

Crossways

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Feast of John Wycliffe, Priest and Prophetic Witness, 1384

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Episcopal Church's compendium of capital-letter Saints, *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints*, commemorates over 300 saints. That's almost a saint a day! From Saint Stephen, the first martyr in the first century to Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador, martyred in 1980, Saints and saints have proclaimed the Good News of God in Christ far and wide. Reading of their lives, deaths, deeds, theology and witness could be intimidating. How many of us have fought a dragon as did St. George? How many of us translated the Bible into the vernacular as did St. Jerome or blessed. John Wycliffe? How many of us could change the course of a nation by our words and deeds as did blessed Joan of Arc or blessed Martin Luther King, Jr.? They are an impressive group of Christians. But, as the title of the compendium states they were *Holy Women, Holy Men*: they were human! Like us they were flawed human beings with quirky character traits, prejudices—don't get me started on St. Jerome!—ambitions and needs. Some may have lacked senses of humor and others seem to have been pretty hard to live with—St. Paul for example—but all followed Christ and proclaimed the Gospel by their words and deeds.



For All the Saints

That following of Christ and proclaiming the Gospel by word and deed is where the capital-letter Saints and we, the lower-case saints, meet: at the baptismal font. We, lower-case saints, and capital-letter Saints start our lives in Christ there. There we all have promised to follow Jesus as our Lord and Savior and to:

- Proclaim the Good News, by word and example;
- Seek and serve Christ in all persons;
- Love our neighbor as ourselves;
- Strive for justice and peace among all people;
- Respect the dignity of every human being;
- Strive for justice and peace for all people.¹

The rest is history—salvation history—our salvation history. As we renew our Baptismal promises as we celebrate All Saints' and as babies are baptized, let us live in those promises every day.

Faithfully yours,
Faithfully yours,

The Rev. Christine J. Day,
Rector

¹ *Book of Common Prayer, 1979*, paraphrase of Baptismal Covenant, pgs. 304-305

Life Goes On Lunch

Life Goes On **will not** hold a meeting in November. Their December holiday lunch takes place by tradition on the first Wednesday of December. This year's luncheon will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4th at Piccolos' Café, 161 Main Street, Binghamton. You are asked to bring an inexpensive gift (\$5 or below) to exchange. Please call Arlene Foley at 797-2111 if you are planning to attend so that she can make adequate reservations.



Bon-Ton Community Day Parish Fundraiser

Bon-Ton Community Days Booklets are now available for \$5 each. Each booklet contains coupons for discounts on purchases Friday, November 15th and Saturday, November 16th. Your \$5 donation is a fundraiser for the parish.

Military Christmas Gifts

It is time once again, to remember the military, whom we have been praying for over this past year, by sending them a Christmas package filled with goodies and blessings and thanking them for their unselfish service to us and our country.

There are 8, members of the military this year, which means 8 boxes will be mailed out. If you have a different or updated address for these men, please let either Roberta Steflik or myself (Roberta Szwalla), know as each box costs approximately \$15.00 to send.



Boxes have to be sent out the last week in November, so please have your donations in before the last week. A basket for your donations and sheet of suggestions with my contact email has been placed in the coatroom for your convenience. Thank you for all that you can do.

Roberta Szwalla, Chair

Christmas gifts for JC School Students

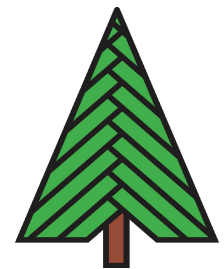
All Saints has again been asked to Participate in the Christmas Angel project for JC School students and siblings. The names will be available early November. When you choose a student's name, please enter your name and phone number on the sign up sheet provided. I usually set the names up outside the library. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 607-729-2794. Thank you for your support. *Judy Horton*



Cub Scout Pack 100 to Sell Christmas Trees Beginning the Weekend of December 6th at All Saints'

Our Cub Scout Pack, 100, will hold its annual Christmas tree sale beginning the weekend of December 6th in All Saints' parking lot. They will set up their "booth" next to the office wall of the building and be open on Saturdays and Sundays—except during our service times. During this time, the passage way between the back parking lot and the front parking lot will be blocked off for cars.

Tree prices will range from \$15 to \$45. They will also place a large decorated tree on the front lawn of the church. This is a major fund raiser for the Cub Scouts!





SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
DOOR OPENS 7:00PM
SHOW STARTS 7:30PM
TICKETS: \$12 EACH

Come to the Cabaret! But you may have to knock on the green door and tell them "Joe sent you" because this year's theme is "**Puttin' on the Ritz**," a roaring twenties speakeasy. Save the date, Saturday, November 16 and bring your family and friends. Show time is 7:30 p.m., but the door will open at 7 p.m. to view gift baskets and bid on them. We have kept the price at \$12. In addition to great entertainment, we will provide hors d'oeuvres and dessert treats as well as soft drinks. You may bring your own wine or other spirits.

Tickets will be available the weekend of October 26/27. You can also call the church office to place your order and make table reservations. If you call, please leave your phone number in case we have questions regarding your order.

As always, help is needed and appreciated. We will be setting up on that Saturday at 2:00 p.m. and of course, breaking down right after the show. We need servers, food handlers, and decorators. We also need several gift basket and gift card donations, as these are a large source of income for the Cabaret. We also need food and soft drink donations. Please use the sign up sheets in the narthex to volunteer for any of the above.

Please support this important fund-raiser for All Saints' Church. You will have a great time and you will feel good knowing you have helped our parish. We promise this event will be "the bee's knees" and "the cat's pajamas!"

Advent Program: Kerygma's Hallelujah: the Bible and Handel's Messiah Begins December 1st. Sign-up Now!

Like to listen to or sing Handel's *Messiah*? Interested in an Advent Bible Study? Then look no further! Beginning in Advent All Saints' will be presenting Kerygma's *Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah* on Sunday mornings at 9:00AM and Tuesday evenings* at 5:30PM begins December 1st.



The course is designed to deepen appreciation of both the words and the music of Handel's *Messiah*. Because it is primarily a Bible study curriculum, the focus will be naturally on the Bible. Yet it would be a waste of resources to concentrate only on the biblical texts without attention to how they are interpreted in *Messiah*. You do not need to be an expert in either music or the Bible to enjoy this course. The only real requirements are that one has:

- A genuine interest in learning more about the Bible,
- A desire to appreciate Handel's *Messiah* more deep,
- A commitment to read and study and to attend the sessions faithfully.

Interested? Sign-up in the Narthex as soon as possible. We need to know how many copies of the Resource Book to order. Copies of the Resource Book (used for both the Advent and Lent sessions) are \$17.00 each.*As the last Tuesday of Advent is Christmas Eve, the last session of the Advent session will Monday December 23rd, probably at the Rectory.



**Book Club to Meet November 27th at 5:30 PM:
Talking about *The Faith Club***

The November meeting of the Book Club will be Wednesday, November 27th at 5:30 PM at the Rectory. We are continuing the discussion about, *The Faith Club* (by Ranya Idiby, Suzanne Oliver and Pricilla Warner). Told in the words of each of the three women, the book chronicles their discussions about their three Abrahamic faiths after September 11th.

Here is the publisher's blurb:

“A groundbreaking book about Americans searching for faith and mutual respect, *The Faith Club* weaves the story of three women, their three religions, and their urgent quest to understand one another.

“When an American Muslim woman befriends two other mothers, one Jewish and one Christian, they decide to educate their children about their respective religions. None of them guessed their regular meetings would provide life-changing answers and form bonds that would forever alter their struggles with prejudice, fear, and anger. Personal, powerful, and compelling, *The Faith Club* forces readers to face the tough questions about their own religions.

“Pioneering, timely, deeply thoughtful, and full of hope, *The Faith Club's* caring message will resonate with people of all faiths.”

This is a truly remarkable book. Reading pace in the Book Club is determined by the members. Interested? Pick up a copy of the book and come on November 27th!



**Give Thanks on Thanksgiving:
Celebration of Holy Eucharist at 10 AM
on November 28th in the Chapel**

Stay away from the stores and give thanks on Thanksgiving by attending the celebration of Holy Eucharist at 10 AM in the chapel on November 28th. Eucharist means thanksgiving in Greek. (Hence the name of that section of the liturgy: “The Great Thanksgiving.”) It’s been part of Christian worship since the 1st century A.D. **So come—be part of the tradition of giving thanks on Thanksgiving!**



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Stewardship Thought - November - Judy Horton

It is the time of year to get back into the routine of Sunday School, church activities and look back on the memories of summer vacations, special get togethers with family and friends. The holidays are fast approaching and it is the time to start to think and pray about our commitment to the church for 2014. As it states in Matthew Chapter 12 Verse 12 "Always do for other people everything you want them to do for you"



I have found the older I get it is easier to realize how fortunate my family and I am. We have been blessed to be part of the All Saints church family. We received support from our church family when Dave and I lost our jobs in December 1991. We have been able to pay that help forward in the last 20 years. Since I retired in 2011 it has been interesting to find out that we can live on half of the previous income and still be able to support our church family. Please think about signing up not only your treasure but also some time and your talent. Please know that when you are asked to serve on a committee or do a task around the church, it is the Holy Spirit that is guiding that request. You may think that you do not have the time or talent but that in fact is not the case.

Please prayerfully complete the pledge card and return it to the church so that we can complete the budget for 2014 with less stress. Love and Peace! *Judy Horton*

Sweatshirt, T-Shirts, Polo Shirts for Sale

I have been asked by several All Saints' members if we could have another sale of shirts. We have received a new price list from Team World and if this is something you would like to order for the holidays we would need to know right away. I will have a sheet on the bulletin board by the front entrance for those interested. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 607-729-2794

Thank you
Judy Horton



"We, James and Sarah Pautard, would like to thank All Saints' Parish for all their love and support throughout this difficult time in our lives, and a special thank you to those who came out in support of our benefit. We are ever so grateful."

Thank you,
Sarah

Prayer List beginning November

Policy reminder: Submitted names are placed on the short term list for four weeks and then moved to long term by request of the person submitting the name, or by need known by the Rector.

Short Term: Jeannette Cook; The Nauerz Family; Nancy Grabowski; Guy Billings; Louise Rogers Kurtz; Arthur Cuffee; Lorraine Szwalla; Andy Lupo; Sarah Harrison-Pautard; and Monica Alger

Long Term: Theresa and her children; Lynn Stuart; Sam Okoronkwo; David Cooney; Lillian Lockett; Ron Payne, Whitney; Lynn Jago; Steve Mahon; Bob Gillmer; Gayle Whittier and her daughter Ellen and son-in-law, Will; Lucy Grabowski; Dallas Elwood; Nancy Elwood; Art Elwood; Marcia Tinder; Tom Johnson; Debbie; Bill Kimble; Mary-Hunter Kennedy Daily; Dick Kimble; Nanette McIntosh; Pam Steber; Larry Taft; Paula Giroux; Brittany Polhamus and her daughters Megan & Lilian; William Schall; Terry Danek; Ardis Rogers; Shaun and Ryan Small



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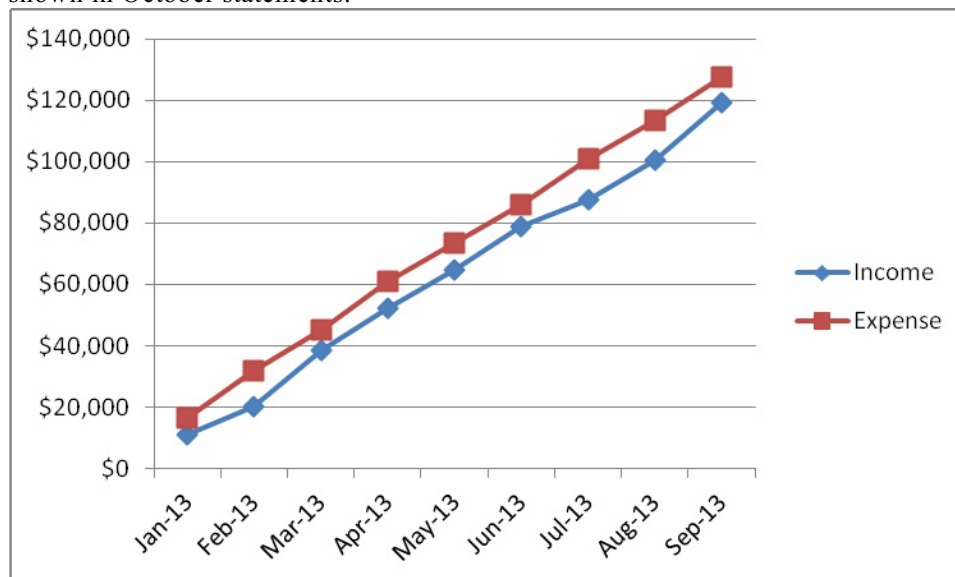
All Saints' 2013 budget is a balanced budget! In 2013 a monthly income of \$ 14,372 is needed to balance the expenses. Please try to keep up your pledges. It really helps All Saints' cash flow. Truly, with "God all things are possible" (Mt. 19:26)

As *Crossways* goes to press before the end of the month, the financial information below is for the most recent completed month. In this case, it's the month of September or 75% through the year.

Income	Actual September 30, 2013	Annual Budget 2013
Offering & Pledges ♦	\$105,383	\$155,818
Fundraising ❖	\$ 8,325	\$ 9,000
Other Income	\$ 5,402	\$7,650
Faith Income	\$0	\$0
Total Income	\$119,110	\$172,468
Total Expenses	\$ 127,490	\$172,468
Profit (Loss) ❖	(\$8,380)	\$0

♦ Pledges are down 4.52% from budget! Please try to keep your pledge up-to-date!

❖ Fundraising includes most for the JC Field Days and only a few expenses. Most expenses will be shown in October statements.

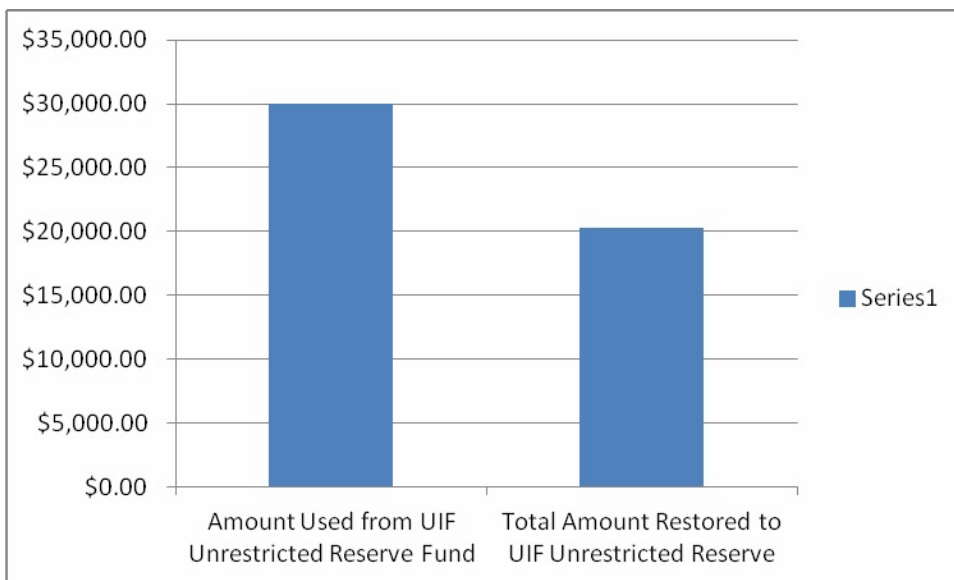


CASH SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT FUNDS AS OF 9/30/13

	September 2033	September 2013Total
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Petty Cash	\$577	
All Saints' Checking	\$8,230	
<u>Soup & Sandwiches Checking</u>	<u>\$2,631</u>	
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$11,438	
Savings Accounts		
Designated Funds	\$12,850	
Undesignated	\$2,591	
Rebuilding All Saints'*	\$2,501	
Total Savings	\$17,942	
Total Cash & Savings		\$29,380
UIF Investment Funds*	\$33,153	
Total Cash, Savings, Investments		\$62,533

REPAYMENT OF THE UNIFIED INVESTMENT FUND (UIF) UNRESTRICTED RESERVE FUND

In 2012 All Saints’ used \$30,000 from its Unrestricted Reserve Fund held as part of the Diocesan Unified Investment Fund (UIF). The Vestry is committed to restoring the \$30,000 as quickly as possible. As a result, funds received towards this purpose and towards Rebuilding All Saints’ (RAS), will be transferred to the Unrestricted Reserve Fund as soon as the cash flow allows. In August 2013 \$2,938 was transferred into the UIF Unrestricted Reserve Fund. This brings the total amount restored to the Unrestricted Reserve Fund up to \$ 20,323.





November Holiday Events from the Council of Churches

The following events benefit the CHOW Program. Food items can be donated at all events.

FOOD-A-BAGO Event by 99.1 the Whale; 98.1 The Hawk; WILD 104; and News Radio 1290 WNBK

Monday, November 4th through Monday, November 11th

Maines Party Warehouse, 1018 Front St., Binghamton

Satellite Drop-Off Locations: Warner's Gass at 116 Vestal Rd., Vestal and
Tall Pines Farm at 8644 State Route 167, Kingsley PA

Canadian Pacific Holiday Train

Tuesday, November 26th — 8:30 p.m.

East Binghamton Yard, Conklin Avenue, Binghamton

10th Annual Holiday Traditions Craft Show

Friday & Saturday, November 29th & 30th — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Binghamton University's West Gym

CHOW will be raffling Gift Baskets filled with donated Craft Products

Over 150 Arts & Crafts Booths featuring local and out of town artists and craftsmen.

The Following event benefits the Faith in Action Ramp-It-Up Program

Doug's Fish Fry [also a Bake Sale]

Saturday, November 16th — 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Endwell United Methodist Church

3301 Watson Boulevard, Endwell

Hungry Heart Begins November 6th at Christ Church, Binghamton

Beginning on Wednesday, November 6th at 6 PM, Christ Church, Binghamton will be launching a new worship opportunity: Hungry Heart Worship. A team at Christ Church, led by the Rev. Kay Houck has been working for many months to create a worship experience that respects our Anglican tradition and also speaks to young adults, newcomers, seekers and those who cannot attend Sunday morning services. She wrote:

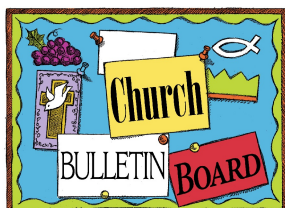
"I love and honor the Anglican tradition so much that I genuinely want others to experience the beautiful prayers and spirituality that we have to offer. And yet, I know that in order for that to happen, we need to be willing to bend, to adapt, and to find creative and compelling ways to share our tradition in this time and place."



What to expect when you worship with The Hungry Heart:

- prayers that are relevant to life in the 21st century, including prayers for the world and for ourselves
- an open minded community that welcomes all people as they are, and wherever they are on the spiritual journey
- conversation that supports questioning and authentic sharing of our life experiences
- non-traditional worship space

You are all invited to attend!



Remember to check the parish bulletin boards at our main entrance for news that arrives after *Crossways* is printed
Weekly parish announcements are forwarded to our websexton and are posted on our website.

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Celebrations

Birthdays

- 01 Thomas Rea
- 03 Justin Sherman
- 04 Christy Finta
- 07 Megan Cramer
- 09 Leslie Polhamus
Trent Zimmer
- 13 Kassidy Johnson
- 14 Shirley Lipman
Prahlada Milligan-Cuffee
- 17 Mary Green
Sarah-Jo Sites
Donald Thorpe
- 18 Juanita Lougher
- 29 Lorraine Szwalla
Gary Zurn
- 30 Patricia Holloway

Anniversaries

- 23 David and Judith Horton

Sanctuary Candle

November 3rd – is given by Christian and Ann Day in honor of Mother Chris' 60th birthday.

November 10th – is given by the Cole Family in memory of Alfred V. Cole, Jr.; and given by Marilyn Doersam in memory of her grandmother, Mary S. Hahn.

November 17th – is given by the Cole Family in memory of Margaret Cole.

November 24th – is given by Marilyn Doersam in memory of her father, John H. Bennett.

Altar Flowers

November 3rd – are given by Christian and Ann Day in thanksgiving and honor of Mother Chris Day's 60th birthday; are given by Doris Brink in thanksgiving for the birthday of her grandson, Justin Freed; are given by Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving for the 20th birthday of her grandson, Trevor Gasdaska; are given by David & Judy Horton in thanksgiving for the birthday of their granddaughter, Leslie Ann Polhamus; and are given by Lonna & David Pierce in thanksgiving for the birthday of their son, Finian McKeon.

November 10th – are given by the Cole Family in memory of Alfred V. Cole, Jr.; are given by Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving for the birthday of her son; David Doersam; and are given by Barbara Freed in thanksgiving for the birthday of her son, Justin Freed.

November 17th – are given by the Cole Family in memory of Margaret Cole; and are given by Arlene Foley in memory of Jacqueline Foley.

November 24th – are given in thanksgiving for the birthdays of their children Elizabeth & Matthew Steflik and granddaughter, Sarah Steflik and are given in memory of Roberta's grandfather, George F. Stone, by Dick and Roberta Steflik



The Memorial deadline for the Christmas bulletins is December 15th.

Memorials for Christmas will be available for review at the Memorial Desk beginning Pentecost Last – November 24th.

Please review the list for accuracy and notify the office of errors. Additional names should be submitted on a Flower Fund form [found at the Memorial Desk or tract rack] and leave the form and your donation in the office door mailbox.

Thank you!



On Saturday, November 2nd before going to bed! Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3rd



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Service and Education Schedule for November 2013

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist [November 16th Evening Prayer]

Sundays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Nursery Program for infants and toddlers/pre-schoolers: every Sunday

Christian Education for School aged 5 years and above [November 24]

Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist [**No service on November 27th**]

Thursday 11/28 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day in the Chapel

