



NEWS FOR ALL the SAINTS

February 2019



Ordination of Michelle O'Quendo as a Deacon. She will be installed at All Saints' on Sunday, February 10 in the Church with a Reception following in the Parish House



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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!

Sunday, February 10

Installation of Deacon Michelle

At All Saints

Reception to Follow

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

For a short month, February is often a jam packed month—there's Groundhog's Day (which is tied to a church holiday called Candlemas), Lincoln's Birthday and Washington's Birthday (now combined into President's Day), and Valentine's Day. And most years, February is also the host of that unofficial holiday of SuperBowl Sunday (this year, Feb 3). Among our family and friends, there are numerous birthdays: daughter, niece, nephew, brother in law, a dear friend who passed away last year, and my grandmother, who just passed away a few years ago at the noteworthy age of 100. It is American Heart Month, and National Snack Food and Chocolate months (sounds like a bit of an oxymoron there), National Parent Leadership Month, and Women's History Month. And as of 1976, National Black History Month, which is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in U.S. history.



Two major figures on the Episcopal Church calendar have their Feast Days in February. The Church, as you may or may not know, honors people on the day of their death—their new birth in Christ—vs. their birthday. (That is why Dr. Martin Luther King Jr is honored on our calendar on April 4, and not in January). Both made great contributions to American history and the life of the overall church, particularly in regards to the evil of slavery.

The first is **Absalom Jones**, whose Feast Day is February 13th. He was born a slave in Delaware in 1746—before our country's founding—and taught himself to read (which was very risky). At the age of sixteen he became slave to a store owner in Philadelphia, and attended a night school for blacks run by Quakers (who opposed slavery). He married a fellow slave in his 20's and was eventually able to purchase her freedom through donations and any money he earned or raised. (A woman's child was determined to be a slave based on her status, which is why her freedom came first for them). Absalom was finally able to obtain his freedom a number of years later, after the Revolutionary War, which was helped by Pennsylvania abolishing slavery and becoming a free state in the new United States. Jones became a lay minister of the interracial congregation of [St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church](#) in Philadelphia. This Methodist church admitted persons of all races and allowed African Americans to preach. Jones was one of the first African Americans licensed to preach by the Methodist Episcopal Church.

But not all members of the church were on board with racial equality, and in 1792, while at St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church, Absalom Jones and other black members were told, without warning, that they could not join the rest of the congregation and instead had to be segregated in the gallery or balcony. Jones and most of the church's black members got up and



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walked out as a body, and organized the Free African Society which built a church that was dedicated in July 1794. This church applied for membership in the newly formed Episcopal Church, and was accepted as St. Thomas African Episcopal Church. Bishop White of Pennsylvania ordained Absalom Jones to the Diaconate in 1795, and as a priest in 1802. He was much beloved, a renown preacher and publicly denounced slavery. He died in 1818.

That same year, **Frederick Douglass** is thought to have been born. Separated from his family as a child, he was sent to new owner in Baltimore, whose wife did initially take time to instruct Frederick, until her husband forbade it. However, the spark was now ignited, and Frederick took every opportunity he could get to learn from other children. At the estimated age of 20, in 1838, Frederick Bailey, as he was then known, escaped from Baltimore to New York and then up to New Bedford, and changed his name to Frederick Douglass. Per a self written narrative (in 1845) of his youth, he had endured various slave owners; suffered beatings, whippings, starvation; and yet always found hope to resist falling into resignation and despair for too long. He was, throughout his life, highly critical of churches that not dissociate from slavery, and had no respect for the supposed Christianity of his southern slaveowners—and with very good reason.

Douglass became a renown orator for the American Anti-Slavery Society, which caused supporters to be concerned about his possible recapture. In 1845, while he was abroad in England on a tour, monies were raised to buy out his master's claim to him so he could return safely. He eventually settled in New York and edited the pro-abolition journal, *North Star*. He was also a staunch supporter of women's rights. After the Civil War, he worked on behalf of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution, which abolished slavery, granted former slaves citizenship, and protected—technically—persons from voting discrimination based on race. He died in 1895.

Just like the two Presidents we remember in February, these two individuals did much to influence our country. Despite overwhelming odds, they faced down abuse, violence, discrimination, and injustice—and over came it though education, hard work, and integrity, holding fast to the truth that they are a child of God. They rightfully refused to settle for 'less than' status—because they knew it to be a lie. A lie which in too many places still lives, and as Christians we have promised to stand against particularly in our baptismal vows ('to strive to justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being'). May we be inspired by their courage and conviction in our own lives—remembering that we are all a child of God, and embody that in our own lives and in how we treat others.



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Peace,

Mother Debbie+

Absalom Jones Service of Witness

Sunday, February 10th at 3 pm, held at Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, NJ:

A Service held to honor the life and ministry of Absalom Jones and to witness to Black ministry in the Diocese of New Jersey.



Second Sundays @ Stone Church

A service for Children and Families returns!

Second Sunday of every Month at 9 a.m.

February 10 service:

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.



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

February 13, 2019, ECW Meeting, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., in the Parish House.



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Annual Meeting 2019 Snapshot

Many thanks to all who attended All Saints' Memorial Church Annual Meeting, which was held on January 27. It was good to spend time catching up and sharing good food.

The following persons were elected to the various positions:

Jr. Warden (2 year term, 2019-2021): Michael Parmelee

Vestry, three year term (2019-2022): Joe Colquhoun, Linda Graybill, Suzanne Johansson

Vestry, two-year unexpired term: (2019-2021): Linda Orsini

Convention Delegates (3): Suzanne Johansson, Barbara Drakulich, Scott Drakulich

Convention Delegate Alternates: Valerie Schauer, Diane Gribbin

Monmouth Convocation Delegates: Michael Parmelee, Suzanne Johansson, Valerie Barradale

Alternates: Bonnie Roberts, Valerie Schauer, Beth Polonsky

Congratulations to all our newly elected representatives!

We also showed our appreciation for the service of our retiring Vestry members: Tod Burrus, Pam Loxton and Kim Warman. We are grateful for their faithfulness and dedication to the All Saints', and consistently going above and beyond duty time and again.

We also were able to view pictures from events throughout 2018, and take a more in depth view of 2018 Stewardship for 2019, and hear about the 2018 financials as well as the 2019 budget. Ministry leaders were invited to share about upcoming 2019 plans.

We also announced a mid year meeting set for Sunday June 9th (Pentecost Sunday). This will again be a single combined service on that day. The purpose of this meeting will be to vote on changes to our by-laws designed to reduce the size of our Vestry and bring it more into line with congregation size, as well as do a mid-year financial review and discuss Vestry's plan at that time for moving forward.

If you missed the Annual meeting, please know that there are copies of the Annual Report available. New parish directories are now available .



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Outreach Update: February, 2019

St. Mark's Center: February, 2019

Menu: Sloppy Joe's, Tater Tots, Mixed Green Veggies, Tossed Green Salad, Finger Desserts (thanks to youth & their families)

Next Prepping Date: Thurs., Feb. 21st, 10 am – 2 pm

Next Pack, Transport & Serve Date: Fri., Feb. 22nd, 9: 30 am pack; 10: 30 transport; 11 am final prep (at St. Mark's), Serve & Tidy Up, 12 noon – 2:00 pm



**Men's Bible Study, Prayer, and Breakfast
Saturday, February 16th 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 3rd Saturday, February 16th 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.



FOOD PANTRY FOR January

February 3, 2019	Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes
February 10, 2019	Canned Pork and Beans
February 17 2019	Bags of Rice
February 24, 2019	Paper Towels



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Check out the New Website!

All Saints' Memorial Church website (www.allsaintsnavesink.org) has a new look! The new format, easily convertible for a mobile (smartphone) platform, is clean and uncluttered, getting out important information without overwhelming visitors. Landmark Trust has its own page (as it did in our previous site) and so do events, with Auction having its own subpage. Though the site will undoubtedly be updated and tweaked over time, our goal is to keep it simple for users. Check it out!

Installation of Deacon Michelle OQuendo Sunday, February 10th at 10 am service

Join us on this festive day as we install The Rev. Michelle O'Quendo, Deacon as Deacon at All Saints'! This service will have visitors, including Archdeacon Denise Cavalieri, for a special service of Holy Eucharist with Installation. The format in spots is similar to the one held for Mother Debbie's Service of Installation as Rector in January 2015. All are welcome to attend! Reception to follow. If you wish to assist with the Reception, please contact Pam Loxton or Mother Debbie.

Bishop's Forum 2019 Tuesday, February 26th

This is an annual opportunity to meet in small groups with Bishop Stokes to raise and discuss any issues of interest to the diocese. This year's focus is on creating disciples within the diocese.

For each forum, the bishop meets with clergy from 3:00-5:00, and with lay people from 7:00-9:00. All are welcome to attend, to listen, to ask questions and enter into conversation with our Bishop. The Monmouth Convocation date is Tuesday, February 26th, at Christ Church in Toms River



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Diocesan Convention 2019

“Know your STORY; live it BOLDLY”

Saturday, March 2nd

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; ours will be Suzanne Johansson, Barbara and Scott Drakulich.

The format of convention will change from prior years. This is a one-day Convention so the focus will be on getting the necessary business done of electing persons to various boards and committees, voting on resolutions or canon changes. But as always, we will open with Eucharist (at 9 am).

2019 All Saints’ Super Bowl Hearty Soup & Bread Sale

Feb 3, 2019

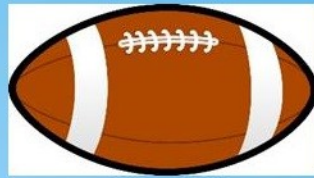
- Regular Quarts.....\$7.00.....Pints.....\$3.50
- Chowders, Chilies, Bisques.....\$7.50 - \$8.00
- Pints.....\$4.00- \$8.00
- Breads, Artisan & Homemade Loaves\$5 - \$8.00
- Mini-Soup Rounds.....\$2.00
- Baguettes & Muffins.....\$1- \$4.00 (depends on size)
- Cornbread Squares\$.50 - \$1.00 (depends on size)
- Danish, Pastry, Brownies, Cookies.....\$.50 - \$3.00
- Honey, Jams, & Jellies...\$6.00 - \$12 (depends on size)
- Game Dips.....\$3.00 - \$5.00 (depends on size)





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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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DEACON'S DOINGS & Michelle's musings

Dear Fellow Saints!

As I write this, I have been Ordained a little over a week! Amazing! I still have to pinch myself to make sure its real and I'm awake. So February is a month that honors several causes among them - African American History month, American Heart disease awareness, International Boost Self Esteem month just to name a few. Among my ethnically diverse family tree – is Chinese ancestry.

And so, on that note, Feb 5th is the start of Chinese New Year; it's a celebration for family and friends to gather, thank and honor our ancestors leading to the Lantern Festival. One of the ways to honor those who came before is to celebrate accomplishments achieved. Hence, my installation ceremony on Feb.10th at All Saints. My hope is to inspire those who aspire to have a closer relationship with God in all of His facets. Most of my family is deceased but God has seen fit to bless me with a Church family whose care, support and prayers have aided in my journey to become a Deacon and wants me to stay awhile ...

The primary meaning of being a Deacon comes from 1 Timothy 3:8-13. They are to serve, submit and set an example. It's a practical ministry which allows one to reach out to the community; assess and see what's needed. The Deacon can be a bridge to get people out of the "building"; to be the Church in the "world" by extending love and kindness to our neighbors.

Fact: Over 40% of NJ households are considered among the "working poor" meaning they struggle to afford basic necessities like food, healthcare, transportation and housing. That means someone you may work with, a neighbor and yes – even someone you may know at Church may be scrapping by. We must be mindful of the world around us.

I thank you for considering and listening to what I have said in the past. I try to practice what I preach and set the example – Well, maybe not the corny jokes but definitely be available to those who have concerns. Please continue to feed me suggestions; I look forward to getting input from all of you! So, we can envision ways to improve ourselves and our Church; which allows us to be an extension and an example of Christ's love.

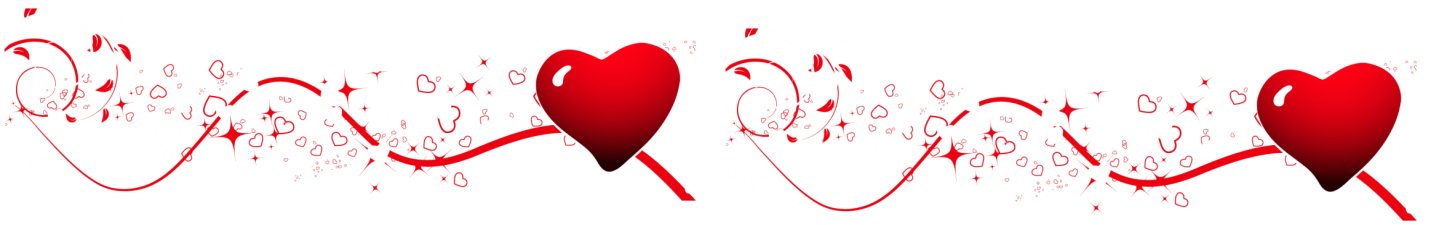
Gong Hee Fat Choi - Wishing you prosperity in the coming year!

Your Sister in Christ,

FHS,

Dcn. Michelle +





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