

All Saints Weekly
December 23, 2018–December 29, 2018

All Saints Episcopal Church
Bringing People to Jesus!
Sunday Worship-Holy Eucharist, 9:30am



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Sunday Scripture Readings

Micah 5:2-5a
Canticle 15
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-55



The Fourth Sunday of Advent



The Christmas Truce
by David G. Stratman

From his book *We Can Change the World*

It was December 25, 1914, only 5 months into World War I. German, British, and French soldiers, already sick and tired of the senseless killing, disobeyed their superiors and fraternized with "the enemy" along two-thirds of the Western Front (a crime punishable by death in times of war). German troops held Christmas trees up out of the trenches with signs, "Merry Christmas."

"You no shoot, we no shoot." Thousands of troops streamed across a no-man's land strewn with rotting corpses. They sang Christmas carols, exchanged photographs of loved ones back home, shared rations, played football, even roasted some pigs. Soldiers embraced men they had been trying to kill a few short hours before. They agreed to warn each other if the top brass forced them to fire their weapons, and to aim high.

A shudder ran through the high command on either side. Here was disaster in the making: soldiers declaring their brotherhood with each other and refusing to fight. Generals on both sides declared this spontaneous peacemaking to be treasonous and subject to court martial. By March 1915 the fraternization movement had been eradicated and the killing machine put back in full operation. By the time of the armistice in 1918, fifteen million would be slaughtered.

Not many people have heard the story of the Christmas Truce. On Christmas Day, 1988, a story in the *Boston Globe* mentioned that a local FM radio host played "Christmas in the Trenches," a ballad about the Christmas

Truce, several times and was startled by the effect. The song became the most requested recording during the holidays in Boston on several FM stations. "Even more startling than the number of requests I get is the reaction to the ballad afterward by callers who hadn't heard it before," said the radio host. "They telephone me deeply moved, sometimes in tears, asking, 'What the hell did I just hear?' "

You can probably guess why the callers were in tears. The Christmas Truce story goes against most of what we have been taught about people. It gives us a glimpse of the world as we wish it could be and says, "This really happened once." It reminds us of those thoughts we keep hidden away, out of range of the TV and newspaper stories that tell us how trivial and mean human life is. It is like hearing that our deepest wishes really are true: the world really could be different.

To listen to "Christmas in the Trenches", click on the link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJi41RWaTCs>

Healing Prayer Requests

Kathleen Hayes, Robert Hayes, Ben Evans, Pat Merriam, Debra, Karen, Kathy, Larry, Nick, John, Gary Cornwell, Carol, Dixie, Stephen, Jack, Andrew Gravelle, Russ Adams, Michaela, Tom and Muriel Campbell, RaiLee Ford, Aimee McDonald, Thomas O'Sullivan, Jean Sisson, Aida Reyes, Connie Murphy, Dave, Cheryl, Payton and Seth Reynolds and Irene.



Prayers for our All Saints Parishioners: Each week we pray for members of our own congregation. This week we pray for Kathleen Hayes, Robert Hayes, Fran Kane, and Jim Kane.



Robert and Kathleen Hayes
12/28



Dana Orgovan 12/23
Jensen Merriam 12/23
Paul Daby 12/23
Bruce Barnes 12/24
John (Bill) Rawlins 12/27
Mary Jane Hatlee 12/29

Military Prayer List
SPC Brady Campbell
Sgt. Michael Donovan
Lt. James Franks
Capt. Christopher Love
Sgt. Paul Parsons
WO Matthew Starr
SPC Justin Webber



Sunday Ministries



Nursery Care/Sunday School
December 30
Karrin Campbell
Kelly Duheme



December 30
Warren Cornwell

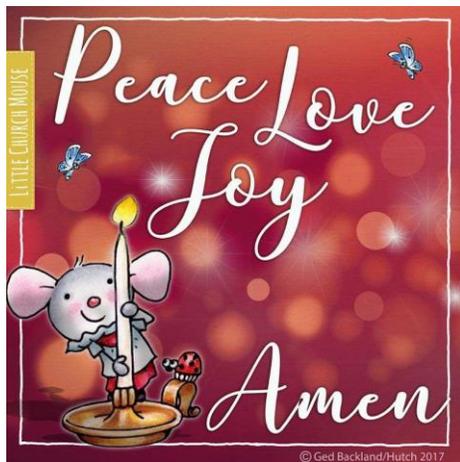
Service for December 30

Reader 1-Placid Duheme
Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm 147
Reader 2-Ben Harwood
Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
Chalice-Karla Banach
Crucifer-Lucia Harwood
Altar Server-Karla Banach

Vestry Meeting: There will be a vestry meeting **Sunday, January 6, 2019** after coffee hour.

Women's Bible Study: Bible Study will meet **Monday, January 7, 2019** at 2:15pm in All Saints Parish Hall. The reading that will be discussed is Psalms 5-8. Call Trish Tirone at 518-225-4977 for more information.

Annual Meeting: The All Saints Annual Meeting will be held **Sunday, January 27, 2019** after our morning worship. At the meeting, we will be electing two members to the vestry. Marlene Counterline and Placid Duheme are running for reelection for three year terms.



*Dear Lord, in whom all things live,
who commands us to seek you, and
are ever ready to be found: to know
you is life, to serve you is freedom,
to praise you is our souls delight.
We bless you and adore you, we
worship you and magnify your
name, and we give thanks to you
for your great glory, through Jesus
Christ our Lord.*

A PRAYER FOR THE Fourth Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you are constantly coming to your people,
even when we fail to see you.
In each and every moment that we are blessed
to recognize you here and now,
give us the courage to leap with joy at your coming.
Amen.



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