



NEWS FOR ALL the SAINTS

January 2020



The Epiphany

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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, JANUARY 19TH:

AUCTION MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH:

ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY;

ONE SERVICE AT 9 AM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND:

SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

SOUP AND BREAD SALE

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

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect: Second Sunday after Epiphany
The Book of Common Prayer



The other day I found myself Googling (amazing how that's a verb now!) what day the sun would start setting on or after 5 pm (January 22nd) or starts rising at/before 7 am (February 7th). I don't why, but part of it is just missing the light. It is part of the reason we have Christmas traditions that involve using lights and candles—it falls at the darkest time of the year for the northern hemisphere, and takes on traditions borrowed from ancient winter-solstice pagan festivals such as Saturnalia and Yule which all had elements of candles, fire or light in them, pushing back against the dark. And while I would hardly classify myself as a sun worshipper, I am strongly drawn to light and light filled spaces. I know many others feel the same way.

January in the life of the Church is Epiphany time. Epiphany is that season of manifesting, of revealing. We use the imagery of light in all this revelation, for light helps us to see; there is the kind of light we can perceive with our eyes, and the kind we can perceive only with our hearts. The Gospel readings of Epiphany shed light on who Jesus is: Jesus as King is revealed to and by the three Wise men of the East; Jesus as a baptized adult in the Jordan is identified as God's son; Jesus calling disciples, revealing God's teachings, and teaching those disciples that they too are 'the light of the world'.

But what does Jesus mean when he says to his disciples that they are 'light of the world'? After all, the Collect above calls Jesus the light—so which is it? Well, both actually. Jesus is the source, the light; we who are baptized into his death and resurrection, into his new life--we too are light carriers, light bearers, hopefully choosing to shine our Christ lights into the world. But as Jesus tells his disciples (and us too), we can't hide our light. If we do, we're not fulfilling our call, our mission—just like a lamp under a basket can't live out its mission either.

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We, as the church, are to be a collective light as well. One that shows forth God's love, hospitality, mercy, and acceptance within our community—and to those who are seeking. A community that was called to serve, to help light others' way, so that 'He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth'—by letting our revealing light shine.

As the song we will sing at our Second Sunday service goes, "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine..."

It's Epiphany time—time to shine.

Peace,

Mother Debbie

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Annual Meeting

Sunday January 26 after ONE combined service at 9 am

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,

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or Nancy Pharr or Merissa Zuzulock.

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
- B. Two Wardens and five Vestry members.

PROPOSED:

Article IV, Section 1

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

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

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

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE-

1st meeting of the year Sunday Jan 12, 2020 at 1130am

in the Parish House (following coffee hr.)

*Please come join us as we start a new year! We will be gathering new ideas for the coming year, ALL are WELCOME! Even if you think you cannot commit all of the time, please join us and work on projects that fit into your schedule. We will be discussing our first outreach fundraiser of the year "Soup and Bread Sale" on 2-2-20!

CALLING ALL AUCTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

* **Sunday Jan 19, 2020** at 1130am in the Parish House (following coffee hour) will be our first meeting of the 2020 auction committee. Please join us as we set the game plan for the big day in May! ALL are WELCOME!

*****SOUP AND BREAD SALE SUNDAY FEB 02, 2020*****

we are in need of help with making those delicious soups, chili's and breads.

This sale will be from 745am until Noon in the parish house on Super Bowl Sunday Feb 2, 2020. Containers will be available at parish house, along with some simple recipes for those of us who needs some ideas for soup/chili. Also a sign-up sheet will be in the back of the church on 1-12 until 1-25. **This is the first outreach fund raiser of the year, please share with friends and family!**

****SAVE THE DATE PANCAKE SUPPER/SHROVE TUESDAY**

IS February 25, 2020 5pm to 7pm!

Details to follow...help (cooks, set-up- servers, etc.) are always needed and welcome.



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New Coffee hour sign-up sheet in the parish house.

PLEASE consider signing up for a Sunday. We have been very spoiled at now our infamous coffee hours! But we cannot expect that every Sunday from the few who make that happen and we don't want them to get burnt out!! Please don't be intimidated that it's too much to sign up- Coffee hour just needs to be coffee, some bake goods and juice for the kids. Simple as that. If you want to sign up but don't want to do it alone, ask someone to share the date with you.

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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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. As of press time, we have received 35 Giving Commitments for a total of \$110,478. This includes 6 new pledges vs. last year's Commitments, though we have lost a few due to moves or deaths—but represents a 13% increase (dollarwise) over last year. Let's keep the momentum going! The Church is grateful that you have stepped out in faith this way, giving intentionally and in trust.

For those of who still thinking about making a financial commitment to contribute to the church: we know that making that commitment 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



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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.

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.



Potluck

**MEET
YOUR
NEIGHBOR**

JOIN US!

DATE: FEB 22ND 2020 @ 6PM

LOCATION: ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL

CHURCH - PARISH HALL

INSTRUCTIONS: BRING YOUR BEST

CROWD PLEASER!



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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: January 12th

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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Men's Bible Study, Prayer, and Breakfast

Saturday, February 8th 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, February 8th 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 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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