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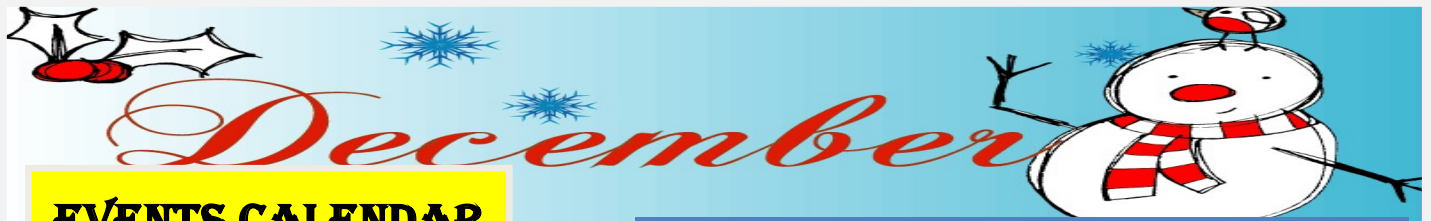
NEWS FOR ALL the SAINTS

December 2019



The Season of Anticipation

All Saints Memorial Church
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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)

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, December 7, 2019

8:00pm SCP Present Gift of the Magi

Sunday, December 8, 2019

2:00pm SCP Present Gift of the Magi

Saturday December 14, 2019

10:00am—4:00pm Winterfest

in the Parish House

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Remember Mother Debbie's day off is

Friday (except for

Pastoral emergencies).

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.

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A WORD FROM MOTHER DEBBIE

Incarnate: invested with bodily nature and form...(American Heritage Dictionary, 4th edition)



Invested?

To invest means to commit money, or time, or resources to something, often for a future benefit. We Americans know all about investing—or if not, we certainly hear about it a lot at work, on television, radio, newspapers, mailings by brokerage firms. We are urged to invest money for our college and retirement funds, invest time with our kids for a healthy upbringing, invest in our futures by acquiring marketable skills or education.

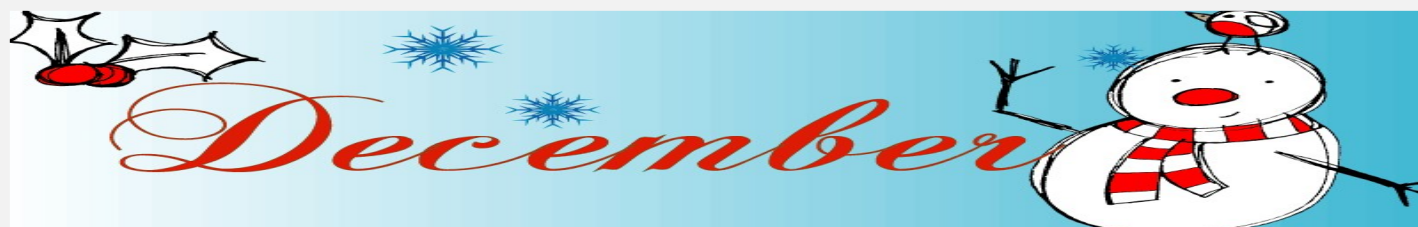
Rule number one about investing is always to diversify, to hedge one's bets by spreading out one's resources over various choices. Make sure you get a mixture of stocks and bonds and bank notes; cover your bases by making sure that college major you love is supported by some practical, saleable knowledge. Don't put all your eggs in one basket. Don't bet the farm on a 'sure thing'. Always have a rainy day fund, a back up plan.

With all of that baggage, it seemed odd to me that the word 'invest' was used in the definition of the word 'incarnate'. God...as investor? God as creator, founder, ruler...but investor? Yes, —but not the kind of investor that would please Merrill Lynch.

You see, God really isn't into rainy day funds or having a back up plan. In Jesus, God invested in humanity in a whole new way. God made flesh in Jesus was a true 'bet the farm', all the eggs in one basket approach. God's choice to come and live among us was about the highest-risk investment anyone could make.

Think about it. We human beings are a fragile creation—we get tired, hungry, cold; we can get sick, suffer injuries. Our maturity rate is slow; it takes us years to learn how to care for ourselves, much less others. We cannot fly, we have no natural warm winter coats, we cannot regenerate our own limbs as some animals can do. Why would God invest everything in a life form so vulnerable?

Love. God is in love with God's people.



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In love, you say? Think about it. When else do you want to do crazy things for someone, and think only of them? You want to be with that person day and night, as close as close can be, and only want to see that person happy and whole.

Isn't that just what God did? God is so in love with us, that God came to be one with us, to walk among us in our crazy, impossible, frustrating lives. To live as we live, and experience what being human is, with all its joys and sorrows. God incarnate in Jesus even started out as we all do—as a helpless, vulnerable infant; completely dependent on other human beings for His life.

God invested God's self in our incarnate Lord. This was risky business indeed—no half-way measures, nothing carefully calculated.

So the next time you are not feeling worth very much, stop and remember that God chose to invest in you—in all of us. We can have no greater treasure than God's love, and it is always and forever ours.

Want proof?

Just look in the manger on Christmas morning.

May you have a Blessed Advent, and a Joyous Christmas.

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Stewardship

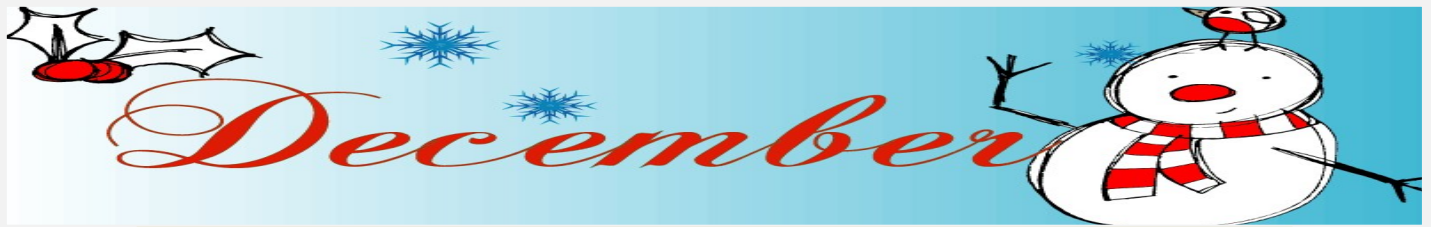
Stewardship

First, Thank you! to all those who have made Giving Commitments for 2020 so far, and those who have faithfully given this past year. The Church is grateful that you have stepped out in faith this way, giving intentionally and in trust.

Making a financial commitment to contribute to the church, or any organization, for a future time (annually, or committing to make a certain contribution per week, etc), can feel unsettling. We all know how things can change suddenly and/or surprisingly: job losses, illness, home or auto repairs, you name it. And so our tendency is to be cautious, to hold on, to give AFTER everything else is taken care of—‘just in case’.

But God asks us to trust, and to give out of our ‘first fruits’. In other words, to give off the top, to give to God first. Why? First, all we have is from God, and so to give is to acknowledge that by giving thanks in a tangible, sacrificial way; and second, to give ‘up front’ exercises our spiritual muscles of trust in God’s provision and love and generosity. Just like honoring the Sabbath disciplines us to let go and trust that God is in charge, and that it’s not all up to us—so does intentional, practiced giving help us build trust in God, and help us realize that giving does not diminish us.

The Church fosters the development of that spiritual disciple through an invitation to making a Giving Commitment (or ‘pledge’) to the church. The ancient Israelites brought forward their first fruits offering to the temple in remembrance of all God had done for them—and these offerings were used to sustain the temple, its priests, and be used to help those in need. In our modern day context, we ask persons to consider giving a portion of monetary income which is used for similar purposes: the mission of the church, local and global. So, yes, a Giving commitment helps the church fund things like operational costs (staffing, utilities, etc) but also funds local outreach, and even global outreach though the parish’s giving ‘upward’ to the Diocese, who then passes a portion of the funds onto the larger Church.



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Each of us have been invited to consider to stretch and strengthen our 'stewardship practice'—while strengthening the ministry of All Saints' as well. Please prayerfully consider taking a step forward in faith in making and/or increasing a Giving Commitment to All Saints'. Commitment of Giving cards are available on the back table in the church.

Thank you to...

Our Staff!

While our Church budget does not have room for Christmas bonuses, we do wish to show appreciation for our staff at this time of the year. In the past, Vestry members contributed as they could and the monies divided among staff members: office administrator, bookkeeper, music director, our landscaper/snow/cleaning team, and our Sunday school teacher. However, since they work for the benefit of all of us, and not just the Rector or Vestry, we invite any who wish to contribute to a Christmas fund for our staff. All contributions welcome! We will place a collection box in the rear of the church for donations. If you have any questions, please see Mother Debbie, Bonnie Roberts, or Michael Parmelee.

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.



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Second Sundays @ Stone Church

A service for Children and Families returns!

Second Sunday of every Month at 9 a.m.

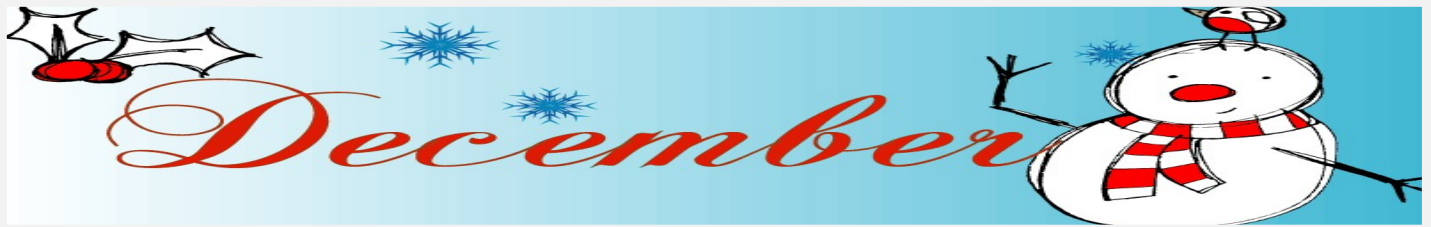
This Month: December 8th

Join us and invite your friends! 'Second Sundays @ Stone Church' is on December 8th at 9 a.m. 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. In November, we will hear about St. Nicholas and talk about Advent.

Sunday School Sundays at 9:45 am

A welcome to all our students ages Pre-K through Grade 6! Mrs. Shanley is ready for you, and excited to see you all. She always has a lot of fun lessons and activities planned, good for all ages, and invites to come and join the fun!

Sunday school meets most Sundays (except for Second Sundays) upstairs in the Parish Hall beginning at 9:45 am; students will rejoin the 10 am service around the time of the Peace. For more information or just to touch base with Mrs. Evane Shanley, our teacher, please email her at: evanemshanley@gmail.com.



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Proposed By Law Changes

To be voted on our January 2020 Annual Meeting

The current Vestry (governing board) of All Saints' consists of the Rector as President, our Sr. and Jr. Wardens, and 9 Vestry members, making a total of twelve. For a parish our size, with an average Sunday attendance of about 60 to 65 or so (sometimes more), this is a bit large, and many churches our size have smaller Vestries. Diocesan Canons state the Vestry terms shall be three years in length and we can have as small as 3 and up to 12 Vestry members.

In order to balance our congregation size with our Vestry size, the Vestry has voted on a by law change for there to be six (6) Vestry members, plus two Wardens and the Rector. This means there will be two persons elected each year, vs. three. A small Vestry means that instead of serving on Vestry, this may free persons up to chair or lead a ministry group—which is itself a leadership ministry. The old and new bylaws are below: per our bylaws they need to be published in advance for discussion. These will be voted upon by the congregation in the early portion of the Annual meeting before conducting elections.

CURRENT:

Article II, Section 2

The Vestry of this Parish shall consist of a Senior and Junior Warden whose terms of office shall be two years each, or any unexpired part if required to fill a vacancy caused by an unexpired term, and nine Vestry members whose terms of office shall be three years each, or any unexpired part if required to fill a vacancy caused by an unexpired term.

PROPOSED:

Article II, Section 2

The Vestry of this Parish shall consist of a Senior and Junior Warden whose terms of office shall be two years each, or any unexpired part if required to fill a vacancy caused by an unexpired term, and six Vestry members whose terms of office shall be three years each, or any unexpired part if required to fill a vacancy caused by an unexpired term.



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CURRENT:

Article IV, Section 1

To constitute a quorum of the Vestry, there must be present:

- A. The Rector, one Warden and five Vestry members, or
- B. The Rector, both Wardens and four Vestry members, or
- C. The Rector and six Vestry members.

Or, if there be no Rector, or if the Rector is unable to attend, a quorum shall be deemed present:

- A. One Warden and six Vestry members, or
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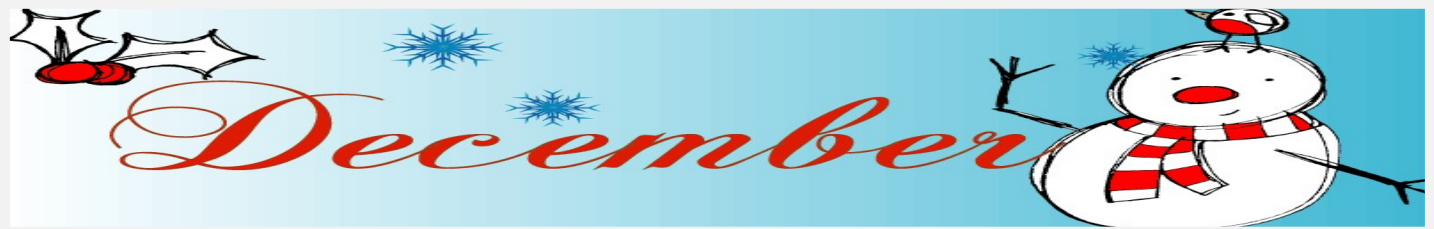
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Annual Meeting

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, 2019, and elect new officers such as Wardens and Vestry members, who make up the governing board of the parish. The financial results from 2019 are presented as well as the projected budget for 2020 (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 26th** 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:

Sr. Warden: Bonnie Roberts is our current Sr. Warden and has agreed to serve one last term (thank you!) Warden can serve a maximum of 3 consecutive terms of 2 years each.

Vestry member: A three year term on the Parish Vestry (board): we need to fill one full term position, provided the by-law revision passes.

Convention delegates (3) and alternates : These persons commit to attending a one-day Diocesan Convention which will held Saturday March 7th 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 retiring Vestry members: Nancy Pharr and Merissa Zuzulock. Barbara Drakulich was in this group, but stepped down this past fall when she and Scott moved to Livingston.

If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please see our Nominating committee members: Mother Debbie, Sr. Warden Bonnie Roberts, Jr. Warden Mike Parmelee, or Nancy Pharr or Merissa Zuzulock.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH PRESENTS

WINTERFEST

with

LIVE NATIVITY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH 11:30 AM TO 5 PM
AT
THE STONE CHURCH, 202 NAVESINK AVENUE, NAVESINK

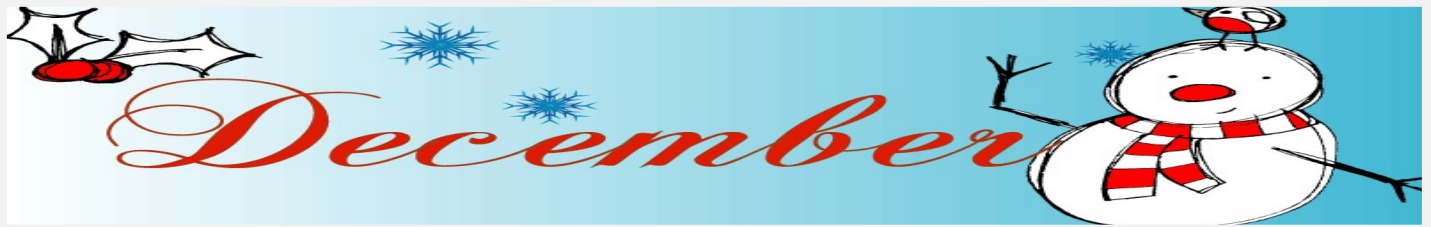
Come join us for a family, fun filled events during our Winterfest!

Come do some unique shopping with local crafters, homemade baked goods and candies, children craft activities, food and more! We will be having a special visitor from the North Pole, come and have a FREE picture taken with Santa from 1:30 to 5 pm!

Stop by our LIVE NATIVITY to visit the animals who will be there from noon to 3pm.

All events are free—but please bring a non-perishable food item for the AACC Food Pantry or a pet food item for Project Pet Pantry

A colorful illustration of a nativity scene. In the center is a wooden manger with a blue interior where a baby Jesus lies in a manger. Mary is kneeling in prayer to the right, and Joseph is kneeling to the left. A bright yellow star with rays is positioned above the manger. To the left of the manger are a brown camel, a grey donkey, and a brown ox. The scene is set on a patch of yellow straw.



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Elves Needed! Greeting All! Winterfest is coming soon Saturday Dec 14, 2019, to be exact. This year will bring a LIVE PETTING NATIVITY! We are having vendors, crafts, food, and of course the visitor from the North Pole!!

But we need help to make this a great and successful community event! Below are area in which we need help- please consider helping out and feel free to share with anyone who may want to join in the fun! Thank you as always!

Areas of help needed:

Bake Good Items: Looking for donations of baked goods, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc.

Please make sure you **mark if contains nuts**. Drop off will be

Friday 12-13 or Early 12-14 (by 1030am).

Sales Help: We need help at the bake goods table

2 time slots 1100 to 2pm and 2pm to 530pm

Sales Help: We need help at the candy goods table 2 time slots

1100 to 2pm and 2pm to 530pm

S'mores Station (outdoor) to help serve and assist

2 time slots 1230p to 2 pm and 2pm to 4pm.

Coffee/Coco Area: to help serve and assist 2 time slots

11:00am to 200pm and 130pm to 530pm

Wreath and Poinsettia sales (outdoor): 2 time slots 115am to 215pm and 215pm to 530p

Craft table for kids-floral arrangements**: 2 time slots 115am to 2pm and 2pm to 530pm

****CUTTING OF GREENS OUTSIDE 10AM TO 1130AM HELP NEEDED****

Greeters/Nativity: (outdoor) 3 time slots: 1130am to 1pm, 1pm to 3pm and 3 to 5pm

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE LOCATED IN THE PARISH HOUSE

OR YOU CAN EMAIL BONNIE ROBERTS AT ROBFAM13@VERIZON.NET.

Community hours will be given to those students who need them and serve. Please note that early slots will help with set up, later slots will help with clean up.

Please consider helping with this wonderful community event. More hands make light work and it's a great fun, family fellowship event.

If you have questions, please call bonnie or email her. 908-461-9457 or rob-fam13@verizon.net

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND LOVE FOR OUR PARISH

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YOU'RE INVITED TO

Join Us For

**BLUE CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY**



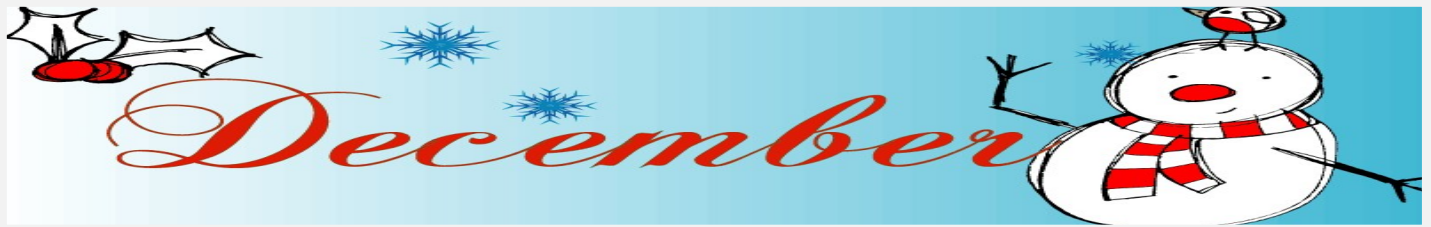
**HOLIDAY SEASON IS DIFFICULT
..... YOU ARE NOT ALONE**

DECEMBER 15, 2019

**Join us for a gentle,
reflective service to
honor those who are in
pain or hurting ...**



**3:00 PM WITH LIGHT REPAST TO FOLLOW
ALL SAINT'S MEMORIAL CHURCH
202 NAVESINK AVE
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS, NJ 07716**



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Men's Bible Study, Prayer, and Breakfast

Saturday, December 14th 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, December 14th 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.

ECW News

Please note the following information on the December 8, 2019 ECW will hold

A Coffee Sale



FOOD PANTRY FOR November suggestions

Assorted Pasta

Assorted Spaghetti

Peanut Butter,

Crushed Tomatoes

Peeled Tomatoes

Toilet Tissue

Hams, Turkeys (frozen), bring to Pantry

Frozen Lasagnas

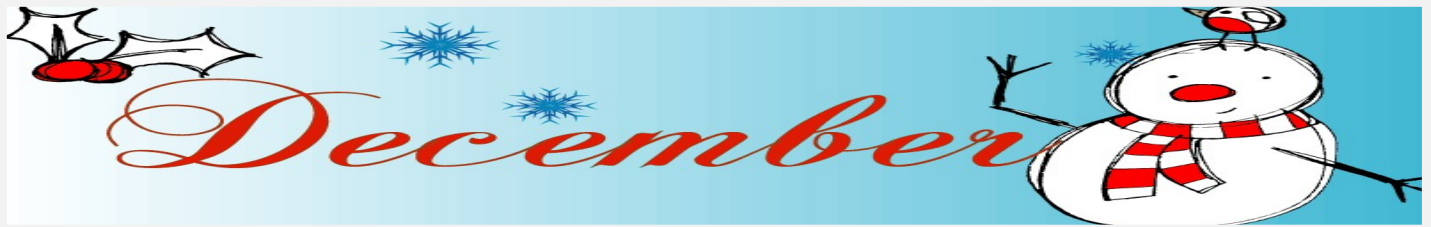
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CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT THROUGH GIVING

The giving and receiving of gifts is a beloved Christmas tradition in our culture, but sadly, there are many in our larger community who cannot participate due to fiscal or health circumstances. Our parish has for many years joyfully embraced our Giving Tree project to help bridge this gap by providing Christmas gifts to folks in need through our three local charity partners: St. Mark's Center for Community Renewal, CPC Behavioral Healthcare, and Collier House. Look for the tree and its selection of needed gifts at the back of the church on Sundays, November 25, December 2 and December 9. All gifts will be due back to the Church no later than Sunday, December 16. Don't let travel plans, a busy schedule, or an aversion to shopping stop you from participating – personal shopping services will be available again this season. You can contact Beth Polonsky (bethpolonsky@yahoo.com) to arrange to contribute money for a gift. Join in this special ministry and share the Christmas spirit!



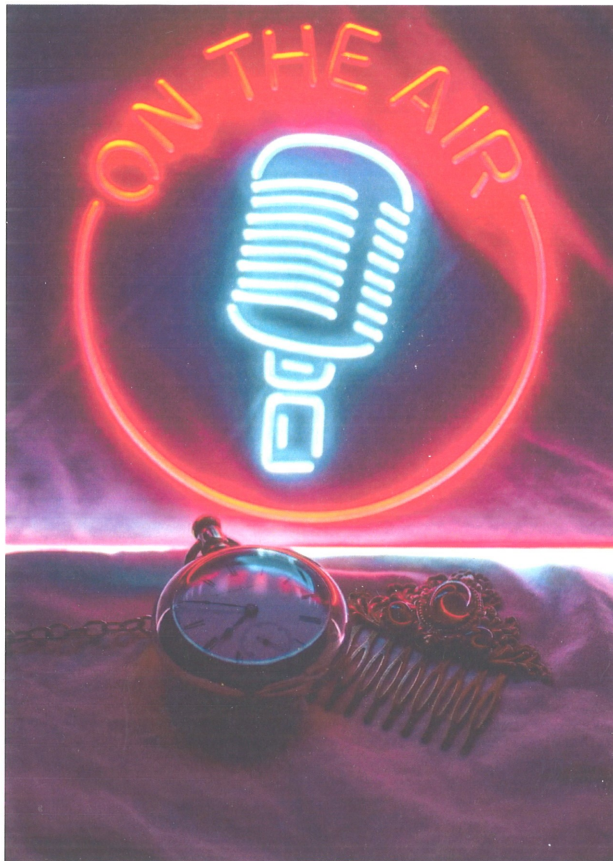


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The Stone Church Players Present:



The Gift of the Magi



Adapted by

Jon Jory

December

7th at

8:00pm

December

8th at

2:00pm

All Saint's

Church in

Navesink

All Tickets \$10 At The Door

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Christmas Services at All Saints'

Tuesday, December 24th

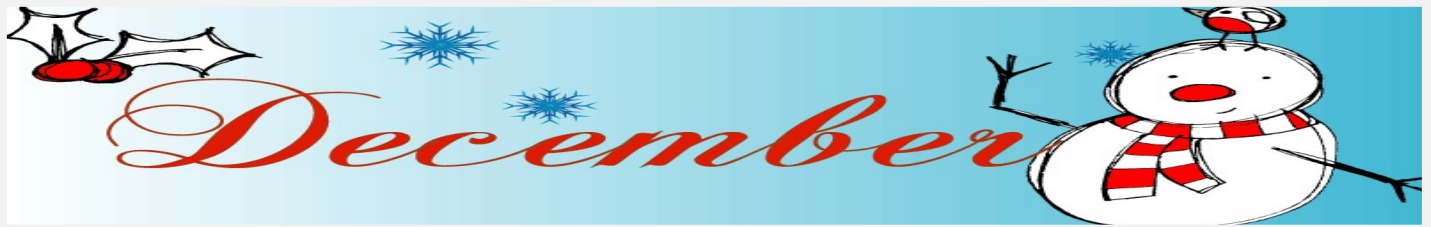
*4:30 pm Children/Family Service with
Blessing of the Creche and Holy Eucharist*

7:30 pm Carol Sing

8:00 pm Festive Choral Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, December 25th

10 am Holy Eucharist with Carols

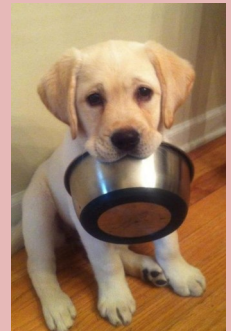


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Auction Committee will be starting soon! First meeting will be January.
Look for the date in next month's newsletter and
consider joining this great committee!



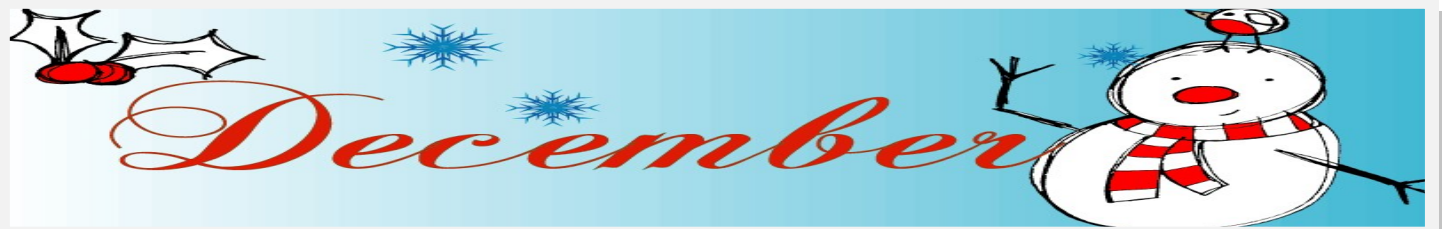
Project pets is thankful for All Saints help. We now feed 41 cats and 17 dogs. Please remember them when you are shopping or you can go to the amazon link of www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2LCODPHSN4V8K?ref_=wl_share .Pam Ryan the founder of Project pets, who we partner with for our pet pantry has always sent Christmas cards, or pictures children drew to overseas troops who cannot be home for the holidays. This year a special donor will be giving \$10 per card or picture to project pets for food! So we will be



having a card writing party in the parish house the same time as the cleanup. Good opportunity for parents to help while the kids stay inside and draw some pictures! This is a win win win outreach opportunity for our servicemen and women, our pets and a



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