

Crossways

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Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.... Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (*Luke 4:18-19, 21*)

In Luke's Gospel, this is Jesus' first sermon in a synagogue. To our 21st century North American ears his words, a paraphrase of verses from Isaiah,¹ ending with "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing," seems rather tame, even safe. Yet, incredible as it seems to our contemporary sensibilities, upon hearing this sermon the congregation would turn against Jesus and try to throw him off a cliff.²

So what is going on here? What's wrong with bringing good news to the poor or setting captives and the oppressed free? What's wrong with giving sight to the blind or proclaiming that all debts are forgiven? If one is poor, or blind, or held captive or oppressed or in debt, this sounds like good news indeed. And it is Good News: the Good News of God in Christ. But it is also change. And we humans often do not like change very much. So perhaps it was not so much the proclaiming the Good News that very nearly got Jesus pushed off the cliff. Perhaps it merely was the hint of change contained in the Good News which got everyone literally on edge.

Yet we are followers of Christ in the 21st century. As followers of Christ we too are anointed by the Holy Spirit in our baptism to bring good news to the poor and others; to release those who are held captive or are oppressed; to give sight to eyes that do not see and to be generous, living in an environment of jubilee—releasing ourselves and others from debt. Of course our baptismal vows state it a bit differently. In our Baptismal Covenant we promise to:

- Continue in the Apostles' teaching, fellowship, prayers and in the breaking of the bread;
- Persevere in resisting evil and to repent and return to the Lord;
- Proclaim the Good News of God in Christ by word and example;
- Seek and serve Christ in all persons and love one's neighbors;
- Strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being.³

Likewise All Saints' Mission Statement also states it differently:

"We are members of the family of God who gather for prayer, worship, and service, together we commit ourselves:

- To love and care for one another;
- To learn and grow in faith throughout our lives;
- To share our resources in the furthering of God's work; and
- To serve our community and the world as God calls us.

We, the people of All Saints', carry out our mission through the ministries of all our members."⁴

¹ Isaiah 61:1,2 and Isaiah 58:6 (*NRSV*)

² Luke 4:29 (*NSRV*)

³ *Book of Common Prayer, 1979*, Pg. 304ff (paraphrase)

⁴ All Saints' Mission Statement

All in all it adds up to following Christ in absolutely everything we do. Of course none of us can do all of the above all by ourselves—we do it together as the Body of Christ. Of all the images used for the Church, the community of believers in Jesus Christ, St. Paul’s “Body of Christ” has been the image that has spoken to every age.⁵ Everyone understands the basic concept of how the body works: feet walk, eyes see, ears hear, nose smells. For all of our daily activities and functions, no individual member of our body is able to do anything without the cooperation of other members of our body. And other parts of our body cannot do the function of other parts.

Yet, do you and I really understand how the unity of the Body of Christ is composed of the diversity of the members? Do you and I comprehend how the unity of the Church is found in its diversity? We are not the first members of the Body of Christ to have a problem comprehending this. One of the reasons St. Paul was writing to the Corinthians was because they were a community divided between combative factions. Even at the Eucharist, they were having problems gathering as one. They were breaking down into small cliques. Each clique was struggling for supremacy. At odds with each other, they lost sight of their focus, they lost sight of Christ.

Sound familiar? Doesn’t this sound like our church or any church when people strive against one another, follow their own agendas and try to mold the church into a humanity-based form of unity? Diversity is a difficult word to speak in the 21st century. Under the umbrella of political correctness it has become a word which sets some people’s teeth on edge and at the same time has become a code-word which liberates others to celebrate their heritage. Either way it is a word that triggers strong emotions and strong reactions.

Moreover, it is harder to realize the concept of unity in diversity. Too often you and I try to take the easy way out and decide that unity in diversity is an oxymoron, a contradiction in terms. We decide that unity in diversity is incorrect and that the correct phrase should be unity in my own particular diversity, or unity in uniformity. Unity in uniformity appears to be very comfortable. There are no sharp edges, no brokenness, and no arguments. Everything is vanilla or everything is chocolate. Everything is Rite 2 or everything is social action. Everything is traditional, or everything is innovation.

In the Body of Christ, unity in limited diversity results in a shallow image of what the Body of Christ was meant to be. Absence of some parts and over-development of other parts limits and stunts the Body of Christ. Lacking true, real diversity, the unity of the Body of Christ can become encased in stone and indifferent to the world and humanity.

The Body of Christ demands real unity in real diversity. It requires all parts of the church—the right, the left, the middle, the evangelical and the catholic, the old timers, the newcomers, the young and the old—all parts to be gathered together as one. Luckily this unity is not something that you and I as individual members have to accomplish on our own. No, it is the work of the Spirit, the Holy Spirit by which we were baptized into one body. It is the work of the same Spirit which unites us in Holy Communion.

It is the Spirit which unites us into the Body of Christ: not our own decisions of who belongs and who does not; not our own decisions of who should do what; not our own decisions of what is more important or who is right and who is wrong. Unity is the work of the Spirit.

Our work is to recognize the unifying work of the Spirit. Our work is to do our own individual parts—hand, foot, eye, ear, nose, heart, mind or whatever is our function. And our work is to support and honor the work of other individual members. If we do so, with the Spirit, the Body of Christ is not encased in stone and lifeless. If you and I do so, with the Spirit, the Body of Christ is unity in diversity. If we do so, the Body of Christ is a living force creating a new world.

You and I are called to be spiritually correct—not politically correct—in the Body of Christ. We are called not to a unity of uniformity but to be members of a unity that is diverse. That is the challenge before us today and every day. To discover and appreciate all parts of Christ’s body so that in the Spirit, together we may be the heart, mind, ears, hands, feet of Christ in the world. That together in the Spirit you and I work with others to

⁵ 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (*NRSV*)

preach the Good News, to proclaim release, to recover sight and to free the oppressed. Together in the Spirit you and I are called to grow and work together—the right, the left, the middle, rich, poor, young, old, black, white or even green—together as the Body of Christ and create a new world out of the old world.

But therein lies the rub. How do we at All Saints’ as the Body of Christ work together and create a new world out of the old. As Marv Levy of the Buffalo Bills once said, “It’s simple, but it’s not easy.” In other words, it takes work. Jesus, quoting Isaiah in Luke’s Gospel says it all: “to bring good news to the poor,...to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

It’s up to us to bring the Good News of God in Christ to the poor and others in our community. It’s up to us to tell them of the liberation and power of Christ. In our Baptismal Covenant, renewed the weekend of the First Sunday of Epiphany, we all promised to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ. As the Body of Christ in the world we are Christ’s hands, hearts, mouth and feet in the world. It’s up to us to tell our family, friends, neighbors, co-worker and even strangers our stories of faith. It’s up to us to invite our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and even strangers to join us at All Saints’. After all, approximately fifty percent of our neighbors are unchurched. It is up to us.

Here are the ecclesiastical statistics (the other numbers will come later):

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Average Sat/Sunday Attendance	80.7	85.7	87.8	86.58	85.78
Easter	125	151	154	200*	147
Weekend Number of Holy Eucharists/ Morning or Evening Prayer	113	103	98	115	126
Weekday Eucharists	67	64	70	65	68
Private Eucharists	41	44	59	40	44
Marriages	3	0	2	0	3
Burials	5	8	8	5+	6
Baptisms	4	9	7	13	3
Confirmation/Receptions	5	2	0	3	4

*In 2011, Easter Vigil was at All Saints’ in 2012 it was at Christ Church

+In 2012 there were an additional 2 burials not at All Saints’

These steady parochial statistics, steady stewardship numbers and All Saints’ balanced or surplus budgets in 2011-2012 suggest that All Saints’ should annually review and revise our goals and dreams. Last year at the Annual Meeting the following two goals were selected and the Vestry formed Taskforces to implement these goals:

1. Capital Projects Goal (Task Force members: Joy Kasmarcik, Lee Grabowski and Paul Donnelly)
 - Get Rebuilding All Saints’ (RAS) on track: accessible bathroom and elevator
 - New Dishwasher for Soup & Sandwiches Saturdays
2. Maintain and Grow Parish Members Goal (Task Force members: Johanna Hickey, Bob Steber, Sandy Johnson, Bobbi Zurn and Roberta Szwalla)
 - Using programs, events, Christian Ed to keep children and young adults coming
 - Have more publicity

To get the process started for 2013, the Vestry brain-stormed and came up with a list of two overarching of goals for 2013 at their January meeting. The two Vestry goals are as follows:

1. Stewardship of All Saints' Finances & Resources
 - Repay the UIF (Diocesan held funds) Unrestricted Reserve Fund \$30,000 ASAP
 - Keep parish informed on how we are doing managing our money (ex. Quarterly graphics of Budget; Reporting about RAS and UIF repayment in *Crossways*)
 - Balance the 2012 & 2013 Budgets (n.b. To date, both are balanced)
2. Stewardship of Parish Life and Parish Growth
 - Maintain and grow parish members by better signs and publicity
 - Create a Memorial Garden: a sacred resting place for cremains as an alternate to a cemetery
 - More potluck dinners and other events in the Great Hall


Now we are at the Annual Meeting and it's time for everyone's voice to be heard and counted. These goals need to be All Saints' goals: not just the Rector's or not just the Vestry's goals. These goals need to be reviewed and revised by all present today. Finally, the revised goals will be reviewed and revised at the February Vestry Meeting—with the New Vestry!—in order to be implemented and fleshed out with action plans.

So here's the process. While I'm posting the dreams and goals from the Vestry, please turn towards your closest neighbor(s) and brainstorm at least one goal that you can agree on. Then as each group announces their goal, these new goals will also be posted. When everyone has contributed, we'll vote. You each received eight colored dots along with your bulletin. Please vote with your dots. You can use all your dots (votes) on one goal or use one dot for each of the eight goals for which you wish to vote. It's your choice.

When everyone has voted, *the dots will be counted and the work of the Body of Christ for 2013 will start! All Saints' will be making a real effort to tell others the Good News and to invite others to join us as the Body of Christ. There will be dinners, special programs and initiatives undertaken, events and programs for children, youth, families, couples, singles, seniors and everyone in between. There will be opportunities to share our faith and fellowship with others and grow in Christ. Come and be part of the incredible unity in the diversity of the Body of Christ. Come and be part of bringing Good News to the poor and others; releasing those who are held captive or are oppressed; giving sight to eyes that do not see and being generous, living in an environment of jubilee—releasing ourselves and others from debt.

*Here are the results from the Annual Meeting (votes received in parenthesis)

1. Stewardship of All Saints' Finances & Resources (total 170)
 - Repay the UIF (Diocesan held funds) Unrestricted Reserve Fund up to \$30,000 ASAP (108)
 - Keep parish informed on how we are doing managing our money (ex. Quarterly graphics of Budget; Reporting about RAS and UIF repayment in *Crossways*)(40)
 - Balance the 2012 & 2013 Budgets (n.b. To date, both are balanced)(22)
2. Stewardship of Parish Life and Parish Growth (total 188)
 - Monthly potluck dinners and other events in the Great Hall(87); more fellowship opportunities; Bring Neighborhood children (and adults) in for seasonal activities (e.g. Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween)
 - Maintain and grow parish members by better signs and publicity(53)
 - Create a Memorial Garden: a sacred resting place for cremains as an alternate to a cemetery (48)
3. Stewardship of Adult Christian Education (30); Adult Forum presentations about Church Finances; Adult Forums; Community Building and Awareness
4. Stewardship of Mission (25); Soup & Sandwiches Saturdays; ERD; Rescue Mission; CHOW



The Rev. Christine J. Day, Rector

Vestry: The More Things Change, the More Things Stay the Same

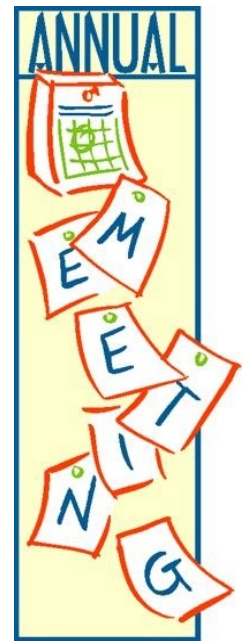
Elected by acclamation at the 2013 Annual Meeting of All Saints' in the Class of 2013 were:

- Bob Steber, Warden (two year term)
- Nancy Elwood, Vestry (three year term)
- Judy Horton, Vestry (three year term)
- Juanita Lougher, Vestry (three year term)
- Erik Heden, Vestry (two year term, completing two years remaining on Bobbi Zurn's term)
- Tom Johnson, Vestry (two year term, completing two years remaining on Bob Steber's term)

On the Vestry they will join:

- Lee Grabowski, Warden Class of 2012
- Paul Donnelly, Vestry Class of 2011
- Rick Hrebin, Vestry Class of 2011
- Joyanne Kasmarcik, Vestry Class of 2011
- Johanna Kiley Hickey, Vestry Class of 2012

Much thanks goes to exiting Warden, Sandy Johnson and Vestry Members Linda Barkman, Barbara Freed, Roberta Szwalla, and Bobbi Zurn.



What's Green, Gold, Purple and Lot's of Fun?

Mardi Gras Sunday on February 10th at 10 AM!

Get out your beads, feather boas and masks it's time to celebrate the Last Sunday of Epiphany, February 19th at the 10 AM celebration of Holy Eucharist. Laura Nancy Kennedy and All Saints' Choir will provide the musical accompaniment enabling All Saints' to go marchin' in a jazzy style. Come and join in singing "Do Lord," "Precious Lord, Take my Hand," "Sweet Spirit" and be ready to tap your foot! Count on the Church School to have a surprise planned in addition to collecting the "Alleluias" for Lent.



Following the Mardi Gras Jazz Eucharist, come and compete or just eat the BEST chili in Johnson City at the 2nd Annual All Saints' Chili Cook-off. If you compete, please bring at least 4 cups of your best chili in crockpot. Guests will be offered a chance to sample each

Chili and "vote" by placing a dollar (or more) in a cup by their favorite Chili. After all have sampled the Chili, the "votes" will be counted and the King or Queen of the Chili Cook-off will be crowned. Then the remaining Chili will be consumed! Sign-up in the Narthex to compete or eat! Questions? Ask Paul Donnelly.



February 13th Ash Wednesday

Sometimes Easter is in March and other times it is in April. This year Easter is Sunday, March 31st and Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 13th. On Ash Wednesday, there will be three celebrations of Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes:

- 6:30 AM
- 10:00 AM
- 7:00 PM

In the words of that day's liturgy, you are invited "in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, and fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (BCP page 265).



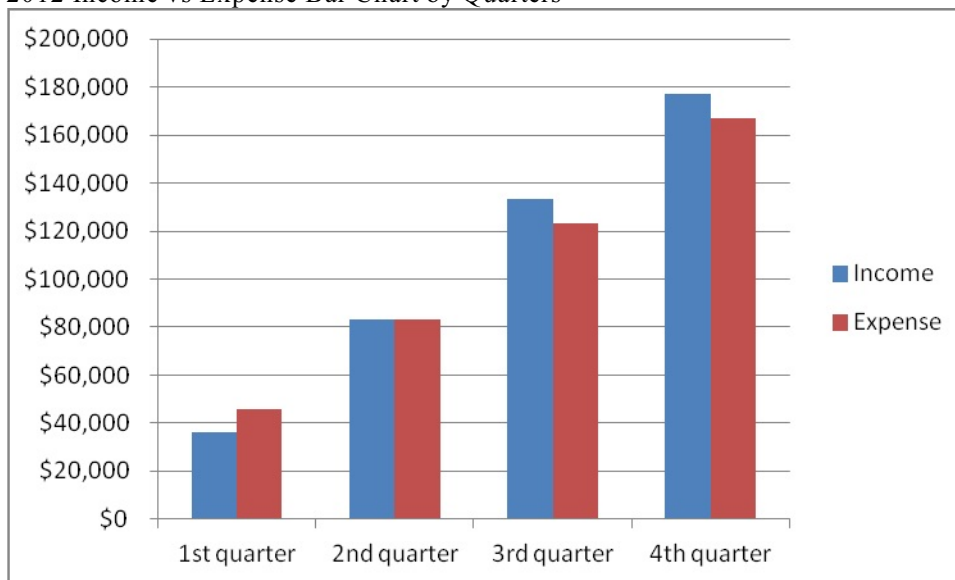
DOLLARS & CENTS December 31, 2012

All Saints' 2012 budget is a balanced budget! Thanks to our parish making generous pledges! In 2012 a monthly income of \$ 14,244 will be 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 December or 100% through the year.

Income	Actual December 2012	Annual Budget 2012
Offering & Pledges	\$ 157,571	\$ 155,389
Fundraising	\$ 9,053	\$ 7,200
Other Income	\$ 10,434	\$ 8,342
Faith Income	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Income	\$ 177,058	\$ 170,931
Total Expenses	\$ 167,234	\$ 170,931
Profit (Loss)	\$ 9,824	\$ 0

2012 Income vs Expense Bar Chart by Quarters



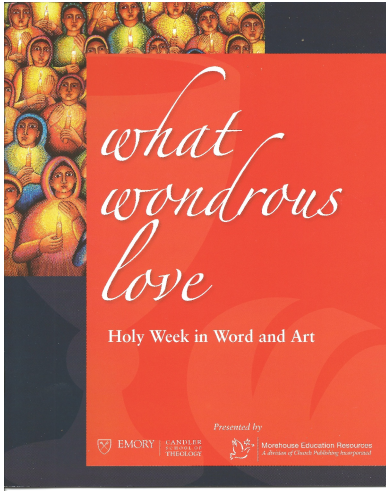
2013 Budget

All Saints' 2013 budget is once again a balanced budget! Thanks to our parish making generous pledges! In 2013 a monthly income of \$ 14,372 will be 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 the month of January 2013 has not closed yet as *Crossways* goes to press, below please find only the budget for 2013...

Income	Budget 2013
Offering & Pledges	\$ 155,818
Fundraising	\$ 9,000
Other Income	\$ 7,650
Faith Income	\$ 0
Total Income	\$ 172,468
Total Expenses	\$ 172,468
Profit (Loss)	\$ 0

Questions? Ask Treasurer, Barb Freed, or a Warden or a Vestry member.



**What Wondrous Love: Holy Week in Word and Art—
Lenten Program Offered at Two Times, Sundays at 9 AM
and Wednesdays at 5:30 PM Beginning February 17th.**

The 2013 Lenten Program is *What Wondrous Love: Holy Week in Word and Art*. Two sessions will be offered each week. One will meet on Sundays, beginning February 17th at 9 AM. The second session will meet on Wednesdays, beginning February 20th at 5:30 PM. The Wednesday session will begin with a Taizé Eucharist in the chapel followed by a simple supper of bread and soup and the program in the library. The Sunday session only includes the program.

What Wondrous Love: Holy Week in Word and Art is an unique DVD-based study that blends striking artwork with insightful commentary for Holy Week and Easter come alive in these challenging video commentaries by academic luminaries, coupled with masterpiece illustrations by John August Swanson.

The commentators include Thomas G. Long, Luke Timothy Johnson, Carol Newson, Steven Kraftchick, Jan Love, Walter Wilson, Carl Holliday, Joel Lemon and Andrea White from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Los Angeles-based artist John August Swanson is recognized worldwide for finely detailed, brilliantly colored paintings and original prints. The 2011 Advent Study, *A Thrill of Hope* used his paintings for study.

Interested? Sign-up in the Narthex and come!



Bon-Ton Community Days Parish Fundraiser

Bon-Ton Community Days Booklets are now available for \$5 each. Each booklet contains coupons for discounts on purchases Friday, March 1st and Saturday, March 2nd. Your \$5 donation is a fundraiser for the parish.



Are now available on the narthex pew!

Kitchen Update!



February 2nd Soup and Sandwich Saturdays returns to serve Saturday free lunches at 12 Noon! The kitchen is renovated: new dishwasher, new three bay sink, repurposed two-bay sink (Thanks Don Thorpe!) and other accessories.

All are invited to come and eat. Want to volunteer? Contact Debbie Thorpe

Outreach as Stewardship



How do we define Outreach?

To do this we need to review what Jesus did for **Outreach**. Essentially, he told us to be our brothers' keeper, and he led by example:

Jesus fed the people, healed the sick, advocated for children, widows and orphans.

He was inclusive of everyone, gentiles, sinners, and marginalized people such as Matthew the tax collector

Lastly he wasn't a passive person. He was active everywhere he went. And, he encouraged his disciples and others to do the same.

There is the gospel story of the rich man who came to Jesus and asked what he must do to have life forever. Jesus told him to do what you might expect, to follow the commandments. But then he took it one big step further. He told the man to sell everything he had and give it to the poor. In simple terms,

Jesus turned Outreach into Reach Out.

So let's look at how our church, and we, as individuals reach out. How do we follow the words of Jesus? How do we reach out to others using our **time, treasure and talent**?

One of the things Debbie and I looked for when choosing a church was whether or not the church was involved in **Outreach**. At that time All Saints' was involved in several things such as neighborhood block parties, a Chow pantry, and a program to help Johnson City kids with their school supplies. Some of these efforts are no longer being done, but new things have started. Should we rest on our success, or should we look for more new ways to live out our Christian mission?

Let's look at how we use our **time**. **Outreach** is not only done as a parish, it is also done by each of us individually. Do you volunteer for something? Do you participate in a Walk such as the Breast Cancer Walk? Do you drive an elderly or disabled person to the grocery store? Do you coach a Little League team? All these things are **Outreach**.

Of course, lots of people who do not proclaim to be Christians do these altruistic things. How are we different? As both vice presidential candidates stated in the election of 2012, we do it because our faith informs our lives. We live as Jesus teaches us to live. The trick is, do we make it known? Are we willing to simply say, "I do what I do because I am trying to live as Jesus tells me to." You don't have to do it on the street corner. Perhaps you can casually mention when asked that you are doing **Outreach** because you try to live your faith.

Let's look at how we use our **talents** to reach out. Everybody can do something unique. As St. Paul points out, every person has different gifts. In Romans he mentions the gifts of prophecy, serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leadership, and mercy. We could add music, cooking, gardening, etc. I guess the trick is finding out what gifts we have, and how we can use them for **Outreach**. Look around the congregation, how are we each using what God has given us? Do we take time to discern what gifts we have, and how we can use them to better live the Christian life both within the church and beyond its walls?

Now, the often-dreaded **treasure**. Let me put it right out there; this is one generous church. For Debbie and I, we especially see it in the support given to the CHOW Pantry and the Soup and Sandwich program. The Lenten gift, you know those little boxes, was amazing. Over \$1,000 dollars was given. And that's just one example. Is it enough?

One of the popes, I think it was John, said that real giving, sacrificial giving, doesn't begin until after the **tithe**. Look back at what Jesus said to the rich young man. "Give away your riches to achieve eternal life." This really flies in the face of what seems to be our country's current mantra, which is "It's all about me". But look around. You don't have to look far; the poor walk by us every day. It's not a sin to be poor. Few? would choose to be so. But, it is clearly our stated duty as Christians to care for our brothers and sisters.

To accomplish this, we need to keep our church doors open. No one can argue with that. But Christianity grew in the catacombs. It grew because of the old adage "You know we are Christians by our love." It grew because the early Christians shared whatever they had. They saw needs and took action. We can only try follow their example.

Don Thorpe
Stewardship Committee



Lenten Fund Raiser!
Friday, February 15th
Noon to 6:30 PM

Pre-Sale Tickets: \$11 per dinner are available for purchase now!

Our church will receive 22% of all pre sold tickets and 10% of all sales on the day of the event.

Fish Fry Fundraiser

Customers choice of either a Fried Haddock or 8-10oz Grilled NY Strip Steak.
Homemade Fries and Coleslaw round out the meal.

Fried Haddock

8-10 Oz haddock, fried in our own batter to perfection.

Pork BBQ

Slow cooked pork shoulder, shaved then tossed in our house BBQ sauce.

NY Strip Steak

Cole Slaw

Thinly chopped red and white cabbage, mixed with shredded carrots.

Hand Cut Fries

Hand cut on premise french fries.

Knot Rolls

Fish Fry Fundraiser Sandwich

Customer choice of either a fish Sandwich or our signature pulled pork on fresh made rolls.



Much Thanks to All

Who Pledged or Requested Envelopes for 2013!

Pledges give us the ability to plan and manage the budget for the coming year and thoughtfully carry out our mission in Christ. As you are able, please help All Saints'. Every committed pledge is important. "Together we are changing lives...One pledge at a time." *All Saints' Stewardship Committee*



Much thanks to all who pledged or requested envelopes for 2013:

Linda Barkman, Connie Bennett, Don & Sandy Brewster, Doris Brink, Darlene Byarley, Jane Chomyszak, Dennis & Cindy Cole, Robert Cole, Sally Cole, Jeanette Cook, Ceil Cwikla, Christian & Ann Day, Christine Day+, Marilyn Doersam, Paul & Patti Donnelly, Nancy & Art Elwood, Richard & Cheryl Escott, Don & Charlotte Fargo, Arlene Foley, Barbara Freed, Ruth Furman, Dave Ganter, Lucy & Lee Grabowski, Nan Grabowski, Mary & Carl Green, Rhae Ann Hawkes, Rebekah & Erik Heden, Johanna Hickey, Ralph & Pat Holloway, Judy & Dave Horton, Rick & Bonnie Hrebin, Kris & Lisa Hrehor-Ekikson, Arlene Huyck, Charlene Jacques, Sandy & Tom Johnson, Ruby Kariam, Joyanne Kasmarcik, Larry & Nancy Kiley, Lauren Kiley, Dick & Lois Kimble, Matt & Colleen Labosky, Paul Labosky, Debbie & Herb Lake, Jean Lawson, Shirley & Werner Lipman, Juanita Lougher, Susan & Steve Mahon, Don & Wilma Naurerz, Bob & Betty McCurry, Allen Motsko, David & Eileen Patch, David & Lonna Pierce, Corrine & Phil Rea, Jay Shoemaker, Julius Sholtes, Sara-Jo Sites, Bob & Pam Steber, Don & Jane Sturdevant, Roberta Szwalla, Larry & Ida Taft, Don & Debbie Thorpe, Marcia Tinder, Tom Tinder, Kim & Bill Trowbridge, Bill & Margaret Vollrath, John Watkins, Gayle Whittier, Mildred Wood, Bobbi & Gary Zurn. (1/20/2013)

“Soup Box” Offerings

Lent began on February 13th. This leads me to remember the generosity of the parish through last year's Soup Box offerings for the Soup and Sandwich Saturday lunches. We collected enough money to supply good nutritious meals for many people. As we reopen from the kitchen renovation, we expect our numbers will be going up, and we think there are many folks who have come to depend on our program. My hope is that you will continue to support our program as you have in the past with your Lenten Offering. Many people give something up during Lent. For example, chocolate, or between meal snacks, or their daily lottery ticket. The money saved is put into a soup box (provided by the Sunday School) and collected on Easter Day. If you need a new box, please pick one up from the pew in the narthex. Thanks, in advance, for participating. As always, I am awed by the generosity of All Saints!



— *Debbie Thorpe, Chair of the Soup & Sandwich Program*



General Seminary through phone message has expressed their gratitude for the transmit of a check from this parish in honor of our Rector, the Rev. Christine J. Day, a graduate of General Seminary! This transmit to General Seminary comes from a budgeted percentage of our income and the loose Christmas Offering. It is one way that All Saints' can support the education of new clergy for the next generation.

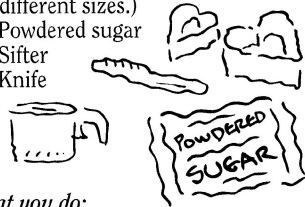
Fun for All Ages!

LOVE TREATS

Show others love by baking them a lovely treat!

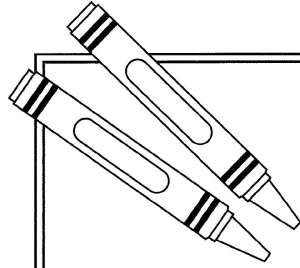
What you need:

- ♥ An adult to help
- ♥ Refrigerated cookie dough (sugar or chocolate chip)
- ♥ Jar of red jam (raspberry or strawberry)
- ♥ 1 or 2 heart-shaped cookie cutters. (If you use 2, make sure they are different sizes.)
- ♥ Powdered sugar
- ♥ Sifter
- ♥ Knife



What you do:

1. Follow the cookie dough directions for rolling out the dough.
2. If you are using one cookie cutter, cut out the heart-shaped cookies and transfer to a baking sheet. Try to have an even number of hearts when finished.
3. If you are using two cookie cutters, cut out the large hearts. Take half of the hearts, and cut out a small heart window in the center with the smaller cookie cutter. Now you have a heart inside another heart.
4. Have an adult help you bake the cookies according to the dough directions.
5. After baking, place the cookies on a cooling rack.
6. When the cookies are cooled, make cookie sandwiches by spreading jam onto the flat side of half the cookies, and then placing another cookie on top of each one. (If you made cookie windows, use those for the tops.)
7. Sprinkle powdered sugar over your heart sandwiches with a sifter.
8. Share the cookies with the people you love.



Just for KIDS

But the Greatest of These Is LOVE!

God shows love to us every day and in many ways. Fill in the blanks below with the missing letters to see how God loves us perfectly!

“For God so lo _ _ ed the world,

that he g _ _ ve

his on _ _ y

begott _ _ n

So _ _ ,

_ _ hat whosoever

believeth _ _ n Him

should _ _ ot perish,

but have _ _ verlasting life.

—John 3:16, KJV

Answer: valentine

FuNew Duty Rosters for February, March, April, and May



New Duty Rosters are now available for pick up at the rack by our main entrance.

Please remember that if you are not able to serve when scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement and notify the office of the change.

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Prayer List beginning February



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. We remind you that the December/January Crossways notified all that the Long-Term List would terminate on December 31st and that you must renew names for that list.

Short Term: Sue Mahon; Monica Alger; The Sawchuk Family; The Elwood and Nickerson Families; Kathleen McDaniel, Brad Simmons; Ed Segal; Tom Tinder, Scott Cramer;

Long Term: Kristen Cusick and her infant daughter Sadie; Dick Kimble; Nanette McIntosh; Pam Steber, Larry Taft; Paula Giroux; Brittany Polhamus and her children Megan and Lilian; Tom Johnson; Kirk Shelley; Nan Grabowski, William Schaal, Jr.; Jim Pursell; Terry Danek; Mary-Hunter Kennedy Daly; Doris McKinnon; Ardis Rogers; Shaun and Ryan Small



Book Club to Meet the 4th Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 PM in the Church Library: February 27th!

What is the Book Club reading? Check out the book when it arrives!

[Note the location and time change because of our Lent Program.]

Life Goes On Meeting in February

The February meeting will take place at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, February 20th at The Broadway Diner, Watson Blvd., Endwell. If you are planning to attend, please phone Arlene Foley at 797-2111 to aid in planning the group's reservation.



Celebrations in February

Birthdays

- 03 Marion Volk
- 05 Kayleigh Heden
- 07 Stephen Mahon
Ardis Rogers
- 12 Susan Mahon
- 13 Ruby Karaim
- 16 Scott Cramer
- 18 Ann Day
- 19 Jaidyn Ericksen Hrehor
- 21 Rhae Ann Hawkes
- 23 Jeanette Cook
- 24 Patricia Donnelly
- 27 Anna Harrison-Ayers



Anniversaries

- 19 Pam and Bob Steber
- 26 Kim and Bill Trowbridge



Sanctuary Candle

February 3 – is given by the parish in memory of Brett Nickerson and Jayne Sawchuk

February 10 – is given by Tom & Sandy Johnson in memory of Sandy's mother, Elizabeth Mattoon.

February 17 – is given by Marilyn Doersam in memory of her husband Arthur's Aunt, Nora Howard; and is given by Mildred L. Wood in memory of her husband, Elwyn D. Wood.

February 24 – is given by Jeanette Cook in thanksgiving for the birthday of her grandson, Christopher Cook; and by Marilyn Doersam in memory of her grandfather, James G. Hahn.

Open Dates for Sanctuary Candle:

March 11, May 6 & 27, June 24

Open Dates for Flower Fund:

April 22, June 24

Forms are available in the tract rack above *Crossways* copies. Please leave completed forms in the office door with your donation.

Altar Flowers

February 3 – are given by Jeanette Cook in memory of her grandmother, Nellie Hawley; Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving for the birthday of her daughter, Lynn Alexander; and by Ralph and Pat Holloway in memory of Pat's parents, Mildred and Harry D. Hancock, Jr. and in memory of her brother, David Hancock

February 10 – are given by the Rev. Christine J. Day in memory of her husband, Brian Israel.

February 17 – are given by Mildred L. Wood, in memory of her husband, Elwyn D. Wood.

February 24 – are given in memory of her son, George Cook by Jeanette Cook.

From the Parish Records

Deaths~

Larry Nickerson [brother of Nancy Elwood] died January 24th, buried from All Saints' January 30th

Jayne Sawchuk [wife of Nick Sawchuk] died January 27th, buried from All Saints' January 29th.

Sunday, February 17th

is the deadline for the March issue of *Crossways*.





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Service and Education Schedule for February 2012

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 Sundays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 Nursery Program for infants and toddlers/pre-schoolers: every Sunday
 9:00 a.m. Lent Program [Feb. 17 & 24]
 9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class for ages 5 and above: February 10th
 Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist [no service on February 6th]
 5:30 p.m. Lent Program with Taizé service and simple soup supper [Feb. 20 & 27]
 Ash Wednesday 6:30a.m. Imposition of Ashes with Holy Eucharist
 Feb. 13th 10:00a.m.
 7:00p.m.

