

The Newsletter of All Saints' Episcopal Church, Johnson City, NY

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# Preparing for Christmas

# November 29th & 30th ~ Advent 1

5:00 p.m. Saturday - Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 a.m. Sunday - Advent Program Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change the World

10:00 a.m. Sunday - Holy Eucharist Rite II [pageant rehearsal during class time]

# December 4th, 11th, 18th ~ Thursdays in Advent\*

5:30 p.m. - Advent Program Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change the World

The evening begins with Taizé HE followed by simple soup supper & program

\* The final class will take place on Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

### December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Advent 2

5:00 p.m. Saturday - Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 a.m. Sunday - Advent Program Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change the World

10:00 a.m. Sunday - Holy Eucharist Rite I [pageant rehearsal during class time]

11:30 a.m. Sunday - Tree Trimming Party at the Rectory

#### December 13th & 14th ~ Advent 3

5:00 p.m. Saturday - Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 a.m. Sunday - Advent Program Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change the World

9:45 a.m. Sunday - CE for middle schoolers

10:00 a.m. Sunday - Holy Eucharist Rite I,[pageant rehearsal during class time]

#### December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Advent 4

5:00 p.m. Saturday - Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00 a.m. Sunday - Advent Program Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change the World

10:00 a.m. Sunday - Holy Eucharist Rite I, pageant rehearsal, soup lunch and greening of the church

7:00 p.m. Sunday - Blue Christmas Service of Prayer & Remembrance

#### **December 24 ~ Wednesday ~ Christmas Eve**

5:00 p.m. Family Friendly Christmas Eve Rite II HE with Christmas Pageant 11:00 p.m. Eucharist Celebration of the Feast of Christmas with choir

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**December 25 ~ Thursday ~ Christmas Day** 10:00 a.m. Celebration of Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

### December 27th & 28th ~ Saturday & Sunday ~ Christmas One

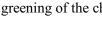
5:00 p.m. Saturday - Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:00 a.m. Sunday - Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist

The Rector's Christmas Letter and special offering envelope for Christmas will be mailed to homes mid-December.







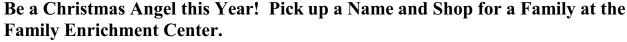
# Advent Program, Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change the World Begins on Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM and Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Sign-up Now!

Are you fed up with how consumerism has stolen the soul of Christmas? This year, take a stand and choose to make Christmas what it should be---a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth, not a retail circus. Two sessions will be offered each week: 1) Sundays at 9 AM beginning November 30<sup>th</sup>; and 2) Thursdays at 5:30 PM beginning December 4<sup>th</sup>. (Note: last session will be TUESDAY, December 23<sup>rd</sup> not Christmas Day!) The Thursday/Tuesday sessions will begin with a Taize Holy Eucharist in the Chapel and will progress to the Library for a simple soup supper and the program.

In four compelling programs, *Advent Conspiracy* invites one to substitute compassion for consumerism by practicing four simple but powerful, countercultural concepts:

- Worship Fully—because Christmas begins and ends with Jesus.
- Spend Less—and free your resources for things that truly matter.
- Give More—of your presence: your hands, your words, your time, your heart.
- Love All—the poor, the forgotten, the marginalized, the sick, in ways that make a difference.

Interested? Sign-up in the Narthex (so that books may be ordered and enough soup prepared) and come on Sundays or Thursdays during Advent.



This year All Saints' has chosen to be "Christmas Angels" for families at the Family Enrichment Center in Johnson City. Barri-Lyn Polhamus is assisting her mother, Judy Horton, in coordinating this project. Names with sizes, colors and preferences are available on the table outside of the Library. Please pick up a sheet with a name, notate on the sign-up sheet which name you have chosen, then shop! Please bring the unwrapped gifts, with wrapping materials if desired, back by Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup> so that they may be deliver before December 12<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for your help! If you have any questions call Barri-Lyn Polhamus or Judy Horton.

# Blue Christmas Service of Prayer, Remembrance and Music to Be Held at 7 PM Sunday December 21<sup>st</sup>.

Cries of "Merry Christmas!" and non-stop caroling contrast with the feelings of many people at this time of year. For those suffering from the recent or impending death of loved ones and for those whose families are in crisis, it can be a very isolated and dreary time. Every greeting and every song reminds the grief-stricken of how unhappy life is at this moment.

Many churches have begun to recognize that Festivals of Lessons and Carols, celebrations of Christmas, and children's pageants do not meet everyone's needs. To fill this gap churches offer a Blue Christmas service. People who are not having a very merry Christmas and friends who support them are invited to come and sit with one another in a liturgy that speaks of the love of God for the grieving.

All Saints' will be offering a Blue Christmas Service on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM. The service will include music and silence interspersed with readings from Scripture and prayers of solace and hope. Each person is encouraged to bring readings to share, photos or objects of remembrance. Candles will be lit for loved ones and in hope. If your heart is heavy this Advent and Christmastide, please come and bring a friend. Come and be reassured that God loves us in sorrow and joy, and that we are not alone.

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# Christmas Pageant—Christmas Eve at 5 PM Celebration of Holy Eucharist: "The Birth of Jesus"

Come one, come all to All Saints' Christmas Pageant, "The Birth of Jesus" during the 5 PM celebration of Holy Eucharist on Christmas Eve, Wednesday. December 24<sup>th</sup>. "The Birth of Jesus" will be starring members of the Toddlers' Class and the K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class. Mrs. Corrine Rea will be the director assisted by teachers Jeanne Preston, Barri-Lyn Polhamus, Coral Grabowski, Erik Heden and Megan Labosky. Most rehearsals will take place during the children's church school time. Dress rehearsal will be on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 AM, following the Advent 4 10 AM celebration of Holy Eucharist, prior to the greening of the church.

The Christmas Story of Jesus' birth will be narrated while the actions of Mary, Joseph, the Angel, shepherds, sheep, stars, Wisemen, Registrar and Innkeeper will tell the story. The 5 PM congregation will help out by singing "Away in the Manger" and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" along with the cast members. Come to the 5 PM Christmas Eve liturgy to watch our youngest All Sainters tell the Good News of God in Christ!



# NUM at the Rectory, Sunday, December 7th at 11:30 – ish

Children of all ages and their families are invited to a Christmas Tree Trimming Party on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at the rectory at approximately 11:30 a.m. Come help deck the rector's tree, sing Christmas Carols and eat a light lunch. Puppy bishops Alphege and Thomas Cramner will be in attendance and hope that everyone will come and have fun.

# **Life Goes On Christmas Party!**

The December Meeting will be on the third Wednesday of December — December 17<sup>th</sup> — at Piccolo's, 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 on attending so that she can make adequate reservations.

# Cub Scout Pack 100 to Sell Christmas Trees Beginning the Weekend of December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> at All Saints'

Our Cub Scout Pack, 100, will hold its annual Christmas tree sale beginning the weekend of December 6 & 7 and again on December 13 & 14 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. Trees available: Frasier fir, Norway spruce and Blue spruce priced from \$20 and up. Wreaths will be for sale for \$25. This is a major fund raiser for the Cub Scouts!



#### Advent Blue: Sarum Blue Altar Vestments in 2014

Thanks to the generosity of the Altar Guild, All Saints' has received a Sarum Blue Advent set of Altar vestments, Advent candles, chasuble and stole for use beginning Advent 2014. Sarum Blue? "The 1979 Book of Common Prayer restores the theme of expectation to the season of Advent and brings greater focus to the role of Mary, Mother of Jesus, in the Incarnation event. In keeping with this emphasis, the Sarum Rite (i.e., the traditions associated with Salisbury Cathedral, England) adopted the use of a dusty-blue color for Advent, rather than the violet which is associated with the season's former penitential nature.

"The Sarum Rite, more properly called the Sarum Use, was a variant of the Roman Catholic liturgy practiced in Great Britain from the late 11th Century until the Protestant Reformation. When the Church of England separated from the Roman Catholic Church in the 1530s, it initially retained the Sarum rite, with gradual modifications, but it was finally abolished by Elizabeth I in 1559.

"Many of the ornaments and ceremonial practices associated with the Sarum rite – though not the full liturgy itself—were revived in the Anglican Communion in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, as part of the Anglo-Catholic Oxford Movement in the Church of England. Today, however, the Sarum Rite is noted chiefly for its distinctive scheme of liturgical colors, which differs somewhat from that used in the Roman Catholic and most Protestant churches, surviving only on an optional basis in the Anglican churches, such as the Church of England and the Episcopal Church. In the Sarum Rite, blue rather than purple is authorized during Advent. The shade of blue used during Advent resembles royal blue, and is referred to as "Sarum blue." (www.christchurchsavannah.org)

#### The Chrismon Tree AKA Jesse Tree

The name Chrismon Tree refers to the type of symbols on the tree: Christ's monograms. The word is Medieval Latin for a symbol of Christ. This is the type of tree placed in our sanctuary each year at the beginning of Advent. At All Saints' the Chrismon Tree is a gift of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) to the congregation. We thank Debbie Thorpe and Lonna Pierce for organizing and all the ladies who helped decorate the tree this year. There are dozens of different symbols for Jesus Christ all decorated in white and gold: simple crosses, crowns, flowers, the list is long. How many of them can you identify? Hint:



there's a book on the window sill which describes them. It's a visual aid to our Advent and Christmas worship.

The Chrismon or Jesse Tree, is NOT a Christmas Tree! The Jesse Tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot will spring forth from the stump of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots." It is a vehicle to tell the Story of God in the Old Testament, and to connect the Advent Season with the faithfulness of God across 4,000 years of history. The Branch is a biblical sign of newness out of discouragement, which became a way to talk about the expected messiah (*e.g.*, Jer. 23:5). It is therefore an appropriate symbol of Jesus the Christ, who is the revelation of the grace and faithfulness of God. It has become customary to hang symbols of either the Old Testament or symbols of Christ on such a tree.

# Church Decorating Party, December 21<sup>st</sup> & Dress Pageant Rehearsal following the 10 AM service

On Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, our 10 a.m. service will be followed by the last Christmas Pageant rehearsal and decorating of the church. A soup luncheon will be provided by the church. Altar Guild [and anyone willing to help—all volunteers are welcome to help decorate!] are asked to assist with the decorating of the church following the 10 a.m. service and pageant rehearsal on the morning of December 21<sup>st</sup>.

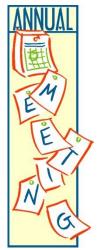




Our Stewardship 2015 Pledge Card Ingathering was October 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have not turned in your pledge cards as soon as possible to aid in financial planning for Year 2015! Additional cards are available at the Usher's Desk if you have misplaced your card. If you can't pledge but want envelopes, please return a pledge card and request envelopes.

#### The Vestry Wants You!

The nominating committee consisting of Bob Steber, Johanna Hickey, Tom Johnson and Erik Heden is requesting nominations from the congregation for three vestry persons [three positions for three year terms] and one warden. Please contact any one of these four people to either place your name into consideration or to nominate someone else. The committee will present the nominations for consideration at All Saints' Annual Meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



### Annual Meeting Reports Are Due on January 13th!

Are you the chair of a committee? Stewardship? Are you a leader of an activity? Property & Grounds? CHOW? College Love Boxes? Military Boxes? Christian Ed Director? Music Director? Treasurer? Soup & Sandwich Lunch Program, Etc.? Then please send in your written report of your ministry during 2014. The Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 25, 2015 and reports are due January 13<sup>th</sup>!

# Save the Date! Annual Meeting January 25th, 2015 at 10 AM

The Annual Meeting of All Saints' Episcopal Church will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2015 beginning at the 10 AM celebration of Holy Eucharist and will continue with a Pot Luck Brunch in the Great Hall. The terms of Warden Bob Steber and Vestry Members Johanna Hickey, Tom Johnson and Erik Heden will end at this meeting. A Warden and three Vestry members will be elected. Come and have your opinion heard. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. At All Saints' all are welcome!

# **Prayer List beginning December**

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. Once a year, at the beginning of Advent, December 1, 2014 the current Long Term List will be used for the month of December, but will start again, with names moving down from the Short-Term List in January. If you have a person you wish to remain on the Long-Term List, you must send in the name to the office by January.

wish to remain on the Long-Term List, you must send in the name to the office by January 2, 2015 to be included on the new Long-Term List.

Short Term List: The people of Furgeson, Missouri; Mary Weeks; Margaret Wargo; Stacie Davie; Kurt Grossburdt; General Theological Seminary; Michelle; Chris; Pat Swartwood; Charlotte Fargo; Ruby Karaim; Ardis Rogers, Sarah Harrison-Putard; Louise Rogers;

Long Term List: Kayleigh Mahon; Sue Thomas; Lori Szwalla; LaVonne Zdimal; John; Donna; Jim; Ralph Holloway; Lucy Grabowski; Connie Whalen; The People of Gaza; Dick Kimble; Clark Byarley; Alicia LaMaine & daughter Bella; abducted school girls of Nigeria; Eli Pierce; Pat and Dan Hemmerik; Sue Mahon; Steve Mahon; Bob Gillmer; Ellie Doersam; Arthur Cuffee; Nanette McIntosh

# DOLLAR S&CENTS October 31, 2014

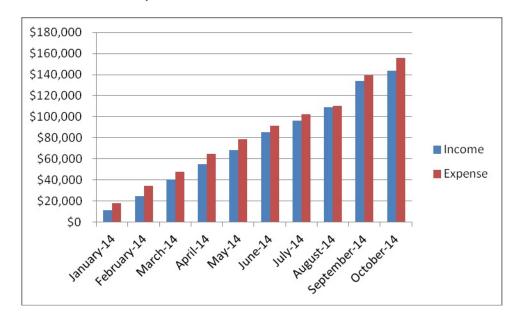
All Saints' 2014 budget—it is not a balanced budget. The 2014 budget is once again a "faith-based" budget. In other words, it will require <u>faith</u> to create <u>\$10,798 more income</u> for 2014 for operating expenses than budgeted. The need for \$10,798 in "Faith Income" for 2014 is primarily due to having only 63 pledges for a total of \$134,202. Compared to the actual for 2013 of 67 pledges for \$139,194, there are 4 less pledges (63 pledges for \$134,202). Thanks to very generous people who have made special gifts totaling \$8,200 to "Faith Income," only \$2,598 in additional funds now need to be raised for "Faith Income."

As the December/January *Crossways* goes to press before the November Financial Statements are available, "Dollars and Cents" shows the most recent figures for the period ending October 31, 2014. Numbers from the period ending October 2103 are offered for comparison.

In 2014 a monthly income of \$14,300 will be needed to balance the expenses. If you haven't pledged or asked for a set of envelopes, please do. Please try to keep up your pledges. It really helps All Saints' cash flow. Please consider making an extra gift towards "Faith Income." Truly, with "God all things are possible" (Mt. 19:26)

Income	Actual as	Annual	Actual	Annual
	of Oct 31,	Budget	Oct 31,	Budget
	2014	2014	2013	2013
Offering &	\$112,861	\$143,102	\$120,246	\$155,818
Pledges				
Fundraising	\$6,524	\$9,000	\$6,444	\$9,000
Other Income+	\$16,042	\$8,700	\$6,428	\$7,650
Faith Income	\$8,200	\$10,798	\$0	\$0
Total Income	\$143,627	\$171,600	\$133,118	\$172,468
Total	\$155,987	\$171,600	\$145,227	\$172,468
Expenses+				
Profit (Loss)	(\$12,360)	\$0	(\$12,109)	\$0

<sup>+</sup> Includes both the insurance funds and the expenses to repair the Christian Ed Room \*Does not include any income from the Cabaret which was held in November.



#### CASH SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT FUNDS AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2014

	As of October 31,	Total
	,	October
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Petty Cash	\$400	
All Saints' Checking	\$568	
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$968	
Savings Accounts		
Soup & Sandwiches Savings	\$3,107	
Designated Funds	\$11,509	
Rebuilding All Saints'*	\$5,327	
Total Savings	\$19,943	
Total Cash & Savings		\$20,911
UIF Investment Funds*	\$36,845	
Total Cash, Savings, Investments	\$57,756	

### Ladder, Ladder, Slate, Slate, Copper, Copper, Drainpipes, Drainpipes!

Perhaps you were wondering what were all the ladders and workers doing on the roof and gutters the week before Thanksgiving...Well wonder no more. In March 2013, Matt Labosky and Scott Cramer presented the Vestry with a "Church Condition Report" and made recommendations for future capital projects and maintenance. The Vestry discussed, prioritized, discussed, held two coffee hour sessions, and pondered the immediate needs of the church.

Then in June 2014 the Christian Education Room flooded. The Church Insurance adjustor cited not only the foundation work of the Library as a cause for the flooding but also the lack of gutter and roof maintenance. In the Fall Property & Grounds worked on repairing the inside of the north side balcony wall and window area that was damaged by water/rains. Then the Vestry contacted a contractor skilled in historic buildings, slate and copper, Weathermaster Roofing Company. They came out inspected the roof, gutters and made a recommendation to the Vestry. The Vestry accepted the proposal and the maintenance work has been completed. Most of the Vermont slate is still in good shape and should continue to last for the next twenty or so years. (Vermont slate life is 120 years). The slates that were not in good shaped, or which had been incorrectly repaired, prior to Scott Cramer's repairs, have been replaced and correctly hung. Valleys have been resealed, gutters repaired (north side), junctions of the slate, windows and rubber roof on the south side have been properly flashed and vented, copper flashing, valleys resealed on the library roof as well as a drain pipe has been replaced. All the gutters are now in useful shape and working order. It is recommended that the heat cable be restored to use on the south east side of the library from the corner drainpipe to the end drainpipe. Questions? Please talk to Lee Grabowski or Tom Johnson.



**Special Christmas Offering** — Christmas Offering Envelopes will be inserted in the Rector's Christmas letter to be mailed in mid December. Please remember that you **must include your name** on the envelope to receive credit on your giving statement.

**Rebuilding All Saints'** — RAS envelopes for 2015 will be available for those persons paying weekly and/or needing a new set of "Blue" RAS envelopes. Please contact the office or call Marilyn Doersam at 770-6005 or by email at GRANDMAD@ SPRYNET.COM, before December 12, 2014.

**Year 2015 Pledge Envelopes** — for parishioners who have requested envelopes will be available for pick up in the narthex of the church on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. If you would like envelopes and do not find them there, please contact the office and a set will be assigned to you. **Please do not use envelopes from a prior year for 2015 contributions**, as new numbers are assigned each year and you may not receive credit for your contribution.

**Year 2014 Pledge Statement Reminder** — Pledge and other special gifts **received on or before December 31, 2014** will be posted on your Year 2014 statement. Pledge offerings and other special offerings arriving **after** December 31 will be posted on your 2015 statements. If you would like a statement of what you have paid to date, please contact the office. Year 2014 final statements will be available for pickup in the narthex the week of January 25<sup>th</sup>. If you wish your statement mailed to you, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the church office

# Bobbie Steflik to Retire at the End of the Year: Retirement Brunch January 4th

After 26 years of ministry as All Saints' Parish Administrator, Bobbie Steflik has decided to retire as of December 31st. As many of you know, she has had more than her share of medical problems and spends much of her time caring for her family. Retiring will give her a bit more rest and time to do both things for others and for herself. She has served through three separate times of interims—a diocesan record surely!—and during the rectorships of the Rev. Ken Chumley, the Rev. Jack Barrett and the Rev. Christine Day.

A retirement brunch on Sunday January 4th after coffee hour, at approximately 12 noon, is being planned to celebrate her ministry with us. Pancakes or French toast, eggs, bacon, sausage and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share with others (fruit, pastry, potatoes, etc.). To help out with the celebration or to contribute to a purse for Bobbie, please contact Judy Horton.

# Seeking a New Parish Administrator: Starting January 2015

All Saints' is seeking a new part-time parish administrator. The position is 20 hours per week and the duties include: being the first voice that callers hear answering the phone (as well as the doorbell!); word-processing bulletins, newsletters, annual reports, minutes, parish lists and correspondence; processing checks, invoices; and check requests; answering e-mail inquiries; maintaining church calendar; purchasing supplies and handling petty cash, copying materials for services, newsletters, vestry and committees; filing; coordinating with Outreach Chair, CHOW, Treasurers, Wardens, Rector, Christian Ed and Choir. The parish administrator must be PC-literate, familiar with word-processing and spreadsheets.



During the month of January, new rosters will be prepared for the months of February, March, April and May of year 2015. Please remember that once you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement if you are unable to be at church for your assignment. Schedule coordinators are listed below. Please remember to inform them of dates in these months that you are unavailable.

#### **Scheduling Coordinators**

Acolytes and Ushers: Bob Steber
Assistants & Lectors: Gary ZurnP
Counters: Don Thorpe

Phone: 765-6476 Email: <a href="mailto:bsteber@aol.com">bsteber@aol.com</a>
Phone: 754-4528 Email: <a href="mailto:GaryZ2353@aol.com">GaryZ2353@aol.com</a>
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# Book Club Continuing to Read *All the Light We Cannot See* and Maybe a New Book for next Meeting January 7<sup>th</sup>

As the weather prevented the Book Club from meeting, November the 26<sup>th</sup>, the rescheduled meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup> has not yet occurred and it's impossible to schedule a meeting before or after Christmas, the next meeting of the Book Club will be the first Wednesday of January, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at the Rectory. (We'll worry about getting back on schedule in February...)

The Book Club is currently reading *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr, which has been named a finalist for the 2014 National Book Award in Fiction. It is a beautiful, stunningly ambitious instant *New York Times* bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

#### Here's the publisher's blurb:

"Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History, where he works as the master of its thousands of locks. When she is six, Marie-Laure goes blind and her father builds a perfect miniature of their neighborhood so she can memorize it by touch and navigate her way home. When she is twelve, the Nazis occupy Paris and father and daughter flee to the walled citadel of Saint-Malo, where Marie-Laure's reclusive great-uncle lives in a tall house by the sea. With them they carry what might be the museum's most valuable and dangerous jewel.

"In a mining town in Germany, the orphan Werner grows up with his younger sister, enchanted by a crude radio they find. Werner becomes an expert at building and fixing these crucial new instruments, a talent that wins him a place at a brutal academy for Hitler Youth, then a special assignment to track the resistance. More and more aware of the human cost of his intelligence, Werner travels through the heart of the war and, finally, into Saint-Malo, where his story and Marie-Laure's converge.

"Doerr's "stunning sense of physical detail and gorgeous metaphors" (*San Francisco Chronicle*) are dazzling. Deftly interweaving the lives of Marie-Laure and Werner, he illuminates the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another. Ten years in the writing, *All the Light We Cannot See* is a magnificent, deeply moving novel from a writer "whose sentences never fail to thrill" (*Los Angeles Times*)."

What will be read next? Will it be the Pulitzer Prize winning *The* Goldfinch by Donna Tartt, or Elizabeth Gilbert's *The Signature of All Things* or *The Luminaries* by Eleanor Catton? Come to the meeting and help us decide!

### Celebrations in



- 02 Austin Steber
- 03 Benjamin Reynolds
- 04 Debbie Thorpe
- 09 Barri Lynn Polhamus
- 15 Nate Goosovat
- 17 Carol Mastroe
- 18 Cynthia Macarak
- 19 Elizabeth Hollenbeck Robert McCurry Donald Nauerz
- 23 Barbara Freed
- 25 Joseph Dotolo
- 26 Ryan Johnson
- 28 Ryan Hrebin Kayleigh Mahon
- 30 Arlene Foley
- 31 Matthew Labosky



- 01 Wilma and Donald Nauerz
- 17 Gary and Bobbi Zurn
- 28 Nancy and Kenneth Baker

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# Sanctuary Candle

**December 7**<sup>th</sup> – given by Roberta Steflik in memory of her sister, Elaine Natale-Davidson.

**December 14**<sup>th</sup> – given by Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving for the marriage of her granddaughter, Christina, to Michael Gutta.

**December 21**<sup>st</sup> – given by Christian Day in thanksgiving for the ministry of his sister, the Reverend Christine J. Day

**December 28**<sup>th</sup> - *The continued memorials and thanksgiving for Christmas* 

#### From the Parish Records

Transfers ~

Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> — Louise M. Pierce to St. Paul's, End.



#### **Altar Flowers**

**December 7**<sup>th</sup> – given by Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving for the birthday of her granddaughter, Christina Shelley; and by Judy & David Horton in thanksgiving for the birthday of their daughter, Barri lyn Polhamus.

**December 14**<sup>th</sup> – given by Christian Day in thanksgiving for the ministry of his sister, the Reverend Christine J. Day; given by Judith & Dave Horton in thanksgiving for the birthday of their daughter-in-law, Cathy Ann Horton; given by David & Lonna Pierce in thanksgiving for the birthday of David's mother, Louise Pierce; and given by Donald & Deborah Thorpe in memory of Frederic Van Dervoort.

**December 21**<sup>st</sup> – given by Doris Brink in thanksgiving for the birthday of her daughter, Barbara Freed; and are given by Deborah A. Santilli in memory of her parents and brother, Eva, Jim and Jerry Donaldson.

**December 28**<sup>th</sup> – The continued memorials and thanksgiving for Christmas.

Memorials designated for Christmas Bulletins are available for review at the Memorial Desk. The deadline for submitting Christmas memorials is Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> [Advent 3.] Please use Flower Fund and Sanctuary Candle Fund forms (available at the Tract Rack & Memorial Desk) to add memorials and leave the form(s) and your donation in the office door mailbox... *Thank You!* 



The Rector, Wardens, Vestry & Staff Wish you a Blessed Christmas

#### **Celebrations in**



- 02 Wilma Nauerz
- 03 Robert E. Steber
- 05 Richard Kimble Paul Labosky
- 08 Adam Robert Davie
- 10 Jay Shoemaker
- 13 Christian James Heden
- 14 Charles Ayers
- 18 John Weaver
- 19 Henry Polhamus
- 20 Nancy Baker
- 22 Christian Day
- 23 Johanna Kiley Hickey
- 25 Lauren Kiley Saleeby
- 28 Corrine Rea



No anniversaries this month!

# Sanctuary Candle

January 04th - open

January 11th -open

January 18th -open

**January 25<sup>th</sup>** – given by the Cole Family in memory of Alfred V. Cole, Sr.



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.

#### Altar Flowers

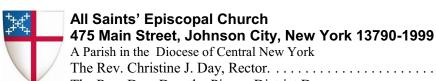
**January 04**<sup>th</sup> – are given by Patti & Paul Donnelly in memory of John Donnelly & Joan Donnelly

**January 11**<sup>th</sup> – are given by Patti & Paul Donnelly in memory of Jay O. Holt & Roger Holt.

**January 18**<sup>th</sup> – given by Barbara Freed in thanksgiving for the birthday of her son, Steven Freed; and given by Judy & David Horton in thanksgiving for the birthday of their son-in-law, Henry Polhamus.

January 25th -open





**Staff** Wardens

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#### Service and Education Schedule for December 2014 & January 2015

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Sundays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Nursery Programfor Toddlers - Pre K & K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade every Sunday Christian Education for Middle School grades 6-8 [Dec.14 & Jan. 11]

9:00 a.m. Advent Program Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change the World

Thursdays: 5:30 p.m. Advent Program Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change the World

Thursday's program begins with Taizé HE and a simple soup supper

Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist



