

Update from All Saints'

Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn

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So, is it true that April showers bring May flowers? In a year of the COVID-19 virus, I think we are all looking for some bright signs of growth.

As we move into the weekend we are preparing for the celebration of Holy Week—celebrations in a different way this year compared to what we often experience. To start us off, I have the **Puppet story for this Sunday**. You can check it out on our Facebook Page (even if you do not have to have your own Facebook account). So have a look and find out what Jesus and Donnie are up to this weekend.

<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/1505160279644766/>

On other matters, we received word today that **Bishop John Chapman** has decided to postpone his retirement by one month. He was due to be on holiday in the month of April and to retire on April 30th. He has now announced that he will continue working until April 30th and begin his holidays in May. This means that he will retire on May 31st, which is the same day that Dean Shane Parker will be consecrated as the 10th Bishop of Ottawa.

So, this evening, because I was working with Donnie today, a prayer for children (and all of us who are childlike):

Lord God, you are always with me. You are with me in the day and in the night. You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad. You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill. You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried. Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything today.

Amen

I hope that you have a quiet and restful weekend, although that seems to be the theme of the week as well. One day blends into another.

Take Care

Chris