



NEWS FOR ALL the SAINTS

April 2019



*Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper*

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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!

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday

— Services 8, 9, and 10am

Thursday, April 18 Maundy Thursday -

Service at 7:30pm

Friday, April 19 Good Friday -

Stations at 11:45am, Service at 7:30pm

Saturday, April 20, Easter Vigil Service at 7:30pm

Sunday, April 21, Easter Sunday

Services at 8am & 10am

Easter egg Hunt and Easter Brunch

after the Services

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

April is the month that always makes me think of Easter, and rightfully so; for most years, that is when Easter falls. (The next time it's in March will be 2024). My childhood memories of Easter focus on church and family—and the new dress, new shoes, and the usual scratchy hat with the too-snug elastic under the chin. There would always be Easter dinner with either lamb or ham, and always kielbasa. There were often flowers coming up from the ground, and sometimes we had very warm weather. The day always began with Easter baskets and a crowded church service. Once I got older and married, and we had our own kids, it still remained the same: Easter baskets and church, followed by family dinners and get-togethers. Now that our daughters are grown, those days are gone. (Particularly since Easter is now a 'work' day for me...albeit a joyful one). Most times we try to gather with family in some fashion, but it's always a juggling act. So among the joy, there is a tinge of nostalgia, of sadness, for what was. But that is to be expected.



And so it struck me that perhaps the disciples, in their joy over Jesus' resurrection, experienced the same. It had been a roller-coaster ride for them, from the triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to the emotional Last Supper, and then the fear and terror and despair of seeing their Lord and teacher being falsely accused, tortured, and put to death. They feared for themselves as well, figuring that the authorities would be coming for them next—and many hid. Their sorrow for the loss of Jesus and at the loss of the dreams that they had allowed themselves to dream was deep and overwhelming. Fear ruled their actions, and there was no doubt anger as well: anger at the authorities, yes, but most likely anger directed at themselves for their cowardice, and perhaps for feeling like they just wasted a number of years in their life by following Jesus. They were stuck, feeling as if they couldn't go back, but not knowing how to go forward.

Then Sunday came, and with it the good news of the resurrection. Too good, in fact, for initially they did not believe it, could not comprehend it. But Jesus would not let them stay stuck in their sin and grief and fear—he came to them, meeting them where they were, and called them forward. See me, touch me, know me—believe in me, he said. See that death does not have the last word; know that God loves God's people and creation so much that God goes to any length to save it. Believe that yes, this is for you—you are forgiven, redeemed, loved and free. And the disciples were filled with joy—as well as confusion, wonder, and a



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host of other feelings, I imagine.

In April, we too will take an emotional roller coaster ride we call Holy Week. There is the triumph of Palm Sunday, the intensity of Maundy Thursday, the sorrow and grief of Good Friday. Then, in the darkness of a Saturday evening, we will light a new fire, and keep vigil for our Lord to rise as he leads us to new life, new hope, to assurance in God's love for us. We will remember in baptism that we are baptized into Christ's death as well as new life, that life now being made all the more precious. For light and life do triumph over death, and on Easter we celebrate that, being invited to sing joyful 'Alleluias' once more. Alleluias made all the more heartfelt for having traveled through the darker and somber days of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

So this Holy Week, let us travel with our Lord, with the disciples, and enter into the story—not just observers but as participants. Let us know the highs and the lows, the sorrow and the joy, as we once again are reminded of who—and whose—we are, and most of all, WHY we are: because God loves us, and will not let us go.

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Dear Fellow Saints!

As we enter into April ... Whew did March fly by ... Thanks for your patience in allowing me to share and explore the Nicene Creed with you.

Now April is a month that celebrates many things

It is American Cancer Society month – Cancer has affected my family. Black Women’s History Month – “Hidden Figures” one of my favorite movies about the women who worked for NASA in 1960’s. National Community Service/Volunteer month – one of my ways of giving back to restore and repair in a small way. Jewish American Heritage month – of which through my mother’s line - I am connected. Through our Savior, Jesus Christ – we are all connected! There is a particular concept, that our Jewish brothers and sisters use to describe how they are called to respond to a world that feels like it’s coming apart at the seams. It is a process that calls all humanity into action. **Tikkun Olam**, in the simplest of terms, it means “to repair the world.” When the fabric of society is torn, Tikkun Olam not only calls each of us to participate in mending what is broken, but to make it better than it was before it was damaged. And when it comes to the art of repairing the world, there are no shortcuts, no easy answers. It is a difficult and time-consuming work of repairing by way of reconciliation and restoration.

It is National Fair Housing month ,which increases the efforts to end housing discrimination and raises awareness of fair housing rights. The Fair Housing Act of 1968, updated in 1988 was designed to protect Americans from discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of housing based on color, race, national origin and religion, the act was later extended to sex, disability and family status in particular to prohibit the discrimination in housing based on disability or on family status (pregnant women or the presence of children under 18). Please remember, How blessed we are to have a place to live! Everyone deserves to live in an affordable, comfortable and safe home. National month of Hope, which as you know holds a tender spot in my heart. Bringing hope to someone can take many forms. Be a positive role model in the life of a child. Lift the spirits of a friend suffering from a medical issue or volunteer at a local homeless shelter. We are each able to bring a ray of hope in our own ways by contributing wisdom, time, kindness.



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Last but definitely not least drum roll please...Easter! What is the significance of Easter to the Christian? For some people, Easter strictly belongs to the realm of the Easter bunny and family get-togethers. For others, Easter is primarily a time of celebrating Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. For many, Easter -- like Christmas -- is celebrated as a combination of the secular and the sacred. Beyond doctrine is the knowledge of the truth that Jesus died to pay the penalty of death that we deserve for our sin, was buried, and rose with a glorified body, gaining victory over death and the grave. When we put our faith in Him by believing through faith alone in Christ alone, we have the promise of one day having a body like our Lord's and being with Him in heaven. For me personally, it's the spiritual healing – the spirit of rebirth, celebrating the peace, comfort & joy that comes from healing and the message of love and the meaning behind it that Jesus has and continues to give us unconditionally ...

Buona Pasqua,

Deacon Michelle \ 

Thank you!

Thank you to all who helped with our Pancake Supper on March 5th! It was great to gather with fellow parishioners and community members and enjoy a Mardi Gras type atmosphere before the beginning of Lent. Thanks to Bonnie Roberts for all her coordination, and to Chris and Makayla for all their help; also thanks to Charlotte Basile, Anya Bobkoskie, Beth Polonsky, Gordon and Chris Saunders, Marko Sima, Karsten Sima, George Sima, Evane Shanley, Annie Miller, and the Burrus family for all their help!

Many thanks to Valerie Schauer, Valerie Barradale and Chris Roberts for braving a very cold and windy morning at the Atlantic Highlands Harbor on March 6th for Ashes to Go. They were able to minister to about 70 persons—or more!—who were boarding the Seastreak Ferry. Thank you to Linda Graybill who accompanied Mother Debbie at the Highlands Seastreak location to give out ashes to over 75 persons. This ministry of presence, being a prayerful reminder of Lent's beginning and that God is active in the world (and not apart from it), is a blessing—and a number of persons are starting to remember us from year to year. Thank you to the Atlantic Highlands Harbor Master and Seastreak Ferry for their permission to offer this ministry.



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'Last Minute Lent'

Lenten practice stalled or not working? Try one of these free, on-line options:

Lent Madness: A holy take on March Madness, this Forward Movement program pits saints against one another in daily matches. You can sign up for an email to be sent to you with write-ups on the saints of the day, and then vote for your favorite. Day by day, the brackets get filled in until one Saint wins the 'Golden Halo'! A good way to learn about the saints of the church as a family or individual, and have some fun doing it. Visit:

www.lentmadness.org for more information.

D365: This site provides a daily devotional that is accessible, brief, and reflective. Visit d365.org.

ReadScripture: An app for your phone, designed by The Bible Project, a website dedicated to Biblical literacy. Watch a short video, read scripture and meditate on a Psalm—and read the Bible in a year! Or check out the website The Bible Project—videos that help unpack each book of the bible, or certain biblical themes.

Daily Word: Sign up to receive a daily email with a 'Word of the Day' along with a brief meditation from the Society of St. John the Evangelist. <https://www.ssje.org/word/>.



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

April 14 service is the next service

Join us and invite your friends! 'Second Sundays @ Stone Church' 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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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!

Altar Flowers

Would you like to give the weekly Altar flowers in the name of a loved one? A great way to honor a birthday, anniversary, in memory of or any special occasion. The sign-up sheet is in the parish house with the dates available listed. The cost is \$40.00 (it is 2 arrangements on the altar). Please make checks out to All Saints with "flower donation" in memo. The name of who the flowers are dedicated to will appear in bulletin.





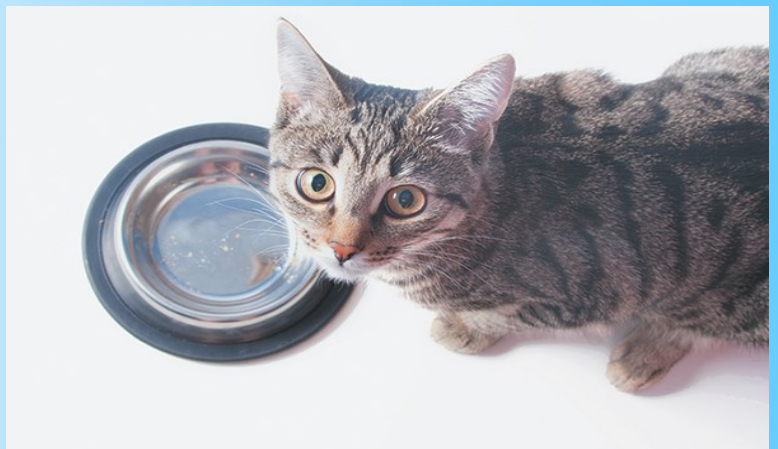
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Pet Pantry donations

All Saints Pet Pantry is pleased to announce we will be working in conjunction with Project Pet in Highlands. If you or if you know of anyone who needs help with feeding their pets, please let us know. We will help get them assistance. Please consider donations of pet food, we have a wish list for you:

- Purina Pro Plan “SAVOR ”dry dog food in a black bag.
- Purina Cat Chow dry indoor cat food in a green bag
- Sheba Perfect Portions—Pate’ only. Beef, chicken, or turkey only.
- Friskies Wet can cat food with gravy any flavors
- Fancy Feast Seafood Classic Seafood Classic Pate Wet Cat food. - salmon, whitefish, tuna, & cod’
- Fancy Feet Grilled Wet Cat food -all flavors
- Science Hill’s Diet, “Sensitive Stomach & Skin with Lassie on the package
- Purina dry cat Sensitive in a Purple bag
- Wet Canned Dog food with no gravy and Chicken Flavored “NOT PEDIGREE BRAND.
- Any Flavors Dry Dog Food & Cat food any brand..

Contact Pam Ryan at 732-266-5467 to volunteer to help deliver or if you know of anyone in need of this assistance.





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ECW News

Next Meeting is Wednesday, April 10 at 12:30pm in the Parish House



Men's Bible Study, Prayer, and Breakfast

Saturday, April 13th 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 the 2nd Saturday, April 13th 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 April suggestions

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|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| April 7, 2019 | Hot/Cold Cereal |
| April 14, 2019 | Non-perishable boxed Milk (All Sizes) |
| April 21, 2019 | Peanut Butter (Plastic Containers) |
| April 28, 2019 | Jellies and Jams (Plastic Containers) |



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Cornerstone Campaign

In October, we launched our parish Capital Campaign: *The Cornerstone Campaign*. This \$2.5 million campaign, in partnership with the greater community, is multi-faceted: about 70% is dedicated to historical preservation (roofs, foundations, stained glass window, the barn, etc), and the remainder is dedicated to items such as improving access (a handicap access ramp, improving parking) and campus safety (upgrading the kitchen, making stairs and access to the upstairs parish hall safer), in addition to building the Trust's endowment to provide for future needs. And while we know that only a portion of these monies will come from within our own parish base, it is important that everyone consider how they can give: a one-time gift, or a gift over time.

Beginning this spring, we will begin reaching out to the greater community: individuals, agencies, and foundations that share a passion for supporting historic landmarks or the mission of the church, and they will want to know: "How committed is the parish?" That is why we have been actively inviting everyone for their participation, at whatever level is comfortable for you and your family. Pledge statements can be found at the back of the church or in the hall. Pledges can be submitted at any time, and paid over a 3 year period or done as a one time donation.

Our goal was to wrap up the parish portion of the campaign by March 31, and we are close! To date we have total donations and/or pledges of close to \$200,000. **Thank you!!** This plus our State grant of \$150,000 means that we are close to funding the replacement of the rectory and church roofs —the next project after that is make the church entrance more accessible. Every pledge and dollar counts to help preserve and improve All Saints' campus, and make it more welcoming!

Our Cornerstone Campaign Prayer

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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All Saints' Memorial Church

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for opening your heart to the most pressing needs of **All Saints' Memorial Church** as we embark on this exciting time of parish renewal. I know how important our parish is to you, and that you care about preserving our historic campus so that our faith community can continue to grow and flourish.

Today, we ask for your consideration of this tremendous undertaking. Our **Cornerstone Campaign** is a reminder that we are the Church, held together in unity by Christ Jesus. We must undertake this project from our inner hearts and provide what our means allow. All parishioners should feel deeply moved to contribute to this campaign in a way that is meaningful to them.

Please join us and consider a gift of sacrifice in the campaign. All gifts are welcomed, appreciated and celebrated. The chart here may help you consider what a gift would look like for you spread out over three years:

| Total Pledge | Yearly Payment | Monthly Payment |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| \$1,000 | \$333 | \$28 |
| \$2,500 | \$833 | \$70 |
| \$5,000 | \$1,666 | \$139 |
| \$7,500 | \$2,500 | \$208 |
| \$10,000 | \$3,333 | \$278 |
| \$15,000 | \$5,000 | \$416 |

We ask that you complete and return this card to the Church office in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible.

Peace,

Mother Debbie+

Mother Debbie

Please complete the following information:

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

Please make your checks payable to: **All Saints' Memorial Church**, note: **Cornerstone Campaign**

I am pleased to support the **Cornerstone Campaign** with a total gift of _____.

I will fulfill this commitment with payments of _____ for 1 year 2 years 3 years.

Signature

Date



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Saturday
MAY
11
2019

the fun starts
5:30 PM

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

All Saints Memorial Church 25th Annual
AUCTION NIGHT

The Auction Proceeds benefit our Community Outreach
and upkeep of our National Historic Landmark Site.

The Twenty-fifth Annual All Saints' Auction!

Saturday, May 11th at 5:30 pm

Tickets available now: \$30 pp

Join us for our 25th Annual Auction night! The Auction committee has been hard at work, working to make this a memorable night in the best of ways. We will have our 3-in-one Auction: Live, silent, & ticket auction, plus our famous "What's in Your Wallet", Wine Pull, plus door prizes. The Food Committee has been hard at work, and has come up with some great offerings this year; and the entire team has worked together to come up with some great new prizes. Check out the All Saints' website Auction page for updated information on prizes



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and donors (<https://allsaintsnavesink.org/annual-auction>). Don't miss it! Reserve your tickets soon by calling Beth Polonsky at 732-671-3008 or emailing bethpolonsky@yahoo.com.

Help us to make this a great night: The Basket Board (ideas for auction prize baskets) is up—pick an item from the list or do you own thing—just make sure you sign the item list. The turn-in date for baskets and items (except for plants) is Thursday, April 25th. Not too sure on how to put it all together? We will have a basket making workshop on Sunday, April 14th after our 10 am service. Or let our silent and ticket auction crew make it look amazing!

Baskets not your thing? See our other suggestion board, entitled just that! Suggestion abound: gift certificate suggestions, help us out financially so we can add to some of our auction prizes, or pick a volunteer opportunity for setup, clean up, kitchen help, you name it!

We are still seeking gift certificates from your favorite area restaurants and stores too. Just be sure to let us know in advance who you are contacting, as we have received a number of donations already—donation request letters are in the Parish House and the back of the church. (Each donor gets a thank you letter with the appropriate tax language.) Contact Bonnie Roberts at robfam13@verizon.net or 908-461-9457 for questions.

And don't forget the 50/50! One lucky person will win a cash prize (and you don't need to be present to win!). Tickets are only \$5 each: take a book of five and sell them to your family and friends. The more we sell, the bigger the prize! See Jim Cook (732-614-3134) or Chris Roberts (908-461-1978) for tickets.

Thank you for all your support! Please come, bring family and friends, and enjoy a fun night out.

Free Workshop

Ever want to learn how to put together a gift basket? Join us on Sunday April 14 after 10am coffee hour (about 1130am) for a brief how to workshop with Kim Warman and the ladies who put together the wonderful auction baskets. Kim will show us how to put items together, wrapping and tying it all together. Since it is Palm Sunday- we will be having a how-to for the kids also on how to make a palm cross. Please join us for this fun free event for all! Any questions, please feel free to ask Kim W or Bonnie R for details.



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Outreach Update, April 2019

St. Mark's: Next Turn, April 25-26, 2019:

The mission at St. Mark's relies on our volunteer staff to provide a hot nutritious meal once a month for our neighbors at St. Mark's Center for Community Renewal in Keansburg. We have broken down the meal mission into three main components:

1. shop for the menu items at Costco & ShopRite on the last Wednesday of each month;
2. prep the meal at All Saints' on the last Thursday morning of each month ;
3. transport and serve it at St. Mark's on the last Friday morning of each month.

If you would be willing to join the crew for any of the above essential duties, or if you would like further information, please call Barb at 732-872-0158. Thank you.





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Summer at All Saints'

Yes, it's only just spring, but on the church calendar we are beginning to plan for summer.

The Summer Saturday night service, which was run from the beginning of June to the end of August, is being discontinued due to historic low attendance, particularly in the past year. However, we are keeping our once a month **Summer Beach services**, with Potluck Supper! Join us at Popamora Point Park (at the end of Shore Drive in Highlands) for a relaxed outdoor service, and bring a dish to share. The first one will be June 22. (If it rains, we will gather at the Parish Hall). Stay tuned for more info coming up.

Another (yet to be scheduled) worship opportunity for summer is **House Church**: holding a service with family, friends, fellow parishioners on an evening (or even Saturday daytime) of your choosing. Often the service is built around a casual meal, but that is not a requirement. Let Mother Debbie or Deacon Michelle know if you are interested in hosting. Look for a sign up sheet to go out soon.

Easter Brunch

Did you join us last year for Easter Brunch and family photos? Well please join us again or for the first time this year as we are doing it again! The Easter brunch will be in the parish house following 10am service, immediately after the egg hunt. We will again be doing the family photo sessions for you to take home. **ALL ARE WELCOME**. Please bring your family and friends to enjoy this great day of celebration, fellowship, food and fun. We do have a sign up list in the back of the Church and in the parish house for those who would like to help do set up, clean up or bring something to share! Any questions, please see Michelle, Pam Loxton or Bonnie R.



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YOU'RE INVITED TO
EASTER
BRUNCH

APRIL 21ST 2019

**ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL
CHURCH - PARISH HALL**

11:30 AM





Annual Spring Clean up Day!

**Date: Saturday April 13th, 2019
(Rain Date: Saturday, April 20th)**

Time: 10 a.m. to ??

Join in the fun!

Camaraderie!

and the opportunity to
tidy up our little corner

of God's universe!

We have some tools, but
please *bring rakes, clippers, etc. with you if
possible.*

We will provide trash bags, water, etc.

All are welcome!

Contact Mike Parmelee at 732-778-4618 or at mkparmelee@live.com.





SOMETHING'S COMING. SOMETHING GOOD!

