



Crossways

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, JOHNSON CITY, NY

"Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greek, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit." I Corinthians 12:12ff (NRSV)

We'll get to numbers later, but numbers are only part of the equation of who we are as the Body of Christ that gathers at the corner of Main and Second Street in Johnson City in 2016. Our lessons for this weekend of our Annual meeting give us glimpses of who we are as the body of Christ.

Just as the returning Babylonian captives heard Nehemiah read the Torah, we too gather to hear God's Word and pray. We even end our prayers the same way, "Amen." Plus Nehemiah's concluding words, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD;...or the joy of the LORD is your strength,"¹ sounds rather like our own words of dismissal, "Go in peace to love and serve the LORD."

In today's Gospel from Luke we hear of Jesus' preaching and teaching back at his hometown synagogue. He's filled with the power of the Spirit. His fame has spread from the river Jordon throughout the countryside. So he opens the haphtarah to a passage from Isaiah²:

"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 you hearing."³

I have just proclaimed this as the Good News of God in Christ.

As followers of Christ, even twenty-one centuries later we too are called by God in our baptism 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.⁴

All Saints' Mission Statement states this call in a different way:

"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;

¹ NRSV, Nehemiah 8:10

² NRSV, Isaiah 61: 1,2; 58:6

³ NRSV, Luke 4:18-19, 21

⁴ *Book of Common Prayer, 1979*, paraphrase of Baptismal Covenant, pgs. 304-305

- 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."⁵

All of the above clauses of our Baptismal Covenant and All Saints' Mission Statement are indeed means to release those who are held captive or oppressed, to give sight to blind and to usher in the Jubilee. This describes what we do as followers of Christ who gather on this corner of Main Street in Johnson City, New York.

But it is in St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians that we have a description of how we do work together as the Body of Christ called All Saints'. St. Paul's imagery of the body as the metaphor for the Body of Christ is one of the most familiar in the New Testament:

"Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greek, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."

Moreover, he's quite correct that our feet cannot say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body."⁶ Of course both our hands and feet belong to the body! How else could we tie our sneakers on our feet before going on a walk?

There is a Northern Irish children's game that I learned thanks to the late Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem called "Are you ready for the war?" It's a rather Irish Republican Army way of expressing this weekend's portion of St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. But to get it, one has to do it: so follow my actions and sing along if you wish. Please participate as you are able. This side is the English army. This side is the Irish army.

[Perform: "Are you ready for the war?" 1) English 1 eye Irish no eyes; 2) English 1 arm Irish no arms; 3) English 1 leg Irish no legs; 4) English all dead Irish now alive again]

If this rather grim children's game ended before the resurrection of the last verse, one has a very physical idea of what one's individual body parts mean to the whole body. Transfer this to Body of Christ—you get the idea. You don't want to wind up either as the English or the Irish Army!

So together, all of us present and those unable to be here, today are the Body of Christ at All Saints' Church. Sure some of us are the mouths—you know who you are as the choir, lectors and ministry assistants. But mouths can't act of their own accord. You need a brain or head and that's where one needs those who use their heads—the Vestry, committee chairs and members, event chairs and coordinators of CHOW, Soup & Sandwiches Saturdays.

Others of us are the hands and arms—Soup & Sandwiches Saturdays and CHOW Pantry workers, Altar Guild members, members of Life Goes On and those who come to the new family support group. But we also need feet and legs and the Work Day helpers, Property & Grounds types, Eucharistic visitors, Nursing Home assistants, acolytes provide these.

But some things which are very important are still missing—the eyes and ears. All Saints' children, teachers, scouts, visitors and community are the eyes and ears of the Body of Christ. And this is how, together, we work together as the Body of Christ! For even more information, check out the other annual reports!

⁵ All Saints' Mission Statement

⁶ NRSV, 1 Cor. 12: 12,15

So onto the numbers! First the Parochial Numbers:

What	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Average Sat/Sunday Attendance	86.58	85.78	91.4	83.1	84.04
Easter	200✘	147	129	114	144✘
Weekend Number of Holy Eucharists/Morning or Evening Prayer	115	126	140	140	134
Weekday Eucharists	65	68	75	58	68
Private Eucharists	40	44	35	36	28
Marriages	0	3	2	1	0
Burials	5	6	7*	14**	11***
Baptisms	13	3	5	7	5
Confirmation/Receptions	3	4	1	0	1

*Of the 2013 7 burials, only 2 were “Communicants in Good Standing”

**Of the 2014 14 burials, 5 were “in/outs” of those who were inactive or non-members, 7 though were or were married to “Communicants in Good Standing”

***Of the 2015 11 burials, 6 were “in/outs”

✘All Saints’ hosted the Southern Tier East Easter Vigil

Parochial numbers can be misleading. If Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, the average attendance can be boosted. If as last year there were weekends of either extreme cold, or snow or heat, fewer people make it to church. But even with these variations, it would seem that All Saints’ 2015 parochial numbers are in the right ball park. Private Eucharists were down in 2015 because some of our very elderly could no longer take communion and plain pastoral visits are not counted.

Here are the numbers some of you are waiting for: pledge and attendance.

YEAR	“Average Weekend Attendance”	# Pledges	Amount Pledged	Average Pledge
2016 (1/16)	?	59	\$129,454	\$2,194.15
YE 2015	84.04	56	\$126,226*	\$2,254.03
YE 2014	83.1	64	\$134,202	\$2,097.00
YE 2013	91.4	67	\$140,068	\$2,090.57
YE 2012	85.78	70	\$137,436	\$2,051.00
YE 2011	86.58	70	\$126,952	\$1,814.00

*Interestingly \$130,390 was received as pledge gifts in 2015!

While the 2011, 2015 and pledged 2016 dollars are very similar, the number of pledging units has been dropping steadily. In the Year Ending (YE) 2004 the “Average Weekend Attendance” was 95, there were 93 pledging units, the amount pledged was \$117,434 and the average was \$1,263. At least 30 of those who died 2004–2015 were indeed pledgers. Which means most of the drop in pledges is due to death. Since death and taxes are two of life guarantees, this is probably a trend that will continue. Luckily there

have been some new members who pledge and over the 12 years the amount of the Average Pledge has increased by \$931. This has meant that the amount from pledges has increased by \$12,022 over the same 12 years. Yet the increase has rarely been enough to balance the budget.

When I first came to All Saints', the arithmetic solution to this decline in pledge numbers and inadequate income was to project 10 new members per year each pledging \$1,000 per year. In Johnson City's depressed economy and graying demographics this was not to be.

But numbers are not the only or most important thing. We are members of the Body of Christ and we live in hope. We are called 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 preach the Good News—usually by means of example, 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—as the Body of Christ

It takes work to be the Body of Christ. 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 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.

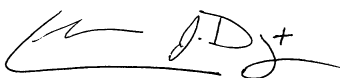
And there are non-number things which we can do which can strengthen the parish and the Body of Christ. First: pray, worship, work and play together. Prayer and worship are obvious because they are part of our Baptismal Vows. All Saints' is good on working together. Everyone is generous with their time given to Chicken BBQs, the Field Days, the Cabaret, Work Days, Church School, Vestry, Choir, and Altar Guild. But gathering for play is trickier. While it's good to have fun working at Cabaret, Chicken BBQs and Field Day, sometimes it seems harder to gather for play: movie nights, pot lucks and other events. Let's play some in 2016!

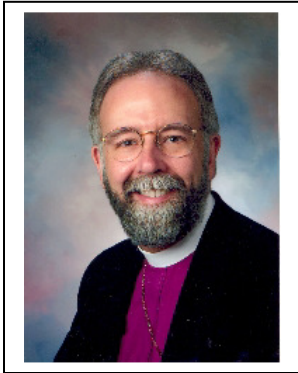
Then there are some conferences that are timely for All Saints:

- “Transforming Leadership for Small Parishes Conference” on Saturday April 9th at Trinity Watertown. Kay Collier McLaughlin, an experienced church leader and consultant will lead the day which will “explore the hidden value of the small congregation” and help us to revitalize our church community.
- “Jump Start Central New York” Conference, on April 23rd in Syracuse will aim to “Jump Start” our ministry through creative use of our buildings. Clergy, wardens, vestries, property committees and other leaders are invited to learn how All Saints' can be: thriving, not surviving; relevant to the neighborhood; building ecumenical partnerships; and generating income for ministry.

Let us do it together, for together in one Spirit we are the Body of Christ at All Saints' Church in Johnson City!

Respectfully submitted,





BISHOP SKIP'S RESPONSE TO THE ANGLICAN PRIMATES' DECISION TO CENSURE THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH: "REMAIN STEADFAST IN GOD'S HOPE"

Dear People of Central New York,

You probably have heard of the decision that has come out of the recent Anglican Primates meeting in Canterbury, England. (The Primates are the head bishops of the various provincial churches that make up the worldwide Anglican Communion, of which our Presiding Bishop is one.) Of the Primates gathered, a majority voted to censure The Episcopal Church for our full embrace of LGBTQ persons, specifically for our most recent General Convention's action approving inclusive marriage rites that can be used for same-sex couples.

According to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, the Primates' decision is not a "sanction" of The Episcopal Church, but a "consequence" of our theological and pastoral decisions that are not embraced by a majority of the head bishops of the Anglican Communion. Whatever the term used, the Primates decided that clergy and lay leaders of The Episcopal Church, for a period of three years, cannot participate in any official Anglican bodies that deal with matters of doctrine or policy.

The positive part of the Primate's declaration is that they unanimously expressed a desire to continue to walk in partnership, joined in Christ in mission and ministry. In my perspective, however, the Primate's decision to censure The Episcopal Church compounds the pain of discrimination that LGBTQ people have suffered over the centuries and continue to suffer as a result of Church policy. For that pain I am deeply sorry, and as a Bishop of the Church I apologize to all LGBTQ people, especially those of this Diocese.

Discipleship can be costly and sometimes, although we do not want it to be so, relationships are strained as part of that cost. People who love God can honestly disagree on weighty matters, and it is my desire to respect and remain in relationship with those who disagree with me. It is my belief, however, that as I read Scripture, understand the teaching of Jesus, examine the history of the Church, and apply God's gift of human reason seeking the Spirit's direction, that the actions of The Episcopal Church moving toward full inclusion of LGBTQ people are of God. The Spirit is calling us to stand by our carefully and prayerfully made decisions.

We, the people of the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York, will continue to embrace our baptismal promise to "strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being." As we believe everyone is made in God's image, we will continue to work to be a faith community that offers God's radical hospitality to all, assures everyone of God's loving embrace, and supports relationships lived in fidelity to God and one another, no matter one's sexual orientation. All leadership positions of this Church remain open to all who seek the Way of Jesus.

The decision of the Primates does not affect us in the everyday life of our churches except in one essential way. That is, we must continue to pray for one another and love one another as Jesus has loved us, especially where we may disagree. As the Archbishop of Canterbury said, reconciliation and agreement are not the same thing.

I will be attending an Episcopal House of Bishops meeting in March where I may receive much more information and clarity regarding the decisions made and where we may go from here. Until then, God be with you all. I call upon you to remain steadfast in God's hope as we seek "to be the passionate presence of Christ for one another and the world we are called to serve."

In Christ,

Bishop Skip



Ash Wednesday is February 10th

Sometimes Easter is in March and other times it is in April. This year it is March 27th. On Ash Wednesday, February 10th, there will be three celebrations of Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes:

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

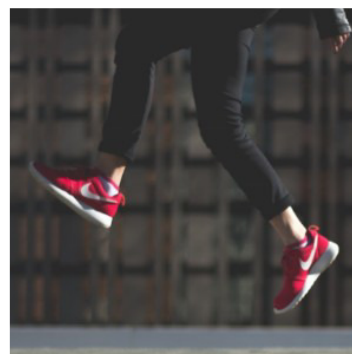
In the words of that day's liturgy, you are invited "in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, and fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (BCP pages 265).

Save the Date: JumpStart!

Ready to "[Jump Start](#)" your church's ministry through creative use of your buildings?

Clergy, wardens, parish administrators and all members of vestries and building committees are invited to learn how your church can be:

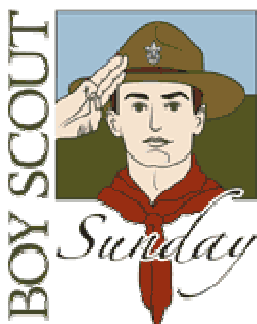
- Thriving, not just surviving
- Relevant to your neighborhood
- Building ecumenical partnerships
- Generating income for ministry



When: Saturday, April 23, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Where: [DoubleTree Hotel](#), [6301 NY-298 East Syracuse](#)

Registration: \$25 per person covers refreshments and materials. Registration is now open [on the diocesan website](#).



FEBRUARY IS SCOUT ANNIVERSARY MONTH: PINWOOD DERBY, BLUE & GOLD LUNCHEON, AND SCOUT SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 7th

Each year, the Boy Scouts of America celebrates the anniversary of the founding of the Scouting movement. The official birthday in February 8, and the entire month of February is designated as Anniversary Month.

This is a time for each Cub pack and Scout troop to encourage its youth members and adults to celebrate what it means to be in Scouting and to show the public that Scouting is alive and well. To that end there are a number of events in which All Saints' Cub Scout Pack 100 and Boy Scout Troop 110 will be participating.

The Pack 110 Pinewood Derby was held on January 16th & 17th in the Great Hall. On February 6th the Pack and Troop will be participating in the Oakdale Mall Scouting Expo where they will staff an information table and participate in demonstrations and the Expo's Pinewood Derby. On Sunday, February 21st the Cub Scouts' Blue & Gold Luncheon and Award Ceremony will be

held. The Cub Scouts will be giving out awards for the Pinewood Derby, Friendship Award, John Meskunas Award and rank awards. On Sunday, February 28th beginning at 9:00 AM the Cub Scouts will be offering a French Toast Breakfast as a fund raiser.

On Sunday, February 7th, All Saints’ will celebrate the Last Sunday after Epiphany as “Scout Sunday.” Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will participate in the service as ushers, acolytes (led by Austin Steber) and as readers. Don Perkins, chaplain for Troop 110 will lead the Prayers of the People and will give the address at both the Saturday at 5 PM, February 6th and Sunday February 7th services. Please greet the Scouts as they join us for worship!

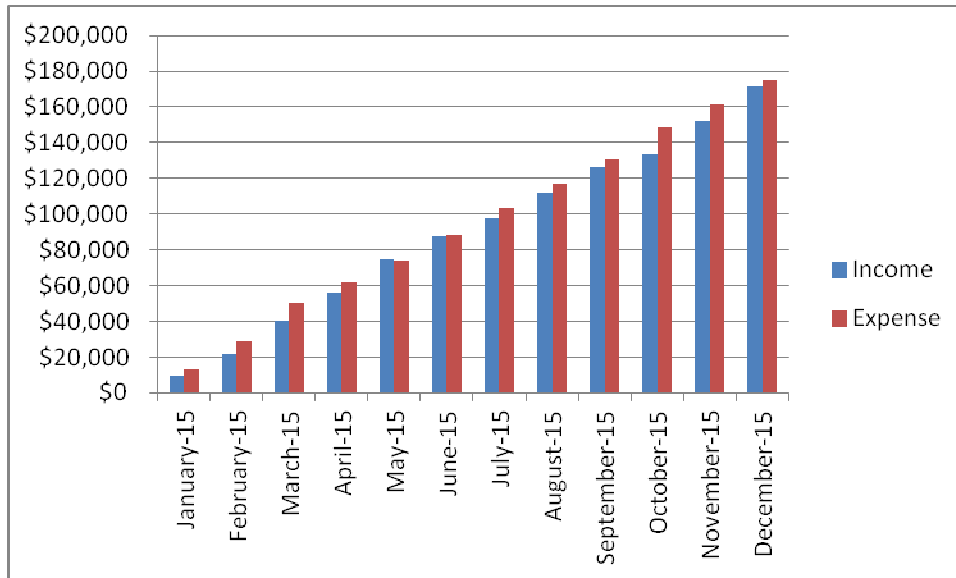


Finance Report DOLLARS & CENTS: December 31, 2015 & 2016

As the February 2016 Crossways goes to press, there are only the November and December 2016 financial statements to include. The 2015 budget was a “faith-based” budget: it was not a balanced budget and relied on faith that God will provide what is needed for All Saints’.

There was a need for \$ 15,829 in “faith income” in 2015. This primarily was due to having only 58 pledges for a total of \$126,526. While expenses were bare bones, the Rector’s auto allowance was over primarily due to duties with the Standing Committee in the Bishop Search, repairs and utilities. In 2015 a monthly income of \$ 13,956 was needed to pay for the expenses. As a result of faith and keeping a handle on expenses, All Saints’ finished the year closing the gap to only an operating deficit of \$3,644!

	Actual as of November 30, 2015	Actual as of December 31, 2015	Annual Budget 2015
Offering & Pledges	\$130,439	\$146,835	\$136,426
Fundraising	\$13,243	\$13,243	\$9,000
Other Income	\$7,500	\$8,494	\$8,400
Faith Income	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$15,829
Total Income	\$152,182	\$171,572	\$169,655
Total Expenses	\$161,271	\$175,216	\$169,655
Profit (Loss)	(\$9,089)	(\$3,644)	\$0



On to All Saints’ 2016 budget—it is not a balanced budget. The 2016 budget is once again a “faith-based” budget. In other words, it will require faith to create \$14,524 more income for 2016 for operating expenses than budgeted. The need for \$ 14,524 in “Faith Income” for 2014 is primarily due to pledge income remaining flat and expenses which have increased about 6%. (Compare 2016 with 59 pledges for a total of \$129,454 to 2015 with 56 pledges for a total of \$126,226). In 2016 a monthly income of \$15,506 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)

	Actual as of December 31, 2015	Annual Budget 2016
Offering & Pledges	\$146,835	\$143,504
Fundraising ✕	\$13,243	\$18,450
Other Income	\$8,494	\$9,590
Faith Income	\$3,000	\$14,524
Total Income	\$171,572	\$186,068
Total Expenses	\$175,216	\$186,068
Profit (Loss)	(\$3,644)	\$0

✕ Fundraising for 2016 includes gross income with expenses shown under expenses whereas in 2015 only the net income and no expenses were shown.

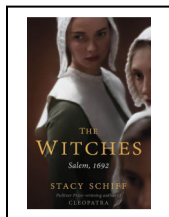
FINANCIAL INFORMATION NOT PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL MEETING

The following information was not included in the reports at the Annual Meeting. Per Tom Johnson, it is provided here for your information for completeness of financial status.

All Saints Episcopal Church's Outreach Report Donations for year ending 2015

	Congregation Donations	Vestry Approved Donations
Memorial Fund	\$1,328	
Chow Pantry	\$1,975	
Episcopal Relief & Development (Birthday Fund)	\$ 555	\$ 555
Soup & Sandwich (income)	\$1,005	
(Lent Boxes)	\$1,292	
(Grant – Great Hall Table & Chairs)	\$2,500*	\$2,500
(Bottle Return)	\$ 70	
Love Boxes	\$ 40	
Domestic Foreign & Missionary Society (Good Friday loose offering)	\$ 200	\$ 200
BBQ	\$ 606	
Cabaret	\$ 548	
Field Days	\$2,809	
General Theological Seminary (loose Easter offering)	\$ 395	\$ 395
(Vestry approved-annual donation)		\$ 750

*Soup and Sandwich grant received from Community Foundation of South Central New York



BOOK CLUB TO MEET THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24TH AT 5:30 PM AT THE RECTORY TO BEGIN READING *THE WITCHES: SALEM, 1692*

Having finished Geraldine Brooks, *A Year of Wonders* at its January meeting, the Book Club will begin reading Stacy Schiff's recent historical narrative of the

Salem Witch Trials of the late 17th century. The next meeting of the Book Club will be Wednesday, February 24th at 5:30 PM at the Rectory. The pace of the reading is set by the members of the Book Club.

Here's the publisher's blurb:

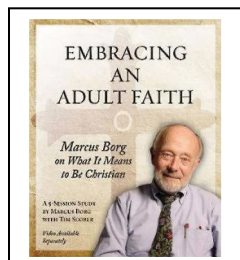
"The panic began early in 1692, over an exceptionally raw Massachusetts winter, when a minister's niece began to writhe and roar. It spread quickly, confounding the most educated men and prominent politicians in the colony. Neighbors accused neighbors, husbands accused wives, parents and children one another. It ended less than a year later, but not before nineteen men and women had been hanged and an elderly man crushed to death.

"Speaking loudly and emphatically, adolescent girls stood at the center of the crisis. Along with suffrage and Prohibition, the Salem witch trials represent one of the few moments when women played the central role in American history. Drawing masterfully on the archives, Stacy Schiff introduces us to the strains on a Puritan adolescent's life and to the authorities whose delicate agendas were at risk. She illuminates the demands of a rigorous faith, the vulnerability of settlements adrift from the mother country, perched-at a politically tumultuous time-on the edge of what a visitor termed a "remote, rocky, barren, bushy, wild-woody wilderness."

"With devastating clarity, the textures and tensions of colonial life emerge; hidden patterns subtly, startlingly detach themselves from the darkness. Schiff brings early American anxieties to the fore to align them brilliantly with our own. In an era of religious provocations, crowdsourcing, and invisible enemies, this enthralling story makes more sense than ever.

"*The Witches* is Schiff's riveting account of a seminal episode, a primal American mystery unveiled-in crackling detail and lyrical prose-by one of our most acclaimed historians."

Interested? Pick up a copy of *The Witches* by Stacy Schiff (\$20.75 hardcopy; \$16.66 paperback or \$9.99 e-copy) and come on Wednesday, February 24th at 5 PM to Book Club!



LENTEN TAIZE EUCHARISTS AND LENTEN PROGRAM, “*EMBRACING AN ADULT FAITH*”, TO BEGIN THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11th AT 5:30 PM

With Ash Wednesday being February 10th (see above/below for service times) All Saints’ 2016 Lenten program will begin on Thursday, February 11th at 5:30 PM with a Taize Holy Eucharist in the Chapel followed by a simple supper of soup and bread and the program in the Library. Other sessions will be held weekly at 5:30 PM on February 18, 25, March 3, 10 and 17.

This year the Lenten program is “*Embracing an Adult Faith: Marcus Borg on What it Means to Be a Christian*,” part of the “Embracing series” by Church Publishing. Each session includes a 10-minute DVD presentation by the late Marcus Borg followed by interaction with the group. The program workbook is designed to help you small group “join the dialogue.”

In this program, the late author and Bible scholar Marcus Borg invites us to join him in revisiting Christianity's most fundamental questions: Who is God? What does salvation mean? What place does Jesus hold in contemporary Christian faith? In this program participants enjoy the rare privilege of witnessing Marcus in dialogue with a small, diverse group of adults as they honestly -- and sometimes painfully -- confront the big questions and work together toward authentic answers.

The study addresses fundamental questions that adults struggle with as faith matures. The sessions include the following topics:

- God
- Jesus
- Salvation
- Community
- Practice

Interested? Please sign-up in the Narthex, volunteer to make soup for a session, pick up a copy of the “*Embracing an Adult Faith*” workbook and come on Thursdays during Lent at 5:30 PM.



“Soup Box” Offerings

Lent is fast approaching—February 14th—and 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. The number of people we serve keeps going up with a few weeks having about 60 participants.

We are sure that there are many folks who have come to depend on our program. My hope is that we can again raise enough money to continue our program without busting the church's budget. This is how it works.

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 let Linda Barkman know. Thanks, in advance, for participating. As always, I am awed by the generosity of All Saints!

Outreach Committee

— *Debbie Thorpe, Chair of the*



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, February 26th and Saturday, February 27th. Your \$5 donation is a fundraiser for the parish.



Highlights from the 2016 Annual Meeting

The following resolution was adopted at the 2016 annual meeting.

This Resolution to reduce the number of Vestry members from 9 to 6: must be passed at one annual meeting; a certificate of the resolution must be filed in office of the County Clerk afterwards; and

takes effect at the next annual meeting:

“Be it resolved that All Saints’ Episcopal Church of Johnson City, in Broome County, shall change the number of Vestry members from its current nine (9) members to six (6) members beginning at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the parish on January 22, 2017.

“Be it further resolved that the By-Laws shall be changed and the changes adopted as follows to reflect this reduction in number of Vestry Members as follows:

ARTICLE IV

Officers, Vestry and Meetings of the Vestry

A. **OFFICERS AND VESTRY** – *The officers of the parish shall be the Rector, two Wardens, and ~~nine~~ **six** Vestrypersons, all of whom shall constitute the Vestry of the corporation.”*



MEET YOUR NEW VESTRY

Elected by acclamation at the 2016 Annual Meeting of All Saints' to the Class of 2018 were:

Joy Kasmarcik, Warden (two-year term)

Ida Taft, Vestry (two-year term filling Joy's term) Class of 2018

Elected by acclamation also at the 2016 Annual Meeting of All Saints' to the class of 2019:

Lee Grabowski, Vestry (three-year term)

Matt Labosky, Vestry (three-year term)

Don Thorpe Vestry (three-year term)

On the Vestry they will join:

Linda Barkman, Class of 2017

Darlene, Byarley, Class of 2017

Barbara Freed, Class of 2017

Erik Heden, Class of 2018

Tom Johnson, Class of 2018



Annual Statements for Year 2015 are available in the narthex! Envelopes, if requested are also in the narthex!

New Duty Roster for February, March, April, and May

New Duty Rosters are now available for pick up by our main entrance and can be found on the website at this link: [Assistants' Schedules](#). Ushers and acolytes have to still be added for March, April and May.

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 if possible. Lock up is not all filled in as yet. After Vestry we will add new sign ups.

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WORK PARY SATURDAY MARCH 19th

There will be a work party for cleaning the church in preparation for Easter and Holy Week. SOUP and SANDWICH SATURDAYS will NOT be operating that day so the kitchen and Great Hall also can be cleaned. We will start at 9:00am and hope to finish around 3:00pm. There are other jobs and painting as well as outdoor work as weather permits.

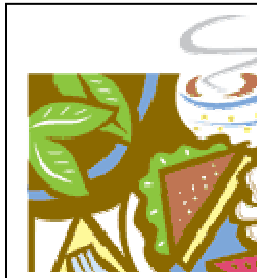


SAY WHAT? LITURGICAL CHANGES IN EPIPHANY AND LENT...

Since January, Epiphany, you may have noticed two changes to All Saints' weekend celebrations of Holy Eucharist. Both were prompted by parishioners. The first was suggested by Don Thorpe: to use the Prayer Book Prayers of the People rather than the Lectionary specific prayers written by Susan Sayers. Thus when we are using Rite I, you'll find the Prayers of the People on

pages 328 ff in the *Book of Common Prayer, 1979*. When we are using Rite II, we'll rotate between Forms I-VI found on page 383-393 in the *Book of Common Prayer, 1979*.

The second change comes from David Pierce who mentioned to me that it seemed odd to proclaim, for example, the Epistles of Paul, as "The Word of the Lord" when in fact they are the writings of St. Paul. While all the Epistles, the Wisdom writings, and the historical books are considered inspired by God and therefore can be proclaimed, "The Word of the Lord," the proclamation doesn't sound the same as proclaiming the Books of the Prophets or the Torah "The Word of the Lord." Hence beginning Epiphany, we have been using the *Enriching Our Worship* proclamation, "Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people" for the first and second readings. The response of the congregation to this proclamation remains the same: "Thanks be to God!"



Life Goes On Meeting in February

The February meeting will take place at 12:30pm on Wednesday, February 24, at a place to be announced during February. If you are planning to attend, please phone Arlene Foley at 797-2111 to aid in planning the group's reservation.



All Saints' Episcopal Church
2016 Lenten Fundraiser
Gance's Fish Fry
March 4, 2016
Hours: 3PM to 7PM
Location All Saints' Episcopal Church
Our church will receive 20% of all pre-sold tickets
and 14% of all sales on the day of the event

Pre-Sale Dinners

Fried Haddock, French Fries & Homemade side	\$12.00
Grilled Strip Steak, French Fries & Homemade side	\$12.00
Pork BBQ, French Fries & Homemade side	\$12.00

We must sell 50 tickets to be eligible to have this fundraiser.

Sandwiches must be purchased day of only (3-4-16) they may not be preordered.

Sandwiches

Fried Haddock	\$ 7.00
Pork BBQ	\$ 7.00

If you have any questions, please contact Joy Kasmarcik at 648-2461 or JKasmarcik@stny.rr.com



SEARCH FOR THE ELEVENTH BISHOP OF CENTRAL NEW YORK UPDATE...

The nomination period for candidates for the position of Eleventh Bishop of Central New York closed on December 31, 2015. The Search Committee is currently reviewing nominations and screening candidates.

“We’re feeling very hopeful and optimistic as we look at the number and quality of our nominees,” stated the Very Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent, Chair of the Search Committee.

A slate of 3-5 candidates will be announced in late April or early May 2016. Please hold the nominees, the Search Committee, and our Diocese in prayer as we pray and discern.

For more information about the Search for the Eleventh Bishop of Central New York, please visit the website: <http://www.bishopcny.org/>

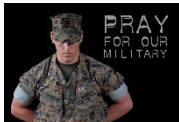


Prayer List beginning February

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: Bob Mc Curry, Larry Kiley, David Pierce, Larry Taft, Donald Nauerz, Guy Billings, Sandra Perry, Phillip Kasmarcik, Laura Harmon, Ceil Cwikla, Nancy Miller, Roberta Szwalla, the Rev. Joell Szachara, Paul Donnelly, Elaine Cwikla, Jessica Mc Bride, Lori Szwalla, Phillip Kasmarcik, Joy Kasmarcik, Alicia LaMaine, Jaden Kasmarcik, Bella LaMaine, Joseph Dotolo, Bob Gillmer, Louise Rogers, and Sarah Harrison-Pautard,

Long Term: LaVonne Zdimal, Eli Pierce, Dreux Cook, Ardis Rogers, , Luther Chergosky, Jane Chomyszak, Joe Finta, Tony Szwalla, Dick Kimble, Kayleigh Mahon, Ralph Holloway, Connie Whalen, Clark Byarley, Nanette McIntosh, Ken Barkman, Megan Gillmer



Military: Ben Holbus, Curtis Sholtes, Robert Preston, Joe Gentile, Steven Serbun, Justin Gillmer, Michael Lake

Celebrations in February

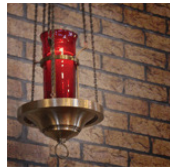
Birthdays

- 03 Marion Volk
James Bardo
Sarah Musata
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
Ella Isabel Hrebin



Anniversaries

- 26 Kim and Bill Trowbridge



Sanctuary Candle

February 7 – Open

February 14 – given in memory of Nora Howard (Art's aunt) by Marilyn Doersam

February 21 – Open

February 28 – given in thanksgiving for great grandchildren (Timmy, Rocco & Sophie) by Doris Brink



Altar Flowers

February 7 – given in memory of Brian M. Israel, her husband by the Rev. Christine Day

February 14 – given in memory of Elmer W. Day, his father, by Christian Day

February 21 – given in thanksgiving of my wife's birthday, Ann Marie Day, by Christian Day

February 28 – Open