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Welcome to the Episcopal Church in Bay Head

# For All the Saints



## Senior Warden's note>>>

### You are invited....

As many of you may recall, in September 2021, The Right Reverend William "Chip" Stokes announced his intention to retire this June, prompting a search for the 13th Bishop of New Jersey.

That search has concluded and on Saturday, January 28, from 9 a.m. to noon, Joe DeAmicis, Gerald Harvey, and I will attend the Election Convention via Zoom. As All Saints' delegates, we will be casting our votes for the next Bishop of New Jersey. We will be joined by Sheila Pardoe, who is the alternate.

However, we invite all of you to join us in Bristol Hall to observe the convention and offer your insights, which may help us in casting our votes. By the way, we will also be having pancakes, because we shouldn't vote on an empty stomach!

The five nominees for the 13th Bishop of New Jersey are:

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## The Rector's Corner

### In Memoriam

***Our beloved parish family member and supporter, the Rev. Herbert "Bert" Draesel, Jr. (1940-2023), passed away on Saturday, January 14. He and Ada have been at the very heart of this family of faith for decades. They were among the very first to embrace me with a loving welcome upon my arrival to All Saints. It was my distinct privilege to serve with Bert when I***

could convince him to leave Ada's side in the pew and join me at the altar. While I knew some of the vast expanse

composer and his wife, this music immediately rooted itself within my soul.

of his priestly and musical ministry, it was just recently that I learned he is the composer of *The Rejoice Mass*, which he wrote while in seminary in 1964 and which my father



introduced for use in our congregation when I was growing up. Bert's lively expression of abiding faith has been a companion to me while I have been here, and I was so thankful to learn that his music has been ringing in my heart all of my life. Along with countless others, I can sing most of *The Rejoice Mass* from memory because it so captured my heart both musically and spiritually, and like its

Bert's life found its meaning in faithful and joyful service to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Tributes, thanksgivings, and personal stories pouring out of hearts from

across the Episcopal Church and beyond speak to Bert's sphere of ministry which crossed all the crowded ways of life. Ordained in 1964 at the House of Prayer in Newark, Bert had a gift for and love of urban ministry, shepherding programs for children, youth, the homeless, and older adults over the years. He retired from his 19-year tenure as Rector of The Church of

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## In Memoriam ....

the Holy Trinity (NYC) in 2003 to spend more time with Ada here in Bay Head. Now, he surely enriches the heavenly host as he enriched all of us at All Saints.

Please keep Ada and daughters Margaret and Irene in your prayers.

Faithfully, Kathryn+



## Remembering and Celebrating the Life of The Rev. Bert Draesel

A Requiem Holy Eucharist and Celebration of Life for Bert will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in New York City. The family is making arrangements to provide group transportation from this area for all who desire to attend the service. More information will be forthcoming.

Bert will be interred in the Memorial Garden of All Saints, the parish that he and Ada love and enrich so deeply. Plans are being made for a Memorial Service here in the late Spring or early Summer.

For a fuller appreciation of Bert's ministry, please see the Rev. John Beddingfield's tribute at [\(7\) Facebook](#)

## You are invited .... (cont. from p. 1)

- ✦ The Rev. Canon Dr. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew, Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Rhode Island
- ✦ The Rev. Canon Dr. Sally French, Canon for Regional Ministry and Collaborative Innovation, Diocese of North Carolina
- ✦ The Very Rev. Troy Menendez, Dean, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Phoenix, Arizona
- ✦ The Rev. Janine Schenone, Rector, Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, San Diego, California
- ✦ The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Jose Wilson, Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Oakland, California

To read their bios and resumes, visit [51fb57\\_251a671a94f24728b2f53a7309301996.pdf \(bishopsearchnj.org\)](#).

*Steve Beresik*

## Parish Annual Meeting scheduled for Jan. 29

All Saints will hold its Annual Meeting on January 29, in compliance with the statutes of the State of New Jersey. The meeting will begin at 10:10 a.m. in the sanctuary of the church and encompass the 10:15 service of Holy Eucharist. Prior to the entrance hymn, the meeting will be opened and the slate of nominees for wardens, vestry, treasurer, and deputies for the diocesan convention will be announced. During the sermon, the Rev. King will offer her annual address.

The meeting will continue following service when parish members in good standing (that is, those registered in the rolls of the church, who attend regularly, and are known to the treasurer) will vote on the nominees. Following a presentation of the budget passed by the vestry on December 12, 2022, and with the conclusion of all required business, the meeting will be adjourned.

The election slate is as follows:

- For three-year terms on Vestry: Linda Carduner, Michael Ling, Chris Niebling
- For two-year term as Senior Warden: Steven Beresik
- For one-year term as Treasurer: Mark Durham
- For one-year term as Deputies to the Diocesan Convention: Steven Beresik, Joe DeAmicis, Gerald Harvey
- Alternate for Diocesan Convention: Sheila Pardoe

Note that Joe DeAmicis will continue to serve the final year of his term as Junior Warden.

For more information on each candidate, please see the parish website.

## What is Candlemas?

*If you finally put away your Christmas decorations at Epiphany, you might have done so too soon. As we are still finding the brittle needles from our tree in the carpet, it's surprising to learn that in many countries the tradition remains to display nativity mangers until Candlemas on Feb. 2.*



One of the oldest holy feasts of the Christian calendar, this day is also known as the Feast of the Presentation or as the Feast of the Purification of the Virgin Mary.

Dating back to the 4th century in Jerusalem, Christians have marked the day when Mary presented the infant Jesus at the temple. According to the Gospel of Luke, it was on this occasion that Simeon held Jesus in his arms and declared him “a Light to the World.”

Echoing Simeon’s words, about 1,000 years ago Christians began blessing candles on this day, which is seen as the last feast of the Christmas cycle that began with Advent.

By 541 A.D., facing a dreadful plague

## Women’s Guild Hosts “Winter Games”

The Women’s Guild invites churchwomen, friends, and relatives to an afternoon of food, games, and warmth on Tuesday, January 17 at noon. Please bring a plate of tea sandwiches if you are able. Soup, dessert, and beverages will be provided. Also, please bring your cards and games! For more information, call or text Lois Cavico at 908-910-4334.



that had ravaged Constantinople, Emperor Justinian I ordered prayer processions in that city during the Feast of the Presentation to plead for God’s help in saving the city from the disease. After the plague passed, the regular celebration of Candlemas was adopted throughout the Roman Empire.

But long before this, ancient Romans, as well as pagan Irish, celebrated the mid-point between the winter and spring solstices in early February. It was a time when crops might be planted and thus predictions about the weather were popular. Early Christians held that if it was sunny on Candlemas, winter would last for six more weeks. Sound familiar?

The Germans, who brought Groundhog Day with them to the United States, believed the remaining amount of winter could be determined by whether a badger would leave his home (sett) on Candlemas.

More deliciously, the French, who refer to the day as La Chandeleur, enjoy crepes (pancakes rolled into a candle shape) on Candlemas.

## Save the Date!

The second concert of the Bristol Music Series’ inaugural season will be held on Sunday, Feb. 5 at 4 p.m., when Jeremy Lees, baritone, will offer an hour of his favorite English songs.

As the long-time bass section leader of the All Saints choir and frequent soloist, he is familiar to many. Accompanying him on piano will be Kathleen Healy-Wedsworth.

Jeremy, who holds a Master’s in Music from the University of Colorado at Boulder, has performed as a soloist with many New Jersey choruses, including The Monmouth Civic Chorus, The Shrewsbury Chorale, The Concordia Chorale, and Ocean County Community Chorus.

The program will be followed by a reception featuring light fare in Bristol Hall.

For more information, contact the Church Office.

# Looking ahead

Keep up with the latest service schedule and events at All Saints by visiting our parish website: [www.allsaintsbayhead.org](http://www.allsaintsbayhead.org).



All Sunday 10:15 services can be livestreamed via the All Saints Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsbayhead/>

## Sundays year-round

8 and 10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Nave

## Wednesdays year-round

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Nave

## Meeting and Community Event Reminders

January 25 – Adult Education at 10:30 a.m.

January 28 – Diocesan Election Convention from 9 a.m. to noon. Join remotely in Bristol Hall (see p. 1). Pancakes will be served!

January 29 – Parish Annual Meeting. Begins during 10:15 a.m. service. (see p. 2).

January 31 – Vestry Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

February 5 – Bristol Music Series recital at 4 p.m. (see p. 3)

## Celebrating our saints >>>

### *Birthdays:*

1/1: Cindy McGlynn

1/5: Betty Miller

1/6: Wendy Johnson;

Keith McBride

1/7: Elliana Thomas

1/9: John Copman;

Juliet Wentworth

1/12: Holly Canales

1/13: Susan Morales

1/16: Dede Pickering

1/19: Ted Griffin; Hannah

Infantolino; Pat Trunkwalter

1/20: Dick Creek; Joshua Yersin

1/21: Barbara Creek;

Paul Hamelberg

1/22: Ben Blanco

1/23: Bruce Bossidy

1/26: Daniel Canales

1/29: David Kellogg;

Chad Newsome

1/31: Julie McBride

### *Anniversaries:*

1/12: Cindy & Jonathan

McGlynn

1/25: Julie & Paul Chowansky

1/25: Bill & Linda Gyurko

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