may remember that last year the same situation occurred.) The resilient pageant cast performed very well for an audience of parishioners, proud parents and grandparents. All are to be commended, including the stage crew/directors/wardrobers: Leslie Abate, Cynthia Jackson and Carol LePage. After the service at the coffee/cocoa/cookie hour, all were treated to a surprise visit from Santa Claus who stopped in to greet the children on his way home to the North Pole.

NEW FONT COMPLETED

A beautiful oak baptismal font was commissioned to be made for COS to replace the heavy and almost immovable old one. The new one was created by Robert Fischer Fine Woodworking. Bob Fischer also made our free-standing altar and credence table. The first baptism using the new font will be that of Eli Rosen, grandson of Deacon Doreen and her husband Tim Bottone, on January 10. The font

will be consecrated by Bishop James Curry on April 11 in memory of Alice Richardson, through the generosity of Herbert and Ginny Richardson and others.

SANDWICH SQUAD

The Sandwich Squad met on Saturday, December 26 to make lunches for the needy of the streets of Hartford. More than a dozen parishioners and friends gathered to make 60 bag lunches that were delivered that afternoon to a grateful group gathered at Bushnell Park.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING BRUNCH

In place of the regular monthly meetings, which are held either at St. Gabriel's or Church of Our Saviour, President Carolyn Bouchard prepared a brunch for members at her house on December 12, 2009. Special guests included the Rev. Audrey Scanlan and Janet Quinn's grandson Mason. After a brunch consisting of a hot fruit compote (my personal favorite), quiche, and various pastries a short meeting was held to elect officers for the next year. Those elected are: President: Carolyn Bouchard, Vice President: Anne Fodera, Treasurer: Patricia Lux, Secretary: Marilyn Hansen. *Linda McKnight*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Choir Practice:	Each Sunday, 9:30 am
Wed. Eucharist Resumes	Wed. Jan. 6. noon
Rhythms of Grace	Sun. Jan 10, 1:00pm
Pancake Breakfast	Sun. Jan 17, 9:00am
Vestry Visit to Diocesan Hse.	Sun. Jan. 17, 4:00pm
Sun. Nursery Training	Sun. Jan. 24 @ coffee hr
Annual Meeting	Sun. Jan. 31 " " "
Next Vestry Mtg.	Sun. Feb. 7, @ noon
Next Food for Friends	Wed. Feb. 10th
Ash Wednesday Service	Feb. 17, @ noon

CARDS AND VISITS WELCOME

Martha Santucci is currently in Apple Rehab Farmington Valley (Formerly Plainville Health Care) and would happily receive cards and visits: 269 Farmington Ave., Plainville, CT 06062

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

As the unemployment rate for the nation hovers at 10%, there are so many people cold and hungry. Please remember the Plainville Food Pantry with some groceries each Sunday and if possible, a check for the fuel bank. Some items on their wish list are: kids' snacks, bleach and laundry detergent; alumi-

num foil and plastic wrap; instant and regular coffee; condiments, strawberry jelly, sugar and vegetable oil. These items are picked up by Paul Doiron and taken to the Food Pantry each week.

BLOW YOUR TRUMPET GABRIEL

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES

Currently, 24 pledges have been received totaling 48,000. In 2009 32 pledges totaled 66,200. Thank you to those who have made a pledge to support the daily life and ministry of St. Gabriel's. This has been an extraordinary year in which parishioners have struggled in a difficult economic climate to support their spiritual home. Please consider prayerfully how you might balance gifts to the daily operation of our church with its needs for restoration and your own needs. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

The pledge card and envelope should be returned to the office or put into the alms basin on Sunday morning.

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS REJOICE!

Many thanks to Beverly Simpson, organist at St. Gabriel's for a wonderful afternoon of organ music and hymn singing. Four hundred dollars was raised to benefit the Restoration Fund.

THE RESTORATION COMMITTEE MEETS

The Restoration Committee met in December with Tom Nolan of Thomas Nolan Design to schedule "walk-throughs" with three contractors who have shown interest in the project. The committee anticipates bids to be received in early January.

"GEN-NEXT"

Seventeen young people and their parents from both parishes met before Christmas to carol sing at the homes of several of our senior members as well as at Worthington Manor. The merry group enjoyed a pizza supper before donning their Santa hats. Next year they will visit folks in Plainville.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Despite the snow, a few brave souls ventured to

church and stayed to enjoy a breakfast of French Toast casserole and fruit salad before Greening the Church. And St. Gabriel's looked beautiful for Christmas. Many thanks to Debbie Della Bernarda, Sharon Bishop, Joanne and Jonathan Chicker, Lori Freeland, Holly and Erin Lee, Paul and Alexander Little, Paula Paige, Maryruth Senechal, Liz, Emily and Larry Tamiso, and Father Watson. Also, thanks to Leon Zabrensky and Ron Stack for keeping the snow cleared from the walks and roof.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS, TOYS AND FOOD

Berlin Social Services extends their thanks to all those parishioners who donated toys and gifts along with gift cards for food at Stop & Shop. Their Christmas was made brighter by your generous support.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

"GEN-NEXT"

Will be making soup for Church Street Eats at their next meeting on Tuesday, January 26, at 6:00. See Liz or Emily Tamiso for further details.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 7th

Following the 8:30 Eucharist

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Don your boas, tune up your instruments, sing a few in the shower and get ready for:

2ND ANNUAL CABARET NIGHT

Saturday, February 13

Deacon Doreen will announce further details

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 17, 2010

At 7:00PM

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in Christ...through the ministry of all its people*

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