

Update from All Saints' Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn

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It was a strange **Good Friday** for me. I have become so attuned to beginning the Good Friday with the Children in one of Barbara's very special programs, followed by the one-hour Solemn Liturgy at noon, and then off for a walk through the streets of Westboro hefting the cross and inviting the community to join in a time of reflection and prayer. Yes, we had the Good Friday liturgy, but the Church building was very quiet.

Tonight, I am including with my email update a reflection prepared by **Bishop John on Good Friday**: https://www.allsaintswestboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/A-word-from-Bishop-John-for-Good-Friday_1.pdf

I am also including a PDF with two colouring pages that Barbara asked me to send along to the children: <https://www.allsaintswestboro.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Easter-Colouring-Pages.pdf>.

Accompanying these colouring pages is the **latest Puppet story**. While it is a little early, it is the Easter Story. You can find it on our Parish Facebook page or on the Parish website at: <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/647814656040795/>

The world seems to be full of tears these days—how do we as faithful followers of Christ turn those tears in to joy? I thought that for our prayer this evening I would turn to one of my favourites. While not written by St. Francis, it channels the **spirit of St. Francis** in our broken and needy world:

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen***

May Christ bless each of you this night—stay well and stay strong.

Chris