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Welcome to the Episcopal Church in Bay Head

For All the Saints



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Giving thanks....

It's the most wonderful time of the year! And the busiest, especially at All Saints! You can see this by just glancing at the list of upcoming events detailed in this newsletter. But it's also a joyous, exciting time with opportunity for fun social events with good friends and spiritual enrichment for the soul.

Advent and Christmas signify the bringing of light to the early darkness of the days. During these dark days, we can take a moment away from our holiday preparations and celebrations to bring light into the lives of those in need. On November 23, our Ingathering Sunday, please remember to bring not only your pledge card but also supplies for St. Gregory's Pantry (see the Sunday bulletin). And if you can help the pantry volunteers sort donations at St. Gregory's that afternoon, you will help others while you warm your own heart.

Additionally, this season is a time of contemplation and prayer, especially about our stewardship of All Saints. In speaking with the bishop during her recent visit, I got the impression that she was amazed at what a lovely church

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The Rector's Corner

Giving thanks in all circumstances....

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

In our Wednesday bible study we are reading Paul's first letter to the church in Thessalonica. In the letter he shares his deep gratitude for their faith, work, and hope. He commends them for their labor, prompted by love, that has increased their faith as well as the

endurance they have demonstrated. Paul planted this church in his early missionary journey and expresses his hope and intention to return to them. He indicates that their

sharing in the work of the Gospel as well as their support of him has grafted a deep love in his heart for them. He wants to return so that they can share their mutual thanksgiving in person so that each will be strengthened in faith and love. Sharing with each other the people and circumstances that bring joy into our lives is a common theme in the letters that



that make up so much of the New Testament. Sharing blessings we experience is as important to the formation of a strong family of faith as is the sharing of each other's

burdens. It is a timeless mark of Christians.

On Sunday, November 23rd, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, we will gather for Thanksgiving with our family of faith. This has become a beloved tradition for us and includes several unique elements First, it is our Ingathering Sunday for stewardship.

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Giving thanks

Like gathering in the abundance of the fall harvest we will each present our financial pledges that we offer for use in this place to carry out the mission and ministry that God has given us to do.

Please bring your pledge card to the service and be prepared to place it in the Baptismal font when we all come forward together at the time of the offering. If you have already submitted your pledge, there will be a card with your name on it for you to pick up when you enter the church.

A second tradition is the opportunity for each of us to share with our parish family an expression of what we are thankful for in our lives. The increasing number of members who have blessed us in their sharing has created a truly beautiful and meaningful annual expression of love. Take some time in advance to consider what your heart is moved to share.

Finally, following being fed at the Lord's table with the Eucharist, we will share an abundant Pie Feast in Bristol Hall. You are invited to sign up to attend and, if you would like, to share your favorite pie! The provided plates are big, so you can sample and indulge in the tasty variety of goodness. Skip breakfast to save room for pie!

Come ye thankful people come! Let us give thanks with our pledges, our words, and our favorite pies!

Faithfully, Kathryn+



Thanksgiving service 11/25

We are pleased to be participating in the second annual Thanksgiving service on **Tuesday, November 25 at 7 p.m. at the Bay Head Chapel.**

This is an interdenominational service for the faith communities of our local area.

It's a wonderful opportunity to gather with friends and neighbors to offer thanks with our brothers and sisters in Christ. This is one of only two opportunities each year (the other is the beach sunrise service on Easter) when we come together ecumenically to worship Christ whom we all serve and follow.

Please note that the offering collected will benefit St. Gregory's Pantry, which serves our neighbors in need.

"Cast your bread upon the waters"

In the January 1985 issue of *For All the Saints*, the Rev. W. Wesley Konrad, then-rector of All Saints, offered this message about stewardship:

Internal Revenue Service notwithstanding, please do not consider your pledge to your church an act of charity. You are not giving to charity when you give to the Church. You are actually saying to God: 'I want to be a part of your action—a substantial part, not a token part.'

You are the Church. When you give to the Church, you give to yourself. You declare by your giving: 'I am thankful for what God has given to me and I want to give a good portion back to be used in His Name for others.'

If you give a token, your blessing will be a token. If you give generously of your substance, you will be blessed generously. It has always been so. It is not different now. 'Cast your bread upon the waters, and it will return to you again' is a fairly accurate description of what happens.' Let's aim for 100% participation of those who think of All Saints as their parish.

As you fill out your pledge card indicating your promise to support All Saints financially, please consider the faithful stewards of 1985 who—having only recently decided to make this a year-round parish—gave more than a token. Let's be as bold and generous in spirit as they were and as resilient and committed as the "saints" who pledged to continue pursuing God's mission for All Saints in the wake of Superstorm Sandy.

Stewardship Committee
(Sharon Babb, Steve Beresik, Penny Witt, Meg Beresik)

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we have, not only the facilities but the people and our missions. While other mainstream churches are having difficulties, she saw a church that believes in itself. Our growing attendance and involvement in the community verifies that impression.

But the reality is that it takes funds to keep the lights on, the church warm (and cool), the exterior solid, and the staff reimbursed for all they do. Our Stewardship Committee has been hard at work on this year's campaign. By now, you should have received your pledge packet (if not, please contact the church office or a member of the committee). Please consider your role in the mission and ministry of this parish, pray about it, and pledge as generously as possible.

We recognize that times are difficult, but we have a collective duty to preserve what our forebearers began so many decades ago. And you can play a great part in helping us to accomplish this goal.

I look forward to seeing everyone during this season of light and joy!

Chris Kyse

What are you doing Wednesday mornings?

Do you enjoy discussing topics related to our faith as Christians? Then, the Bible Study class is for you. At 10:45 a.m., a small group of us gathers each Wednesday for a class led by our Rector. It's structured but informal and freewheeling. Each lesson stands alone. If you have missed a class or never attended, it's not a problem. You can join the group at any time and easily understand what we are discussing.

We begin by taking turns reading a Bible passage and a short passage of text giving background to the reading. A workbook gives a few brief questions to provoke thought and stimulate discussion. And what discussions! We may talk about our reactions to the passage, or what we think it is trying to say. We often talk about incidents from our own lives that illustrate the relevance of those words written so long ago.

This year we completed our study of the Book of Acts. It is a fascinating book, based on the history of the life, missionary journeys, and theology of St. Paul. In the readings during Sunday service, we often hear only the highlight of an incident. In Bible Study, we gain context. At present, we are reading some of Paul's letters. Some are philosophical; some give advice to congregations suffering disputes or descension; all are beautifully written.

If you can fit in an hour of bible study on a Wednesday morning, please join us. I think you'll find it rewarding and enjoyable.

Ed Kata

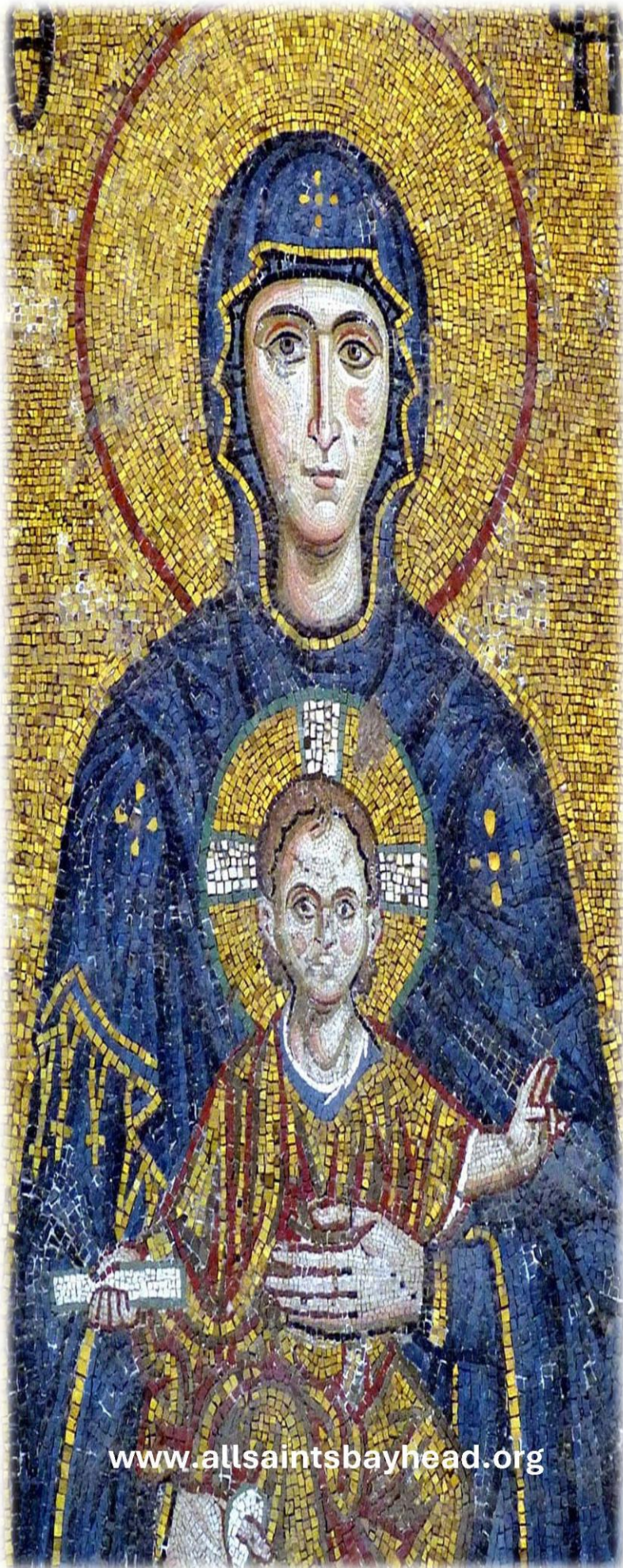
Thanks to all who tickled our ivories!

In late October, Rev. Kathryn joyfully announced during Sunday service that All Saints had received an incredibly generous designated gift toward the purchase of a new concert piano for the sanctuary. The benefactors, who are friends of All Saints, had given us \$50,000 and challenged us to raise the balance of the purchase price of a new professional-grade instrument that would replace our 40-year-old piano that never fully recovered from sitting in 4 feet of floodwater during Superstorm Sandy. The gift, an answer to our prayers, spurred an immediate and generous response from many "saints," enabling us to meet the challenge well before Advent (our original goal).

Thanks to the research and negotiations of Chad Newsome, our co-Junior Warden and choir member, and John Milas, our Minister of Music, All Saints secured a 7.5-foot Yamaha concert grand piano at a deep discount (\$75,500, list priced at \$117,899) from Freehold Music Center. In addition to Chad and John and their committee (Joe DeAmicis, Altha Morton, and Meg Beresik), thanks go to everyone who pitched in to meet the challenge so swiftly, which also enabled us to beat rising costs due to tariffs.

Now we are eagerly awaiting the piano's arrival from Japan. We hope to have it in time for our Messiah concert and sing-along on December 14.





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**All Saints Community
Arts Series**
presents

G.F. Handel's

Messiah
**Concert & Sing-Along
(Part I)**

**3:30 PM
December 14, 2025**

**All Saints Church
500 Lake Ave., Bay Head**

featuring

**Lauryn Boyle, Soprano
Altha Morton, Alto
Arturo Tapia-Minchez, Tenor
Jeremy Lees, Bass**

Join us for light refreshments
after the program!

Tickets at the door
\$10 students
\$12 seniors
\$15 general admission

Candles to Kings program notes & more

The Rev. King has announced the plans for the Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany 2025-26 season, also known as “Candles to Kings.” It’s a time for “saints” of all ages—and their friends—to celebrate joyfully in worship and fellowship activities, beginning with our Annual Tree Lighting on Dec. 3 through The Feast of the Epiphany on Jan. 6.



Special Celebration

At coffee hour on **Dec. 7**, we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of Rev. Kathryn’s ordination. Please plan on joining us for a festive lunch to congratulate her and gratefully acknowledge her ministry.

Sundays in Advent

Every Sunday in Advent includes a children’s program during the first part of 10:15 service, which begins with the lighting of the Advent wreath. Then, they will go to their classrooms for special activities before returning to share in Eucharist. On **Nov. 30**, our young saints will be making Advent wreaths in class. On **Dec. 7**, everyone will enjoy a visit from St. Nicholas!

Epiphany 2026 Events

We are already anticipating the arrival of the Three Kings! Our celebration begins on **Friday, Jan. 2** with an Epiphany Concert featuring choir, carols, and multimedia Christmas Story, followed by a festive reception. The Feast of the Epiphany will be observed on **Sunday, Jan. 4** with one Festive Holy Eucharist at 10:15. All are invited to an Open House at the rectory later that day. Please consider bringing an hors d’oeuvre or dessert to share.



On **Dec. 14**, another special visitor, St. Lucy, will lead a procession, bearing her special bread and crown of candles. (Girls are welcome to serve as her attendants and boys as “star dudes.” Please wear white.) On **Dec. 21**, we will be treated to a service of Advent Lessons and Carols, with spots for young readers. And on **Christmas Eve**, the **Family Service with Pageant** will take place at **5 p.m.** (Costumes will be available for “walk-ins.”) See next page for a complete schedule, including Christmas and Epiphany services.

Fellowship Activities

On **Friday, Dec. 5**, All Saints is hosting an Open House during the Bay Head Christmas Walk, from 6 to 8 p.m. Stop by to see the displays from the St. Nicholas Center and enjoy hot chocolate, cookies, and crafts for all ages! John Milas will be offering carols.

On **Sunday, Dec. 14**, you are invited to a Messiah Sing-Along at **3:30 p.m.** Who can resist raising their voice to the Hallelujah Chorus? Music scores will be available to borrow. A reception follows. See ad on previous page.



Annual Tree Lighting!

Save the date: On **Wednesday, December 3 at 5:30 p.m.**, all are invited to gather at the corner of Howe Street and Lake Avenue for our annual parish tree lighting and blessing.

As in previous years, we will also join in singing a few favorite carols to set the mood.

Following these activities, we will move to Bristol Hall for supper provided by “saintly chefs” who have prepared various entries for a Chili Cook-off.

If you would like to toss your sombrero into the ring by cooking up a big batch of your signature chili or providing cornbread, please contact Linda Gyurko (732-363-9891) or fill out the sign-up sheet.

So let’s get cookin’!



Worship in Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany

November 30

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir, *featuring* Advent Wreath making in Sunday School

December 7

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir, *featuring* A Visit from St. Nicholas and a celebration of the 30th anniversary of Rev. Kathryn's ordination

December 14

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir, and A Visit from St. Lucy, *featuring* a festive Children's Procession and St. Lucy's Bread

December 21

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Advent Lessons and Carols

December 24 – Christmas Eve

5 p.m. Festive Holy Eucharist, *featuring* Children's Pageant

9 p.m. Festive Holy Eucharist, *featuring* Choir and Strings

December 25 – Christmas Day

10:15 a.m. Festive Holy Eucharist with Carols

December 28

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

January 4 – Feast of Epiphany

10:15 a.m. Festive Holy Eucharist with Kings Pageant





OPEN HOUSE

December 5
6 to 8 p.m.

We will again swing wide open our doors and welcome all visitors. In recent years we have become a must-visit stop for hundreds on the Bay Head Christmas Walk. This year we will again host The St. Nicholas Center display and activities telling of the beloved saint of the season. Activities for all ages will fill the hall while museum quality displays deck the walls. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided and carol singing will go on throughout the evening in the church with all those in the parish hall encouraged to join in as well. Sign up to help host as Bristol Hall will be teeming with excitement!



Looking ahead

Keep up with the latest service schedule and events at All Saints by visiting our parish website: www.allsaintsbayhead.org.



Meeting and Community Event Reminders

November 15 – St. Nicholas Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

November 23 – Ingathering Sunday – Special Coffee Hour with a variety of pies! Please sign up to bring a sweet or savory pie (store bought or homemade).

November 25 – Community Thanksgiving Service – Bay Head Chapel at 7 p.m. with neighbor congregations. Offering benefits St. Gregory's Pantry.

December 3 – Annual Tree Lighting at 5:30 p.m. followed by Chili Cookoff; must sign up in advance.

December 5 – Bay Head Christmas Walk, 6 to 8 p.m. We'll be welcoming the community with holiday treats and activities for all. Contact the Church Office if you can help bake or host.

December 7 – 30th Anniversary Celebration of Rev. Kathryn's ordination; festive luncheon at Coffee Hour.

Congratulations and welcome!

On November 2, the Feast of All Saints, the Rt. Rev. Sally French, Bishop of New Jersey, preached and presided at Holy Eucharist. During that service, Sharon Lees and John DeLasso received the rite of Confirmation, and Ellyn Shannon was received into the Episcopal Church by the bishop. Congratulations to the newly received and confirmed!

Recently, several new members were welcomed into the parish with a special brunch hosted by the vestry and wardens at the rectory. Let's extend a warm welcome to Brittany Orrico, Krystal Jones & Alexis Taylor, Ellyn Shannon, Megan & Jenn Perrotta, Ryan & Sarah Spencer, Patty Cash, Carol & Joe Marraro, Janet Buonagura, Irene Slamka, Alan Wagner, Elizabeth Manger, Karen Crawford, James, Sue, & Beth Detata, John DeLasso, Diane Imburgio, and Chuck Thomas.

Celebrating our saints >>>

Birthdays:

11/2: John Flynn; Karen Hewson
Harriet Snyder
11/5: Daniel Slack
11/6: Penny Ludovico;
Scott Ward
11/9: Bailey Marcella
11/12: Sherry Urner
11/15: Mary Peters
11/20: Linda Gyurko
11/21: Luke Lawson
11/23: Gael Habernickel
11/29: Scott McMurray
12/ 4: Anthony Domino; Sue Rogers
12/7: Chase Wentworth
12/8: Bradley Marcella
12/12: Eric Canales; Dick Hewson
12/13: Frank Mulligan;
Suzie Van Schoick
12/15: Nicholas King
12/19: Melissa Pavacic
12/20: Rick Hager
12/22: Greta Schneider
12/24: Lynn Wiss
12/27: Priscilla Hiby
12/28: Lois Cavico

Anniversaries:

11/19: Cheryl & Clayton Smith
11/29: Gael & Max Habernickel
12/2: Len & Penny Ludovico
12/8: Dan & Patty Slack

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