



NEWS FOR ALL the SAINTS

January 2019



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EVENTS CALENDAR

Most Sundays

8:00am HE II (CH)

9:00am Family Service (second Sunday each month Sept—May)

10:00am Choral HE II (CH)

Tuesdays

7:00pm Quiet Time w/God (CH)

8:30pm AA (PH)

Wednesdays

10:00am Healing Eucharist (CH)

6:00pm OE Anonymous

7:00pm AA (PH)

Second Wednesdays

ECW Meetings (12:30)

Third Thursdays

7:30pm Vestry Meetings (PH)

Fourth Thursdays

7:00pm Landmark Trust Meetings (PH)

Fridays

7:30pm DRA Meetings (PH)

Saturdays

8:00am AA Meetings (PH)

5:00pm Outdoor Summer Service (June - Aug)

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Remember Mother Debbie's day off is

Friday (except for

Pastoral emergencies).

SAVE THE DATE!

January 16—February 6 or 13th

*11:00am Adult formation
in the Parish House*

January 6 & 20th

*Auction meetings after the 10 am service
In the Parish House*

Saturday, March 2

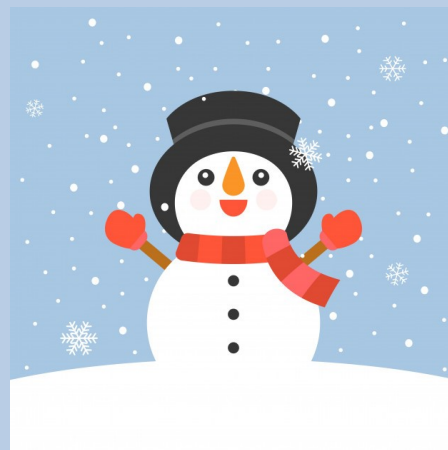
Diocesan Convention

Tuesday March 5

*Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper
In the Parish House*

Wednesday, March 6

*Ash Wednesday
Ashes to Go*



Mother Debbie's Schedule
Sabbath Day: We are all in need of time to rest and renew--and sometimes, just to catch up on other 'life' things, like laundry! Just a reminder that Friday is Mother Debbie's Sabbath day. While she is always available for pastoral emergencies, please honor her day off in parish communications that day, particularly via phone or text.



A WORD FROM MOTHER DEBBIE

New Year: New beginning. Or at least that is how it is supposed to go.

To be honest I gave up on New Year's resolutions a long time ago: January always seemed like a tough time to begin anyway. When I was an accountant, January was a very busy time, and who had the energy to start a new routine or practice or diet? Here and there, things started and stuck—for a while anyway: a new prayer practice or a class or organizational plan. But like for most, old habits die hard: new habits, etc. require not only discipline but emotional energy and focus, and when life gets busy and stressful, the wheels tend to come off. And I am usually much better (though far from perfect) about keeping promises to others rather than to or for myself.



This year, however, I have a renewed interest in resolution-making—not just for me (and I have made a list for what it's worth), but also for the community of All Saints'. In my homily on December 30th, I shared about my family's tradition of offering one another blessed bread, while wishing one or more things in the year ahead for the person receiving the bread (a mutual sharing around the table on Christmas Eve). And so I shared what I wished for the community of All Saints': faith, love, wholeness, joy, steadfastness, and peace. In return, I asked persons to share what they wished for All Saints' for the coming year—or what they wished for our communities, our own lives. The answers (which I have compiled and will post in the church and/or hall) are varied, ranging from the very practical of attracting more members and support, to desires to grow as a community in faith, love, and kindness. Some are personal, wishing for a deeper relationship with Jesus or health for family members; and some are broader, wishing for social justice or a more welcoming attitude for those who don't look like us. All these varied wishes are prayers of a sort, speaking into existence our vision for this community.

Wishes, however, without some intentional action, are just that: wishes. It takes a bit of energy, commitment, grit?, to turn them into realities. If you were here and completed a card, I ask you to reflect on how you can do your part to see that wish become reality. If you didn't get to complete a card, please feel free to add your 'wish for All Saints' card to the pile when you come to worship (I will leave the cards and pencils in the back). Together—and only together—will be able to vision and pray and work so that God's love and mercy is shown to all, within and with-out these walls.

For that is to be the reason we are here: the mission of God in Christ. As disciples/followers of



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our Lord (even if we do that sometimes in fits and starts), we are also God's family members: beloved, cherished, and through the gift of the Holy Spirit, empowered for ministry not only to one another but to the larger community, even the world. Everything we do as a community is to reflect that or support that: from worship to outreach to stewardship, even to our events and interactions. After all, we are a community grounded in God in Christ and that, and only that, is to be our center.

This year, as we move forward in those fits and starts, dealing with the spiritual and the practical, let us keep our eyes and hearts focused on the One who is always focused on us: Jesus. Let His wishes for us—love and reconciliation, mercy and healing, justice and peace—become the ones we wish for not only for ourselves but also for others seeking a new start. After all, we are a resurrection people, a people all about new beginnings. New beginnings—like a new year. It's as good a place to start as any.

Peace,

Mother Debbie+

Art Auction 2018





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2018 GIVING TREE – The Joy of Giving

At the conclusion of each service, Mother Debbie blesses the congregation, saying, “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” There is no better example of the fulfillment of serving the Lord than buying a gift for a total stranger through contributing to the All Saints’ Giving Tree. Many thanks to all who participated this year. Fifty-six of the 66 gift requests were taken and fulfilled and cash donations funded the remaining 10 gift requests as well as the purchase of an additional 9 gift cards. It has been my pleasure to organize this Christmas ministry for all but about 3 years since its inception in the early 90s under Father Alan Gibson’s leadership. As my husband and I are relocating to Hilton Head, South Carolina (and another All Saints’ parish!), Beth Polonsky has volunteered to take on this task so that this this wonderful ministry can continue.



God bless you all,
Faith Hahn



Men’s Bible Study, Prayer, and Breakfast Saturday, January 12 at 8:15am

This committed group of men and young men in the parish meet monthly on the 2nd Saturday of the month for prayer and bible study, as well as fellowship and a hearty breakfast! This month’s meeting will be on 2nd Saturday, January 12 at 8:15am.

All are welcome to join as you are able.

For more information or to RSVP,
contact Jim Cook at 732-614-3134.



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Cornerstone Campaign

Many thanks to those who have sent back your pledge cards for the Cornerstone campaign. We have over \$137,000 in pledges so far! Gifts can be made at any time—and for any amount—but all contributions help All Saints’ move forward with this part of the campaign so we can confidently reach out to possible community partners. **Please consider making a gift: it can be a one-time gift or spread out over three years.**



We also ask that Cornerstone Campaign checks be made to the *All Saints’ National Landmark Trust Inc.* While checks can be made to All Saints’ Memorial Church, the Trust is currently bearing the much of the costs of the initial tier of projects so this makes any pledge payments more readily accessible. Checks can be mailed to the P.O. Box (P.O. Box 326, Navesink, NJ 07752).

If have not yet received a packet or would like more information, please see Mother Debbie, or Catherine Cuning, our Development consultant (CatherineAllSaints@gmail.com).

Lord Jesus Christ, you call your Church to be the household of God. The founding families of All Saints’ Memorial Church answered that call and built upon your foundation. May we, who have been blessed by their generous good work, continue this mission not only by preserving the good works left to us but also building upon them, renewing our buildings and also our mission. Give us grateful and generous hearts to share of ourselves and resources so we can continue to share the gift of this campus with others, and find new ways to serve our neighbors. All this we ask in and through the Name of the One who binds us all together, Jesus, the Cornerstone. Amen.



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Coat Drive Continues!



All Saints' is continuing their annual Coat Drive for the clients at St. Mark's Community Center. All new and/or gently used coats are welcome—there are collection bins in the Parish Hall. We are also collecting hats, gloves, scarves, and new socks (gloves and socks are very popular, we were told). Winter has just barely begun, so please keep those donations coming! Don't be shy—ask family and friends to help share the gift of warmth this winter.



ECW News

January 9, 2019, ECW Meeting, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., in the Parish House.

January 13, 2019, Coffee Sale, Sunday, 11 a.m. in the Parish House.

Next Coffee Sale will be on March 3, 2019.



FOOD PANTRY FOR January

January 6, 2019	Canned Fruit
January 13, 2019	Ready to Eat/Microwave Shelf Meals
January 20, 2019	Hot/Cold Cereal
January 27, 2019	Non-perishable boxed Milk (All Sizes)



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Wednesday Adult Formation

Why?

Making Sense of God's Will

A four session study by Adam Hamilton

Beginning Wednesday January 16th at 11 a.m.

From Cokesbury.com:

Where is God when tragedy and suffering strike?

When the ground shakes, and a poor nation's economy is destroyed; when the waters rise, washing away a community's hopes and dreams; when a child suffers neglect and abuse; when violence tears apart nations where is God? If God is all powerful, and if each one of us is a beloved child of God, then how can God allow tragedy and suffering to mar his creation?

In Why?, best-selling author Adam Hamilton brings fresh insight to the age-old question of how to understand the will of God. Rejecting simplistic answers and unexamined assumptions, he lays out core ideas for comprehending God's plan for the world, including:

God will not take away our free will, even when we use it to grieve him.

God will never abandon us, especially in the midst of our suffering.

While God is not the author of suffering, God will bring blessing out of tragedy.

If you are interested in participating, please let Mother Debbie know by January 9th to order a book. You can also order your own book on Amazon, or download it on a variety of electronic platforms.



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Prayer List

We are so glad that people feel comfortable adding persons to the prayer list. After all, we are to be a community of prayer! And while the stated time on the prayer request sheet says the person will remain on our list for 4 weeks, many times the time line has been extended at the wish of the requester. All we ask that is if someone recovers, or that the crisis is past, you let us know so we can remove them from the list.

At the current time, we have a long list, with a number of persons being on the prayer list for an extended time. It may be that some have recovered (or sadly, passed on), but we did not receive that information. So that we can start fresh with the new year, **please know that the list will be purged on January 15th**. If you wish to retain someone on the list, please fill out a prayer card or send Mother Debbie (mother.debbie@comcast.net) or the Office (office@allsaintsnavesink.org) an email. Please include the persons's name, reason for prayer (which is not published), and the length of time for the prayer request. We will add them to the newly rebuilt list. Thank you!





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Winterfest 2018





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Youth Group Candy making

for Winterfest





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Diocesan Convention 2018

“Know your STORY; live it BOLDLY”

ONE DAY: Saturday, March 2nd, beginning at 9 am

Crowne Plaza

Route 70, Cherry Hill

Diocesan Convention is like a Diocesan Annual meeting--with clergy and delegates from all around the Diocese! Elections are held for Standing Committee and Diocesan Council members, as well as for many other boards and commissions; the Diocesan budget is discussed and approved; resolutions are made and voted on; any changes to Diocesan canons are proposed, discussed and voted on as well. Each parish sends three delegates; we will elect ours at our Annual meeting on January 27th. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please let Mother Debbie know: and please be aware that as the Diocese does most, if not all, of its communications electronically now (for ease of use and to save paper), *it is strongly preferred that delegates be able to use email and look up documents on the Diocesan website.* This is particularly important as a one-day convention means all delegates need to come prepared and read materials in advance.





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Second Sundays @ Stone Church
A service for Children and Families returns!
Second Sunday of every Month at 9 a.m.

January service: January 13,, 2018 at 9 a.m.

Join us and invite your friends! ‘Second Sundays @ Stone Church’ has returned and continues on the second Sunday of each month. This service closely follows a regular Sunday service in the Episcopal Church with prayers, readings, and music in a child friendly format. This service allows for children to experience the service of Holy Eucharist in a different way—encouraging their full participation not only in the congregation but as leaders as well. Children, youth (and their parents) are invited to do the readings, lead prayers, usher, and assist at the altar.





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Annual Meeting

Just like any ‘corporate’ body, our parish holds an Annual Meeting where we receive and hear reports from the various ministry groups for the year ended December 31, 2018, and elect new officers such as Wardens and Vestry members, who make up the governing board of the parish. The financial results from 2018 are presented as well as the projected budget for 2019 (which is approved by Vestry). We also elect delegates to Convention and Convocation as this time as well.

Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 27th after a solo combined service. The service will be held at 9 a.m., with the Annual meeting immediately following in the Parish House. All are welcome to attend; however, voting is reserved for those age 16 and over who are ‘communicants’ of the parish (those who regularly participate in worship and the life of the parish).

The following positions are open and taking nominations at this time:

Jr. Warden: Mike Parmelee is our current Jr. Warden and has agreed to serve another term (thank you!)

Vestry member: A three year term on the Parish Vestry (board): we need to fill three full terms and one unexpired terms of two years.

Convention delegates (3) and alternates : These persons commit to attending a one-day Diocesan Convention which will held Saturday March 2nd at the Crowne Plaza, Cherry Hill.

Delegates to Monmouth Convocation (3) and alternates (3): These persons commit to attending Convocation meetings twice a year (usually held on a weeknight).

We will also honor our Vestry members: Pam Loxton, Tod Burrus, and Kim Warman.

If you are interested in serving, please see our Nominating committee members: Mother Debbie, Sr. Warden Bonnie Roberts, Jr. Warden Mike Parmelee, or Pam Loxton, Tod Burrus, or Kim Warman.



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Michelle's Musings

Hello Fellow Saints!

As we go into the season of Advent & Christmas; I am thankful, grateful and blessed to be approaching graduation from Deacon School and Ordination in January.

Now, generally I take two times a year to assess my situation – my birthday – August & January to accept, adapt or grow on how the year has gone. This year I am going to be a little busy so I figured let's do it a little early.

“When you can't change the direction of the wind, *adjust your sails.*” – Unknown

December can be a time for reflection. It's the time of year to measure your progress and process what has happened. It's the perfect time to check the direction you're heading and adjust your sails to stay on course or not. Do you have a course?

Did you have a list of events, goals, plans or dreams you wanted to accomplish this year? This past year has run the gambit of ups and downs; I sincerely thank the people of All Saints & Mother Debbie for the care, support and prayers that have helped keep me afloat and help me to accomplish my goal of becoming a Deacon. Also, for the open mind and heart to hear my ideas and actually listen to what I have to say and let me try some of them. Thank you for allowing me to be God's conduit to serve with you and for you.

I hope you take some time this December to reflect on where you have been heading and where you want to end up. Set some quiet days aside before New Year's Eve to make some plans for the coming year. Then share those plans with someone you trust to hold you onto them. Then - Shout it from the roof tops, fan the flame and keep it alive more than two weeks!

Most important be kind and love one another and have a blast doing it!

For His Sake,

Michelle L. OQuendo



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The Diocese of New Jersey

THE RIGHT REVEREND WILLIAM H. STOKES, D.D., BISHOP OF NEW JERSEY



November 16, 2018

Ms. Michelle L. OQuendo
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Dear Michelle,

I am happy to inform you that at its November 15, 2018 meeting, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New Jersey voted unanimously to recommend you for ordination to the diaconate. Therefore, in accordance with Title III, Canon 6, I will proceed with your ordination on Saturday, January 19, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton.

You are in my prayers as you begin this new phase of your service to God.

Faithfully yours,

The Right Reverend William H. Stokes, D.D.
12th Bishop of New Jersey



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Ordination to the Diaconate

Michelle OQuendo

Saturday January 19, 2019 at 10:00am

Trinity Cathedral, Trenton

On Saturday, January 19th, God willing and the people consenting, Michelle O'Quendo, who has been serving here since last February, will be ordained to be a Deacon in The Episcopal Church. The ministry of a Deacon, per the Book of Common Prayer, *"is to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as a servant of those in need; and to assist bishops and priests in the proclamation of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments."* (BCP, page 856). Deacons are called to a ministry of service, and in that, often stand as a 'bridge' between the Church and the world, reminding the Church of its call to justice and community service. It's a challenging role, and that means Deacons will often challenge the Church and its members!

In liturgy, Deacons read the gospel, may bid the Prayers of the People and confession (meaning they start it off), 'set the table' for communion, and offer the dismissal. Deacons can do many things in the church, but are not permitted to absolve (they can state/pronounce God's forgiveness), bless, or consecrate.

New clergy, whether a deacon, priest or bishop, all have need of 'tools of the trade'—their own alb and other vestments, including clergy shirts and stoles for the seasons. These, plus other optional items, (a communion kit, books, etc). all come at a considerable cost. **In thanksgiving for Michelle's ministry here, please consider a gift to help contribute to a fund that will help get Michelle started.** All amounts welcome! Please make checks to 'All Saints' Memorial Church' and mark 'Michelle's gift' in the memo line.

At this point in time, it is anticipated that Michelle will be assigned here after her ordination; however, final determinations are made by the Archdeacon for Deployment and The Bishop. We will keep you posted!

All are welcome to attend the ordination service. There is also an invitation for choir members to be part of a larger choir for this service.



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**All Saints' Church Outreach Invites You to our
Annual Super Bowl Hearty Soup & Bread Sale!!**



Sun., Feb. 3rd, 2019 from 8 am - 1:00 pm at our Parish House,

**Come select your favorite soup, stew, chili, dips or jams made
by our own famous All Saints' Chefs.**

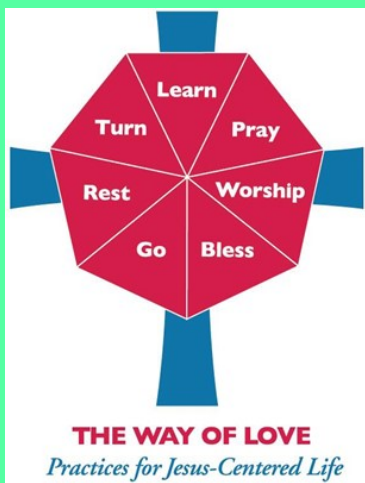
**Add to that delicious home-baked Cornbread,
Artisan Loaves, and Panera Bread Specialties
Local Honey, Party Dips, & Chutney, too
And at Super Bowl Bargain Prices!!!**

**Family friendly Prices—Regular Soups \$7.00 per quart, \$3.50 per pint;
Specialty soups, Chilies, & Chowders -\$8. Per quart, \$4 per pint;
Breads-artisan loaves \$6.00 per loaf, \$3 per half loaf, Cornbread, Rolls
and Danish \$.75 – \$1.50 per item; Local Honey, Chutney and Party
Dips priced by donor**

**All proceeds go toward the All Saints' Community Outreach Program-
supporting AACC Food Pantry, Love, Inc., Family Promise, & St. Mark's**



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Stewardship 'The Way of Love'

Our annual Stewardship campaign, this year grounded in our Presiding Bishop's invitation to engage in *'The Way of Love'*, has asked each of us to consider how to grow closer to our Lord through spiritual practices, and in doing so, how we can be a blessing to others by sharing of ourselves: our time, energy, our love, our resources. While gifts to the Cornerstone Campaign are very welcome, it is the annual commitments of giving from our parishioners that allow All Saints' to continue to be a resource to the community, day in and day out: worship and gatherings, formation for children and youth and adults, outreach and space for community recovery groups to regularly meet.

But more than that, **making a commitment of giving is for you:** it makes a difference in your spiritual life. By committing to give—even when the future is unsure—you are showing forth a faith that God provides, that you believe that God is able to see you through. Can you do that *without* making a financial commitment? Yes, to a point. But in a consumer driven culture that is so focused on money and wealth, acquisition and status, our money and how we handle it are a spiritual statement. Jesus knew that—which is why he spent a great deal of time preaching and teaching on our relationship with money and wealth. Authentic stewardship is born out of a deep and trusting relationship with God, and deeply knowing that all we are and have are gift. Taking that step out can feel unsettling—but that is often how spiritual growth happens: You risk taking that step, and then God shows you the next one. It is, in a very real way, a journey: the Way of Love.

While our ingathering was November 25th, Commitments of giving can be made at any time. As of December 31st, we have 31 commitments for \$85,452. Last year our total was 37 Commitments for \$100,418.



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*Caroling on
Christmas Eve.
We missed you
George, but
Wilson and Dick
did their best!*

*Christmas
Eve Family
Service with
Mother
Debbie and
the
Children.*

