

The Trumpet

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Jensen Beach, Florida

MAY 2025



The little church on the hill with a BIG heart!



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MAUNDY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING

*On April 17th, 6 p.m., at the
Maundy Thursday Night
Service, All Saints'
parishioners participate by
having their feet washed.*



WELCOME! Speak with a Greeter or an Usher any Sunday for information about All Saints' or contact Marilyn Mawhinney, our Welcome/Hospitality Host, at 772-334-4176. If you're visiting us for the first time, the Ushers will provide you with a welcome gift.

BAPTISMS and pre-baptism classes are offered throughout the year. A person of any age may receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE is a rite to be cherished in our historic church. We require a minimum of 120 days notice to our office, as well as premarital counseling. An initial meeting with Father Tony should be scheduled by the couple to review the process and any special circumstances before a date is scheduled. Please contact Jenny McDonald at the office, 772-334-0610, or via email, Jennifer@allsaintsjensenbeach.org

FUNERAL OR MEMORIAL SERVICES in our church may be arranged jointly with the Cemetery and Church Offices, and may include the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

To **TRANSFER YOUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP** to All Saints', please contact Joan Whitting, Membership Secretary, joanwhitting@gmail.com

Cover Photo:
Easter Sunday was
a beautiful
morning for All
Saints' yearly
outdoor Sunrise
Service at 6:30 a.m.



A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

My Dear Friends:

During the month of May, we celebrate “**Memorial Day**,” originally called “Decoration Day,” on the last Monday in May. We think of that day as the unofficial start of summer, probably because it is a time for us to have barbecues in our back yards as we gather with family and friends.

Nevertheless, a fellow colleague once remarked to me that he cringes every time someone uses the word, “Happy” in reference to Memorial Day. So, for example, people like to say, “Happy Memorial Day.” Check Google Images, and the graphics will reveal how common that phrase is.

But is it correct to say “Happy Memorial Day” when this holiday was first observed on May 30, 1868, to honor the soldiers who died in the American Civil War? Is it correct to say “Happy Memorial Day” as we remember the men and women of our armed forces, some of whom are our loved ones, who died in the wars our nation has fought? Is it correct to say “Happy Memorial Day” as people visit cemeteries and memorials and services are held to mourn those who died in the line of duty? Is it correct to say “Happy Memorial Day” when flags and flowers are placed on the graves of those who died in the US military? Is it correct to say “Happy Memorial Day” when American flags are flown at half-staff during the morning of that day, and the Taps are played at commemoration ceremonies? Is “Happy” the correct term to use?

As I thought about this day, our Church

commemorates Memorial Day on the Sunday before, however, many churches choose not to because it is not a holy day on the Church’s calendar, and they strictly adhere to keeping the separation between Church and State. And on reflection, I wondered that even though Memorial Day originated to remember our military men and women who died while making the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy, what about the men and women who have suffered and are still suffering as they defend the faith? What about people who gave their lives defending



the faith and those who are still sacrificing their lives today?

The Church does not have a day designated specifically for those who died defending the faith. There are All Saints’ and All Souls’ Days, but these days are observed for the saints and faithful departed. However, since Memorial Day, by virtue of its name, calls us to memorialize our military personnel who gave their lives, why not also designate this day to commemorate the saints who sacrificed their lives for the faith?

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St. Paul reminds us in 2 Timothy 2:3, to “share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.” These men and women of faith who died were good soldiers of Christ. They did not retreat in the face of the enemy, defending their faith and declaring Jesus as their Lord and Savior. This is what the word “fight” means, “not letting up,” “not



retreating.” Hence the reason we have hymns like “Fight the good fight with all your might,” which was the advice St. Paul’s gave to his younger companion in 1 Timothy 6:12 – “Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the

eternal life, to which you were called...” and “Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war.” Why not remember the soldiers of the church who “... have fought the good fight, [they] have finished the race, [they] have kept the faith” (2 Timothy 4:7), and have sacrificed their lives defending that faith?

As we celebrate Memorial Day this year, instead of wishing others a “Happy Memorial Day,” why not say, “A blessed Memorial Day?”



In addition, as we remember the soldiers and service men and women in our armed forces who gave their lives for our country, why not also remember the soldiers of Christ who gave their lives for Christ, his Church, and the Christian faith?

With love and every blessing!

Father Tony



Farewell Get-Together for Diane Dougiello, former Director of the Thrift Shop (seated on the right). The event was organized by the Thrift Shop Team (pictured above). Also attending were Jack Miller, the Junior Warden (not in picture), and Father Tony.

RANDOM PICTURES



Farewell to Diane and Charles Dougiello during the Easter Sunday sunrise service.



Palm Sunday Prayer Walk — Stuart Neighborhood Stations of the Cross. Our Rector attended the Walk.



All Saints' in readiness for Palm Sunday.



The Daughters of the King' Lenten Quiet Morning, led by Mother Tara Shepley.



Baptismal Font decorated for Palm Sunday.



The Adult Bible Study Morning Class.

FUNDRAISING



Congratulation to **Carolyn Hanna** who won the Lenten Bible Challenge by reading the entire New Testament in less than a week. Way to go Carolyn!

Music Bingo is fast approaching on Friday May 9th at 4pm. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the door. This is a lot of fun.



Then we will be taking the summer off. Watch for our fall events.

HOUG HALL

I wanted to let you know that my last day having Dixie Cream donuts for now will be May 18th!

Hopefully I will be able to get donations from them in October. I know everyone has enjoyed these special treats and I appreciate the owner's generosity.

Also, May 18th, will be my last Coffee Hour until October.... when I return. The Coffee hours for the summer and early fall will be determined...soon.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer!

I will miss my Church Family. I am going to Maine/New Hampshire to be with my siblings and other family members.

God Bless,
Penny Manzueta
Houg Hall Manager



Anniversaries of Birth

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| 1 | Tadhg Holder |
| 6 | Priscilla Stuber |
| 6 | Jim Vitale |
| 7 | James Laverty |
| 9 | Peggy Nash |
| 17 | Lexie Laverty |
| 19 | Ray Sirkle |
| 20 | Tina Kelly |
| 22 | Brien Falloon |
| 28 | Therese Power |
| 28 | Nancy Stone |



Anniversaries of Marriage

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| 6 | Jan & Arpad Rajki |
| 13 | Joyce & Ritchie Menard |
| 18 | Holly & Charlie Katz |

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!"

The events of Lent that lead up to the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord reminds us of Christ suffering and His love for us. As we enter into the weeks following Christ's resurrection we also welcome in May.

During the weeks following Christ's resurrection He appears to His disciples and shares a meal. Jesus walked the earth for 39 days after his resurrection as written in the Acts of the Apostles, and then He ascended into heaven.

May is a month of new beginnings. Our chapter of The Daughters of the King will be celebrating 41 years of existence on May 9. The Daughters will be in corporate worship on Sunday, May 4, 2025, in celebration of that anniversary. We recognize this day by wearing the colors of the order - white and blue. White is for purity and the bright light of the church. Blue is for the joyful days of the Virgin Mary. (DOK Handbook)

All Saints' Daughters have been praying for the needs of the clergy and our parish family for over 40 years. The chapter started with a few women and grew over the years to twenty members.

We have two members of our parish who are studying to join the order. We welcome any women who feels called to be a prayer warrior and can make a lifetime commitment to The Order of the Daughters of the King and wear our cross.



Please contact Marilyn Mawhinney for more information. During the summer, the Daughters will continue our card ministry and prayer list.

The Agape meal took place on Maundy Thursday after the Eucharist and Foot washing service. We all shared in some of the foods that may have been served at the Last Super. It was a meal with love, fellowship and prayer as we left in silence to start The Watch.



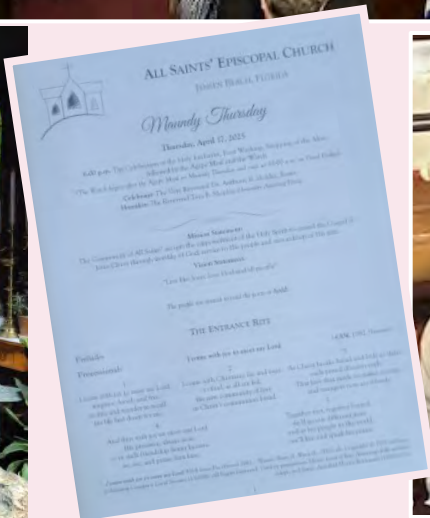
Thank you everyone who graciously gave to the Baby Shower. It was a huge success. Thanks, Marilyn. I hope we can incorporate the shower into an annual charity event. in Jesus' words "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least...you did it for me." Matthew 25:40

Respectfully submitted,

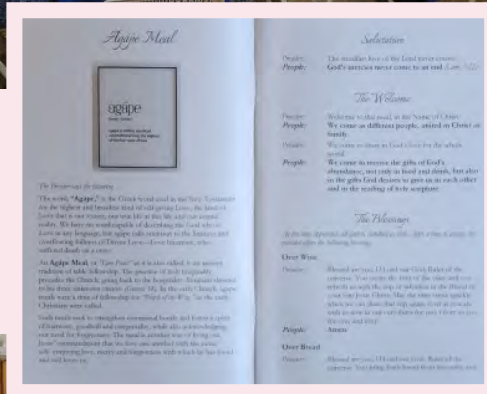
Dorothy Bree

President, The Order of the Daughters of the King

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE & AGAPE MEAL



MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
& AGAPE MEAL [CONT'D.]



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Next Meeting will be on Monday, May 5, at 6 p.m. in Houg Hall. We will have pork BBQ as our meal.

Car Show & BBQ was held on Saturday April 26th. The weather was perfect and about 20 classic cars showed up. Women's Fellowship held an Art Sale on the grounds as well. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this happen.

I cannot even begin to list all who helped. Special thanks to Harry Kapple who cooked the BBQ and is the driving force behind this event. As you may know Harry is recovering from hip surgery so a special thanks to his wife Katherine "KK" also for being his chauffeur.

We served about 90 meals to hungry customers and all feedback was positive. Harry knows how to make a good pulled pork BBQ.

Thrivent contributed a \$250 gift card to help with supplies. Norman Townsend and Michael Sahlen ran the 50-50 drawing which netted \$100 to Men's Fellowship and \$100 to the owner of a 1920's model-A Ford. George Bonner kept everyone entertained with music from the 1950's and 60's.

George Mazsa
President, Men's Fellowship

WEEKLY FOOD COLLECTION

Continued thanks to all who bring in food every week for the House of Hope Food Pantry on Jensen Beach Blvd. The staff there appreciates everything you are doing for the less fortunate among us.

The need for food is continuous and increases over the summer months when many children are home from school and some seasonal businesses cut back on hours for the working poor. Homelessness certainly does not take the summer off either.

I read the Gospels during Lent and Jesus was very concerned about the physical welfare of people. At least twice he multiplied loaves and fishes. His first miracle we know about was at a wedding feast and our whole spiritual lives revolve around the Last Supper and the Eucharist that continues to sustain us physically and spiritually.

Jesus tells us "whatever we do for the least of these ...". One way to serve others is to feed them. There are other ways of course, but this is a simple and effective ministry that is not beyond any of us.

Again, continued thanks for your generosity to the ministry. This is one of many ways we are "the little church with a big heart".

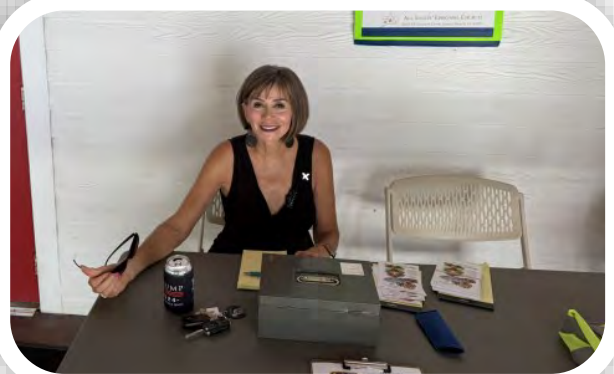
George Mazsa
Coordinator

Do you feel called to **Lay Eucharistic Ministry?**

**Individuals interested in becoming a Lay Eucharistic Minister to serve at the altar during the 8:00 a.m. service, please contact Jenny McDonald at the Church Office, or email: Jennifer@allsaintsjensenbeach.org.
Thank you!**



Classic Car Show and Bar-B-Que



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WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship and Daughters of the King held a baby shower to benefit **Helping People Succeed**. We invited the congregation to participate and had many items donated by our congregation and neighbors of our Church Family.

During April, there were also bins placed at various retail and service establishments throughout our tri-county area to collect baby items.

The Healthy Baby Programs of St. Lucie, Martin & Okeechobee counties will benefit from all of these donations.

We filled the van! One of the stroller & car seat combinations was taken out of Houg Hall on Saturday, by Kara, the new CEO of Helping People Succeed. On Tuesday, our donations filled their van. Literally, when he left our parking lot their van was packed with only the driver's seat space available for the volunteer that came to pick up the baby things.

Volunteers and clients at *Helping People Succeed* did an inventory. I have attempted to condense what follows it into a few categories.

Two strollers with car seat attachments, another car seat, and a rocking baby seat, 29 plush animal toys, 28 packs of baby wipes, 32 packages and 5 cases of disposable diapers, 7

diaper bags, 3 play mats, 3 quilts, 17 baby blankets, 48 bibs, and bags and bags of baby outfits.

All items were given a price value even the gently used clothing items and if my spread sheet is correct; the value of our donation of gifts equals \$4,651 and there was a monetary gift of \$100. Absolutely phenomenal!



We had several games that tested our "baby knowledge." Word scrambles: I knew a "ibb" was bib; and "prub" was burp, but a "rostlelr"? I forgot stroller had 2 "Ls"; it was so obvious – I just needed to spell it correctly.

Did you know a baby fox can be called a cub, a pup or a "kit"? A baby hedgehog is either a "hoglet" or a "piglet"; and a baby swan is called a "cygnet." Well, there are some among us that are very well versed in animal baby identification! We moved on to Babies of the Bible – there we had two Biblical scholars. There was food galore; we had fun and fellowship, all for a great cause. Thank you, to everyone that participated!

Marilyn Mazsa
President, Women's Fellowship

Dorothy Bree
President, Daughters of the King



SUNDAY SCHOOL

[This Photo](#)

The Sunday school children had a wonderful celebration for Easter! They arrived 30 minutes before the 10 o'clock service and flowered the Easter cross with assorted live flowers, baby's breath, and green ferns. It looked lovely!



Piper Black, Joe Gorman, Andrew Gorman, Cooper Black, Owen Johnson, Graham Johnson, Jesus Ramirez, and Caroline Gorman did a beautiful job flowering the Easter cross on Easter Sunday.

In class, a special video was viewed called Holy Week. It was a beautiful reminder of what had transpired throughout the previous week with the final excitement of Easter.

He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Each child received an individual puzzle, when put together, that said Jesus is Alive! We had a race to see who could put their 20 piece puzzle together first. The girls won! Topping it off with a delicious carrot cupcake and a few jellybeans, it was a fun time.

After the 10 o'clock service, our 12 children, ranging in age from three years old to 14, raced around the All Saints' gardens hunting for over 400 Easter eggs! Needless to say, their baskets overflowed with Easter eggs!

Our last day of Sunday school will be May 25. And as a reminder, Vacation Bible School will be



taking place during the week of June 23-27. We already have 23 children signed up plus 12 student volunteers. We still have room for more so spread the word!

Thank you again to everyone for your ongoing support for both Sunday School and Vacation Bible School!

Karen Neff

Children's Christian Education Director



ENDOWMENT

The busy season for the Endowment Board is over for another year. The January reception for all of the members of All Saints is “in the can”, as they say, and the Appreciation Banquet for members of the Heritage Society is a happy memory. But don’t think for a minute that we have retired for the year. Now we have the happy duty of distributing some of the interest generated by the Endowment investments.

This year, we voted to put ceiling fans in the breezeway for those hot summer mornings. That turned out to be not as easy as it sounds. The electrical system of Houg Hall was antiquated and had to be updated.

The Vestry asked us to contribute to the cost of the renovation which we gladly voted to support, along with the Women’s Fellowship. So the repairs are underway and will probably be completed by the end of April.

Then it is up to the Vestry to choose fans that will stand the test of time and the humid temperatures that come in our Jensen Beach summers, as well as the color of them. But the Endowment got the ball rolling with our contribution. Houg Hall will be safe going for-

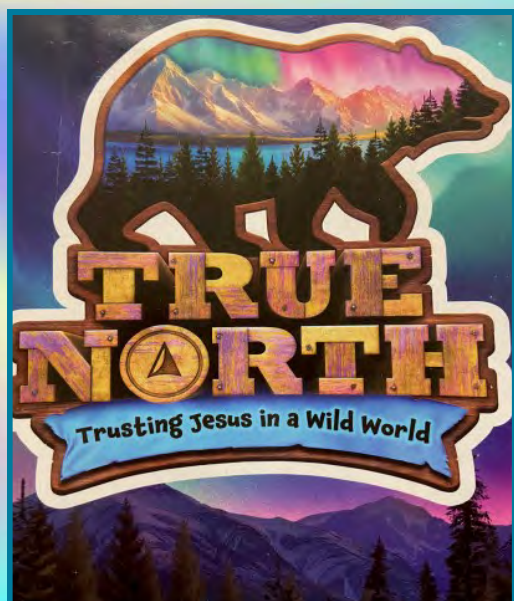
ward and for that we say, “You’re welcome”!

In the coming months, the Endowment Board will meet to perhaps shake things up a bit and make the All Saints’ Endowment open to more contributions. After all, it is the endowment for all of us and provides funds to help raise awareness of the good things All Saints’ does for its members and for the community at large.

We want all to know about the warmth and welcome everyone receives at our doors not to mention the spiritual guidance and comfort we receive from Father Tony and the Lord. Good things are happening at All Saints!

Elyta Watkins

Chair, Endowment Board



**VBS is Coming to
All Saints’ Church!**

June 23 - 27, 2025

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

For K - 5th Graders

Registration Has Begun!

Call Karen Neff at 561-758-5276

We’ll be signing up volunteers too!

**Join us for a week full of faith discoveries,
memorable music, and epic adventures that
help kids grow in friendship with Jesus!**



PEERING INTO THE PAST

Early photographs show the steps that descend from the front door. The original church bell, hung above that original entry. One pull of the rope was all it took to ring the bell.



From the minutes of the Vestry records, we learn that a letter of appreciation was ordered sent to A. M. Anderson for his contribution in the installation of the church bell. Vestry members Houg, Whitman and Barnwell also participated in the installation.

The minutes of 1955 further express deep appreciation to Clarence Gilbert for his generous donation of 'the fine bell.'

A later Senior Warden's opinion recorded that "this one [bell] was known as a "real clanker" by members of the congregation at the time.

Be that as it may, the bell was eventually replaced with an electronic bell system. The purchase of the "Arcadian" bell was authorized by the vestry in January 1971, and was expected to be installed within the next two months. Charles Shilling was the chairman of the committee soliciting donations from members of the parish. The photo shows where the bells

were hung.

Since the Centennial Celebration of "The Church on the Hill," additional enhancements were made to the Church including a new Shulmerich Carillon, which replaced a long silent outdated instrument. Once again, the sound of bells could be heard in the surrounding neighborhood.

Here we are in 2025, and again the bells have temporarily gone silent.

Joyce Fletcher-Menard
Historian

MARTIN COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY PRESENTATION

Martin County celebrates its centennial in 2025, and in commemoration, Martin County Genealogy Society (MCGS) welcomes Joyce Fletcher-Menard to talk about some of the people she has gotten to know in her work at All Saints' Cemetery in Jensen Beach. One of the oldest cemeteries on the Treasure Coast, at 126 years, All Saints is the final resting place for many of the people who laid the foundation for Jensen Beach, Rio and Martin County.

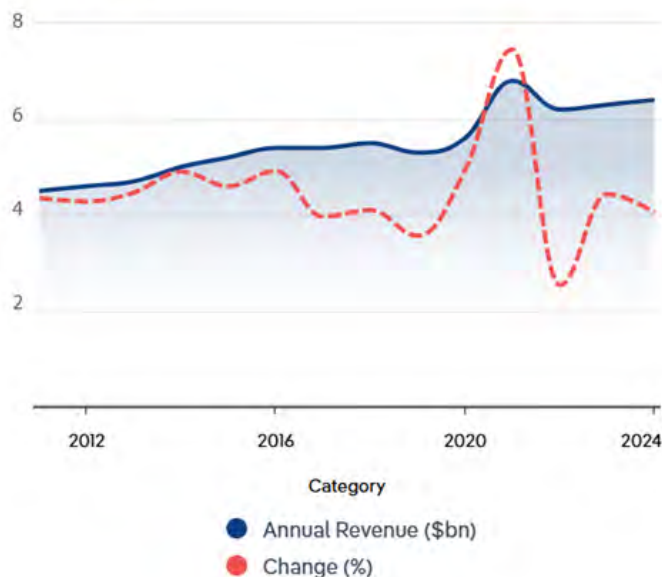
Joyce has served as the historian and archivist for All Saints' Episcopal Church and All Saints' Cemetery. She has written one book on the church, and four on the people in the cemetery. Joyce was the 2022 Martin County Historic Preservationist of the year, and belongs to several lineage societies, including the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Join us on **Friday, May 16th** at the John F. and Rita M. Armstrong Wing, Blake Library, 2351 SE Monterey Road, Stuart. The event starts at 1 p.m. and presentations begin at 2 p.m., or a little earlier.

ALL SAINTS' CEMETERY

While we may not wish to think of our church as having or being a business, it is indeed engaged in several business activities. The Cemetery is one such business.

Cemetery Services in the US
Revenue



All Saints' Cemetery (ASC) is part of an approximately \$6.4 billion industry which has approximately 5,900 businesses throughout the US and employs approximately 35,300 people. The average number of employees is 6 per business. The industry's Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) has been 3.7% over the past five years; in 2024, the industry grew approximately 0.3%.

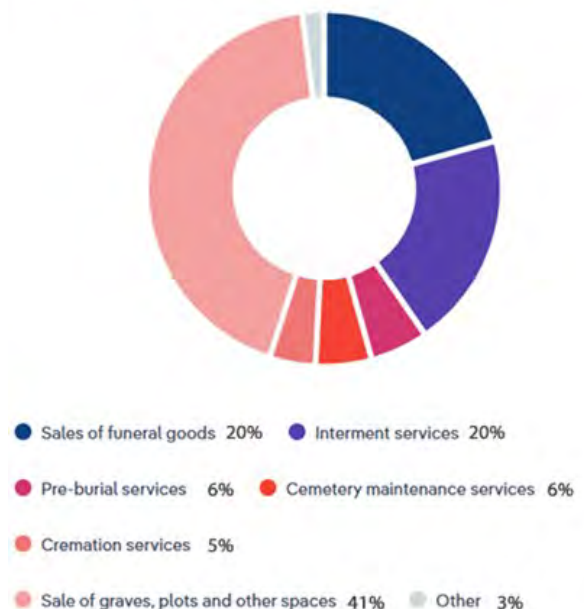
In comparison to the averages in the industry, ASC has revenue of approximately 25% of the average and 30% of the average number of employees. Last year, our cost of labor increased by approximately 20% while revenues went up by approximately 4.25%. Fortunately, our other expenses rose more in line with our revenues at approximately 5% increase.

The following trends and insights are courtesy of ISISWorld ([IBISWorld](#)).

Trends and Insights

- Cremation is gaining in popularity over traditional burials. Cost-effective and increasingly popular cremation services force cemetery businesses to diversify their offerings to attract budget-conscious families and stay competitive.
- Tariffs on Chinese and Mexican imports may impact raw material costs. While cemetery services are heavily reliant on raw materials for urns and caskets, the majority of the industry's revenue will not be materially impacted by import tariffs. Additionally, the business is not impacted by export tariffs.

Cemetery Services in the US
Products & Services



IBISWorld

Source: IBISWorld

- Market size is projected to grow over the next five years.
- Shifts in the demographic landscape will foster consistent revenue enhancement in

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burial services. With the US population continuously aging, there is a projected rise in demand for both pre-need and immediate burial arrangements.

- The sale of graves, plots and mausoleum spaces forms the core of cemetery offerings. Funeral homes often facilitate these purchases, though individuals can handle transactions independently. Many cemeteries have columbarium walls for cremation niches.

These trends continue to point to the importance of our new columbarium and the need to continually spruce up the cemetery to make it attractive to casual visitors, families in need, and persons visiting the graves of loved ones. If you see something that could be improved, please let us know.

Pam Hurd

Acting President, All Saints' Cemetery

The cemetery is selling self guided tour booklets and providing Golf Cart tours during May for National Preservation Month. Interested parties may call the Cemetery Office for more information.

MAY IS NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH

Also known as Historic Preservation Month, the month celebrates our nation's heritage through historic places. Organizations all across the country sponsor and promote a range of local, state and national activities to provide a rich and lively history of the people who came before us, their lives and their work.

This year, Martin County also celebrates its centennial during May and the Martin County Historic Preservation Board has planned events in the County throughout the month to emphasize the importance of historic

preservation and to celebrate local treasures that are the fabric of our community.

With our history reaching back to before there was a Martin County, All Saints' Episcopal



Church is prominently featured among the upcoming May celebrations.

First, on **Friday May 16th at 2 PM in the Blake Library** on Monterey Road in Stuart, the Martin

County Genealogical Society welcomes our own Joyce Fletcher-Menard to present "History Makers are Found Here-All Saints Cemetery, Jensen Beach". One of the oldest cemeteries on the Treasure Coast, at 126 years, All Saints' is the final resting place for many of the people who laid the foundation for Jensen Beach, Rio and Martin County.

Then, on **Saturday May 24th, at 11:00 AM** on the Church campus, **The National Colonial Dames 17th Century** (Lord Baltimore Chapter) will unveil a historic marker to commemorate the 126th year of All Saints' Church Building.

Tours of the church building will be given afterward by the church historian, Joyce Fletcher-Menard.

You are invited to attend the unveiling ceremony.



**The Lord Baltimore Chapter
Colonial Dames of the XVII Century**

**cordially invites you to attend the
Historical Marker Dedication
Ceremony and Tour
of
All Saints' Episcopal Church
2303 NE Seaview Drive
Jensen Beach, Florida**

**May 24, 2025
11:00 a.m.**

**RSVP Barbara Osborn (772) 214-9768
beo1954@gmail.com**

GARDEN HAPPENINGS!

Welcome to the garden.

My name is Draco and I live here in this shade tree next to the little church on the hill. I love to flutter my wings in the breeze that comes up the hill from the Indian River Lagoon. I watch most of the happenings here on this campus because I have such a wonderful vantage point; this is what I was doing the other day – watching the people that come here to worship God.

It was early morning and someone I know fairly well had just lit a charcoal fire beneath my tree, but off to the side just a tad. The chemical smell from the lighter fluid bothered me, so I moved around to the other side of the tree. There I have a different view of the gardens, the parking lot, the sidewalk and the grassy area by the Conkling Cross. I listened as directions were given and people hurried off to do something. When the Rector began the worship service I wanted to absorb the words because on this morning their meaning would be so important to hear. It was just before dawn on Easter morning and the discovery that Christ had risen from the stone tomb was about to be retold. Approximately 2,000 years ago this event took place in the Holy Land and now, still: it was going to be retold, again, and I was waiting.

I listened as words were murmured between the men around the fire. More chairs were set up for people that were just arriving. The ushers handed out bulletins, Ms. Joyce stood ready with the processional cross and Father Tony began the appointed announcement and prayers: Prayers to sanctify the new fire; prayers that the Light of Christ will enlighten and guide God's people. The procession began with Father Tony intoning: "The light of Christ." and I could hear two female voices over all the others that responded: "Thanks be to God." Moving through the gathered people Father Tony repeated: "The Light of Christ." Again, this

time more voices sang the response "Thanks be to God." But I was stunned; from the garden I thought I heard a new voice. As the daylight increased and dawn became imminent and the procession reached the outdoor altar at the base of the Conkling Cross, it was repeated a third time: "The Light of Christ."

This time when the voices all were lifted in the response "Thanks be to God" I was looking toward the garden home of my friends. But that very musical tenor voice was not coming from their spot. Then I trembled because I could see another critter sitting there looking right at my tree. I fluttered my wings. Then thought, well, maybe he was looking at the Indian River Lagoon, at Father Tony or watching and waiting for the sun to rise; I could not tell exactly. But this was not someone I knew. After looking a few more times, I guessed the new comer to be about 14" high, a bit wide, sort of white but defiantly had black lines--maybe clothing-- on him; but those eyes – they were huge!



I turned my attention back toward the service, and was surprised to realize I almost missed the scripture reading about Moses, the Israelites and God making safe passage for

them through the Red Sea. I also have to admit, my mind wandered a bit wondering if the visitor would stay for a while or move on before the day ended. Every so often I looked back at

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GARDEN HAPPENINGS!

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the stranger, and then at the sunrise, it was cloudy, but the sun shone through the clouds in a unique way this Easter morning. When the service ended with the final “Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.” I watched as people got in their cars and left as others came toward the church for the 8:00 a.m. service.

The Altar Guild was scurrying around trying to get the communion items, the missile stand, the paschal candle, the procession cross, the altar-lectern and pulpit paraments all inside for the next service. It was all I could do to not laugh at the commotion.

Ninety-something chairs from two different places had to be sorted placed on the rack and rolled first to Houg hall to be unloaded and then reloaded with the chairs that went to the garage. And then it was calm—the service had started inside, the people had left campus or gone inside Houg Hall. Then he spoke-- the stranger spoke.

“Nice service, good message too – but what is all this rush for? I just do not understand people. My name is Kevin. I saw you looking at me, and then at the service... but you kept peeking at me as if you thought I would just go poof and disappear.”

“Nice to meet you, Kevin; my name is Draco, and I apologize. I was thinking about Jesus having risen from His death, about the Angels rolling away the stone, and Jesus just standing in the garden.... and you appeared. Um, I have to admit I was a bit startled and quite a bit flustered as well. I think I’m glad you said your name was Kevin. There are many people coming and going -- a lot going on here—they will have coffee hour in Houg Hall soon, and then the people that come for the 10:00 a.m. service will start to arrive.”

But Kevin was quiet- his eyes looking toward

the red door of the church. It was slightly open and a foot appeared, then two and then they turned around and went back inside. But the foot re-appeared in a few minutes and then the person came outside – locked the door and came down the steps.

It was the Garden Whisperer. She smiled and waved to Kevin and then she looked up in the tree at me and said “Hi Draco, Happy Easter.” That was all she said, too! When I looked at Kevin again – it looked like he closed his eyes. Maybe he was just looking down, but I think he must be shy around people or he was taking a nap. We all do that!

Later in the afternoon, I introduced Kevin to Greta, Groggy, Jackson, the parrot and Little One. We had a good conversation about Easter morning. Greta Liked the music at the 10:00 a.m. service, Little One liked the Easter Egg Hunt. Kevin and I found the dawn service very inspiring. The parrot – he liked the new mulch! Groggy was dozing... again. We still hope to see Bea the big red bee soon, but for now all is well at the Little Church on the Hill with a Big Heart.

Draco, the Firefly and the Garden Whisperer.



Word Search

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Bible Trivia

What is the shortest verse in the Bible?

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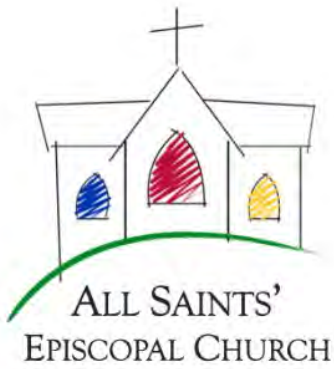
- + Sunday Services – Every Sunday
 - **8 a.m. Holy Eucharist** followed by Coffee Hour
 - **10 a.m. Holy Eucharist** with music, Nursery is available, followed by Coffee Hour. Christian Education (*Sunday School*) for Children begins at 10 a.m.
- + Every **Wednesday – Healing Service at 10 a.m.** in the Church building.
- + **May 4:** Scholarship Sunday
- + **May 9:** Music Bingo
- + **May 11:** Mother's Day
- + **May 16:** Joyce Fletcher Menard presents "History Makers are Found Here at the Blake Library
- + **May 17:** Women's Fellowship Meeting and Luncheon at the Dolphin Bar and Shrimp House
- + **May 24:** Colonial Dames 17th Century Historic Marker unveiling for the church (11 a.m.)
- + **May 25:** Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday (Outdoor Service)
- + **May 29:** The Last Day of Sunday School
- + **May 29:** ASCENSION DAY

Word Search & Trivia Answers



BIBLE TRIVIA

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 Job 3:2



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WEDNESDAY

HOLY EUCHARIST AND HEALING

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