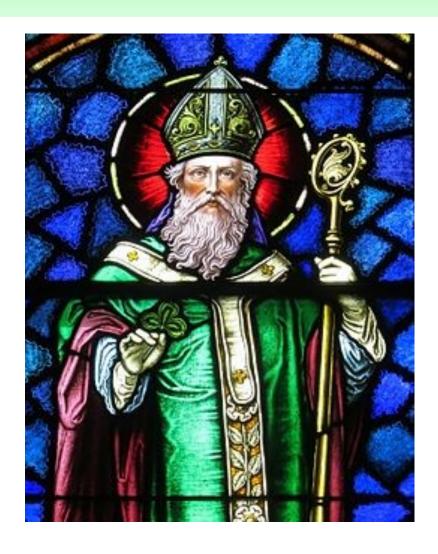


NEWS FOR ALL the SAINTS

March 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)

Mother Debbie Contact Information

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Remember Mother Debbie's day off is

Friday (except for

Pastoral emergencies).

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, March 2

Diocesan Convention

Sunday, March 3

11:00am Coffee Sale in the Parish House

Tuesday March 5

5:00pmShrove Tuesday Pancake supper In the Parish House

Wednesday, March 6

Ash Wednesday
6:00am - 8:00am Ashes to Go
12:00noon Service in the Church/
7:30pm Service in the Church

Sunday, March 10

Turn Clocks Ahead One Hour



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

Our Vestry gathers on the third Thursday of the month. For those of you who are sort of fuzzy on who a Vestry is or what they do, the Vestry is the leadership board of the parish. It can have 3 to 12 members, and its primary duties (from the church canons, or laws) is handling the 'budgets and buildings'—in other words, approving and overseeing the church finances (along with the elected Treasurer), making sure things are provided for worship and ministry, and



taking care of the physical plant (repairs and the like). It is named the 'Vestry' because in the 'old' days such meetings took place in the vesting rooms of the church, back before there were parish halls and offices. Vesting rooms (now usually part of the overall sacristy) were a room where the Vestments were kept, where the priest prepared for worship.

In today's church, a Vestry is also called to serve as leaders of the church, to help discern and shape its mission. This is why being on Vestry is a calling of its own accord, and I am grateful for each of our Wardens (leaders of the Vestry along with the Rector), and our Vestry members. I think it's important for you to know that All Saints' has a good Vestry: dedicated to the parish, faithful, prayerful; willing to listen to one another and share their views, respecting one another. And no more was this reflected than in our February opening prayer and meditation on discipleship, when one of our long time members indicated that was what we are to be about, for sometimes our mission of the gospel and discipleship can be muddled or lost in all this administrative stuff (referring to the sheaf of reports in front of her). And she was very much correct.

It is easy amongst all the day to day stuff to lose sight of Jesus calling us to go forth and share the gospel—even for priests/Rectors. There are bulletins and newsletters to write or proof, reports to file, monies (or lack thereof) to manage, building matters from leaking toilets to light bulbs to landscaping and heating systems to handle (with the aid of Wardens, vestry and staff). And as a detailed oriented person, I could (and sometimes do) easily get lost in all those details clamoring for attention. Vestry can too.

That is why it is important to remember, in prayer and reading and sharing and worship, why we are here in the first place. First, we are here because God created us—out of and for love—and God calls us to center our lives around that love, living in community with God and one another. Humanity has too often chosen to walk apart from God, but God never gives up on us. Second, as Christians, we are disciples of Jesus, members of the Body of the risen Christ—the Son of God who walked among us, loves us, even to the point of enduring



suffering and death—for love does not let go, and our Lord's love for us reaches beyond the grave. Sin and death, as hurtful and sad and painful as they can be, do not have the last word: God does—and God is life and love. That is the good news—we are loved, forgiven, free. And as disciples, we are called to live out and share that good news: in worship and community but also in our daily lives, touching lives through the way we are called to live ours. The Church, at its core, is about disciple making and shaping—and if we're not engaging in that, if all the administrative 'stuff' is not serving to support that—then why are we here? No matter how pretty our buildings are, or healthy our budget is (oh, to dream!), or how many programs we have—none of it matters if it isn't about following Jesus. Or as our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry puts it, "If it's not about love, then it's not about God."

This Lent, I invite you to remember to make the main thing (Jesus and his love, our discipleship) to be the first thing. In whatever way you can, find time to pray, to learn, to take the effort to act and speak intentionally. None of us get it right all the time!---but as disciples (meaning 'a learner') we are to keep trying, to keep learning. And may we as a community live out of that as well, being mindful that these buildings and our 'admin' stuff were created to help us better serve that mission, and not become things to be served instead.

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our lives we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer, page 100).

As it says in our Ash Wednesday service—*I invite you to the observance of a Holy Lent*. May we always remember to make the main thing the first thing, now and always.

Peace,

Mother Debbie+



Deacon's Doings & Michelle's Musings

Hello Fellow Saints!

First & Foremost - I want to thank Mother Debbie and the All Saints family for the honor of an Installation service. Please know that we were joined by four (4) different congregations – St. James Memorial-Eatontown, St. Thomas-Red Bank, Christ Church-Toms River and Pilgrim Baptist Church, also family and friends who had not attended a Church service in years yet felt welcomed. With inspiration from the Holy Spirit, I am ever so proud of the open and receiving welcome the people of All Saints offered to these guests and honored you have chosen me to represent your care and needs to usher our Church into the future.

So the month of March is full of holidays and reflection. Starting with St. David's day, Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday St. Patrick's Day and Laetare Sunday! Not to mention the 58th Anniversary of the Peace Corps, World Day of Prayer (both 03/01), Caregiver Appreciation day(03/03), International Women's Day(03/08) and National Puppy Day(03/23)!

So the month of March starts with day of prayer - what a great way to start anything! In keeping with the tradition, I am offering to pray with you and for you and your concerns. In house on Sundays, first before or after each service both 8am & 10am, and by text if you feel that the need arises for a prayer during a particularly hectic day! In the season of Lent, I am going do a study to explore the Nicene creed by writing in the Sunday bulletin and taking a few minutes to discuss what, why and how the Nicene creed is important.

'Lent' is a shortened version of the Old English word 'lencten', a word which simply means spring. Its thought to have Germanic roots and seems to be used to describe the season when the days began to lengthen, signifying new life and renewal. Over time, the word Lent came to be linked specifically to the Christian tradition of fasting before Easter, which always coincided with the spring." I know the 40 days deal ... What's up with that? If you browse through Scripture you will notice a trend ... Great Flood – 40 days (Genesis), Moses on Mt. Sinai - 40days (Exodus), Israelites wandered for 40 years (Numbers), Jesus in the wilderness - 40 days (Matthew, Mark, Luke).

The number 40 represents something beautiful: A period of preparation and cleansing (through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving) for something great that is coming. Lent is the perfect time to refresh our hearts and refocus ourselves on what really matters. That is why we give up the things (both good and bad) that distract us and that can lead us astray from God.



So as we enter into a season of contemplation and hope, please remember it's a prerogative that we can celebrate and practice our faith in freedom. Please remember to lift up in prayer our fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ that are not allowed to follow the Way of Love or participate being a follower of Jesus for fear of persecution or perhaps even death.

Remember to appreciate the gift we have been given ...

FHS,

Deacon Michelle

ECW News

March 13, 2019, ECW Meeting, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., in the Parish House. Coffee Sale March 3, 2019 at 11:00am in the Parish House



Second Sundays @ Stone Church A service for Children and Families Second Sunday of every Month at 9 a.m. March 10 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.



Lent at All Saints

Lent, a liturgical season of 40 days (not counting Sundays) before Easter, is often a time of renewed spiritual focus. Lent always begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year is March 6th. Many either choose to sacrifice by giving up a favorite food, beverage, website, or entertainment; others take on an extra spiritual discipline such as additional prayer, worship, study or service. Here at All Saints' we will offer a variety of ways to honor Lent, from the individual and personal, to those more group based.

Lenten Meditation Booklet

Offered by Episcopal Relief and Development, these booklets offer daily meditations from Ash Wednesday, March 6th through Easter Sunday, April 21st from a wide variety of contributors. Look for these in the back of the church or in the Parish Hall, and use these as an inspiration to prayer and/reflection.

Wednesday Morning Study

Wednesdays beginning March 13th through April 17th at 11 a.m.

'Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week'

Book by Amy Jill-Levine, Professor of New Testament studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School

In this book, Amy-Jill Levine delves into the history and literature surrounding the last days of Jesus' life. Levine sets the narrative in historical context and analyzes the risks and motives of the story's characters. From the procession of Palm Sunday until the Agony in the Garden, Levine sheds new light on these well known stories, and shows how the text raises spiritual and ethical questions for us today. Let Mother Debbie know if you would like a book.

Sunday Morning Presentations

The Nicene Creed

Led by Deacon Michelle

Beginning March 3rd, Deacon Michelle will be offering presentations on the Nicene Creed—how well do we know or understand the words we say each Sunday? Where did this Creed come from? Join us each Sunday as we learn more about this Christian statement of faith.



Lenten Calendars

We will have calendars available for all: The Way of Love Lenten Calendar, and a Lenten calendar for children as well. Pick one up, and use it as a guide through Lent.

Digital/Online Resources

The internet is full of ways of take on a Lenten activity or study. Here are few free ones:

<u>Lent Madness</u>: 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.

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

<u>Read Scripture</u>: 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.

<u>Daily Word:</u> 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/

And don't forget about the book study in the Hall on Monday evenings, and Tuesday meditation in the church with Nancy Pharr!



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



Check out the New Website!

All Saints' Memorial Church website (<u>www.allsaintsnavesink.org</u>) 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!

Men's Bible Study, Prayer, and Breakfast Saturday, March 9th 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, March 9th at 8:15am.

All are welcome to join as you are able.

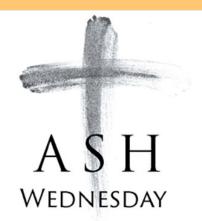
For more information or to RSVP, contact Jim Cook at 732-614-3134.



FOOD PANTRY FOR March

March 3, 2019	Paper Napkins - 120 Count
March 10, 2019	Toothpaste
March 17 2019	Canned Packaged Juices
March 24, 2019	Canned Fruit
March 31, 2019	Ready to Eat/Microwave Shelf Meals





Ashes to Go Wednesday, March 6th 6:00 am to 8 am (tentative) The Seastreak Ferry, Atlantic Highlands, NJ & Highlands, NJ

Ashes to Go is a growing ministry of the Episcopal Church! It started being offered by mostly urban churches, but has expanded to suburban commuter locales, public squares, coffee shops, you name it. Offered by clergy and trained lay persons alike, Ashes to Go is simply just that: offering the imposition of ashes to those 'on the go' on Ash Wednesday. It's a moment to stop and remember that even amidst our busy daily lives, God is at work in us, in healing and reconciliation; the ashes serve as a reminder of our need for God, of who we are in relationship to God.

Last year, Valerie Schauer, Faith Hahn, Valerie Barradale, Deacon Michelle, and Mother Debbie offered Ashes to Go at the Atlantic Highlands and Highlands Ferry docks and imposed ashes for about 75 to 85 persons at each location. This year, two persons at each location are planning to head out once more to Atlantic Highland and Highlands—however, we could use one more for Atlantic Highlands between 6:30 am and 7:30 am. Let Mother Debbie know if you can help.

Ash Wednesday services will be offered at All Saints at noon and in the evening at 7:30 as well.







Join us

Tuesday March 5th, 2019

for our

PANCAKE SUPPER

All Saints Memorial Church 'The Stone Church' 202 Navesink Ave, Atlantic Highlands

5:00pm to 7:00 pm

eat in or take out

Adults \$7.00

Children \$4.00 (age 3 and up)

Family Price \$15.00

For details please visit our website at <u>www.allsaintsnavesink.org</u> or call 732-291-0214



Outreach Update: March, 2019

Super Bowl Sunday Hearty Soup & Bread Sale, Feb. 3, 2019:

Wonderful News! Our annual sale brought in \$1,045, so far...so far because we still have a few jars of local organic honey left to sell—a bargain price of \$5 per container. Thanks to all of our fabulous soup-makers and bakers who helped us so much through their creative offerings!! We especially want to salute our youth who helped us with baking various breads and soups. And of course, we must say that our parishioners and community friends did their part in purchasing the many items up for sale. Way to go, everyone!!

As you probably already know, this annual sale is dedicated for outreach projects in our own communities throughout the year. To have this kind of result means we will be able to go forward with meeting the needs of our brothers and sisters in need. Many thanks to all!

St. Mark's Ministry for March 28-29, 2019:

We're looking.... we will need a team captain for our March turn in the rotation of assistance at St. Mark's. If you would be able to coordinate the prep and serve teams, please call Barb Drakulich, 732-872-0158 as soon as possible (she will be having eye surgery so is unable to be the team leader this March). We are keeping the menu light fare so it will not be a stretch for anyone who wishes to step up. Thanks for your consideration, and, thank you to our loyal helpers who come together each month to make this part of our All Saints' mission alive.





Lent Liturgical Changes

With Lent beginning on Wednesday, March 6, you may notice a few changes in the liturgy and music to embrace the themes of Lent: repentance and self-examination as well as a renewal of right relationship between us and our Lord. It is the practice of All Saints' and many Episcopal churches to change music and liturgy to reflect the season, to instill in us focus of the season. The primary liturgical change most are aware of is dropping the use of 'Alleluia' or certain songs of praise. However, it will be a bit more expansive than that.

On the First Sunday of Lent, March 10, our 8 am and 10 am services will open with the Great Litany, the first set of prayers or liturgy translated from the Latin into English during the time of Henry VIII. At 8 a.m. we will say it, and at 10 a.m. it will be chanted. The remaining Sundays of Lent, except for Palm Sunday, we will begin the service with the Penitential Rite, which precedes the opening Eucharist. In using the Penitential Rite, we open the service with Confession, which means that we are moving it to the front of the service as we enter into worship.

We will be using Eucharistic Prayer C, which begins on page 369 of the Book of Common Prayer. Please note that there is a series of congregational responses woven throughout the Prayer. The Choir will recess out in silence after the final hymn and there will be no postlude during Lent.

At our 10 am services, we will have different service music, as we normally do during Lent: the Trisagion in place of the Gloria; the Agnus Dei in lieu of the usual Fraction anthem. The season of Lent is an ancient practice and a key season for us all; and our worship helps remind us of that.



Cornerstone Campaign Stewardship of our Ministry and Campus

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 being 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 it is important that each us consider making a gift, at whatever level is comfortable for you and your family. Pledge statements can be found at the back of the church, in the hall, or in the newsletter; our goal is to have all returned by March 31.

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





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.

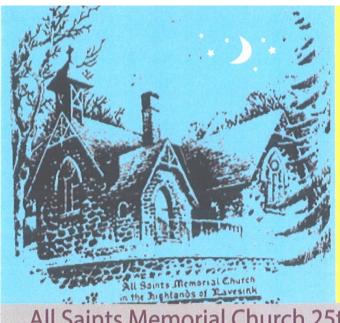
Peace,

Mother Debbie+

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Please complete the following informati	on:
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Saturday

the fun starts 5:30 PM

All Saints Memorial Church 25th Annual

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

