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Welcome to the Episcopal Church in Bay Head

For All the Saints



Senior Warden's note>>> More pie anyone?

We will be marking our Stewardship Season with an Ingathering Service on Sunday, November 19, followed by a Feast of Pies. This year, which is the second in a new tradition, the Vestry, Joe DeAmicis, and I will serve both sweet and savory pies. And, we invite you to bring a pie to share.

And thank you to Penny Witt and Rob McCullam for spearheading the Stewardship campaign effort. By now, you should have received your pledge package with the informative booklet featuring the many facets of parish life that nourish our spirits as well as our stomachs!

So, please bring not only your appetite but also your completed pledge card to church this Sunday. Your faith and generosity are needed and appreciated! I also look forward to hearing what you are thankful for this year. Last year, many members told me how moved they were by these reflections at the Ingiving service. It speaks volumes (albeit quietly) about All Saints as a welcoming and sacred space in which we can feel safe, open our hearts, and speak of what we hold dear.

Steve Beresik

The Rector's Corner

ACTS – A Commitment To Serve....

Almost a year ago, I began speaking with our Vestry about what I had observed in my first year among you. What I experienced was a spirit-filled community of faith with hearts for service and a deep appreciation for the tradition of the Episcopal Church expressed in beauty, dignity, and inclusivity of worship. What I also observe was an organizational infra-

structure that was operating significantly in “default” mode. This was to be somewhat expected due to

Share, and determine what is going on now, to listen to each other about what ministry and service we feel

the inability to gather and continue the building of relationships during the pandemic. It was heightened here because of the challenges experienced physically, emotionally,



and spiritually starting way back with Superstorm Sandy and through the years that followed. It seemed to me that our focus in ministry was defuse, with numerous small groups working hard yet largely independent of one another.

To that end, the Vestry determined to engage in a discernment process that would invite all interested members of the parish family to come together,

God is calling us to engage in, and to begin to create a common understanding and clarified structure to maximize our impact, create transparency, and

open wide the invitations for broadened involvement of all members of the parish. The timeliness of this plan became even more clear when we received news of the Lutz bequest. Renewing our clarity of mission and ministry is essential as we undertake the privilege and responsibility of being faithful stewards of this bounty.

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ACTS - A Commitment To Serve

All of this is necessary groundwork for us as we continue to grow in our capacity to serve. For that reason, we are naming this process ACTS, which stands for A Commitment To Serve. Please mark your calendar *in ink* and plan to attend our initial meeting following the 10:15 AM service on Sunday, January 14. In place of Coffee Hour, a simple lunch will be served and hosted by the Vestry. Come share your experience, thoughts, and heart for service in God's ministry in the All Saints part of God's vineyard.

Faithfully, Kathryn+



It's Pageant Season

No, we're not talking about beauty pageants. But we do have some very cute children in the parish, and they are all encouraged to participate in the Christmas Eve pageant at 5 p.m. service (as well as in the Three Kings pageant on January 7).

There are opportunities for speaking and non-speaking parts. In addition, the actors will be joined by the children's choir on Christmas Eve, making this a night when life-long memories are shaped as we come together to celebrate and tell the story of our Savior's birth.

At Church School each Sunday during Advent, we will be preparing for the pageant as well as learning and engaging in activities that bring the entire season of Advent and Christmas to life.

Please be sure to join in fully as we prepare to celebrate this most Holy Night!

Gifts needed for St. Gregory's

Give yourself a little joy by bringing a smile to a child's face this Christmas.

Outreach is collecting donations of **unwrapped** toys and gifts for St. Gregory's Pantry until Sunday, **December 10**. (Please avoid giving clothes because sizes limit who can use them.)

Just look for our Christmas tree outside Bristol Hall, loaded with "ornaments" identifying whether the gift recipient is a girl or boy, age newborn to 18.

Unsure what to purchase? A gift card to Target, Old Navy, Ulta, or Dick's Sporting Goods can be donated so that parents can purchase a special gift for their child. Thank you!



An Invitation to Tea ☪

For all the ladies of All Saints Church, we are planning our second annual women's Christmas outing to **The Mathis Victorian Tea House** in Toms River for **Thursday, January 11, at 4 p.m.**

The house will be decked out for Christmas with 30 trees and decorations throughout. Arrive early to wander the rooms and gift shop!

We will have a special seating for a **five-course Victorian tea** featuring soup, salad, scones, sweets, and pots of tea! The **discount rate** we are receiving is **\$42, which includes tax and gratuity**.

As we did last year, **please call the Mathis House (732-818-7580) soon to make your own reservation as part of the All Saints group**. You will pay when you reserve your seat. We will coordinate rides for those interested—just let the Church Office know you want to carpool.



Parish Happenings....

*The Rev. King invites everyone to join in the fun during Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. Every Sunday includes a children's program during the first part of 10:15 service; St. Nicholas will make a return visit—with treats and photo ops—on **December 10**; and on **December 17**, all the*



children of the parish are invited to wear white to church and be part of the St. Lucy procession.

Christmas Walk

On **Friday, December 1**, All Saints throws open its doors to the community from **5–8 p.m.** for all those on the Bay Head Christmas Walk.

The event will feature crafts (make a lantern!), hot chocolate and cookies—yum—and music by the **NJ Chamber Singers!** If you can bake cookies or help with crafts, please contact the Church Office.

Parents' Night Out

On **Friday, December 15**, from **6:30–9 p.m.** Children (grades K and up) are invited to have supper at the rectory, with Advent activities, and choir and pageant practice while their parents have a date night!

Women's Guild Meeting

The Women's Guild will hold its annual Christmas Luncheon at noon on December 19. Please bring a covered dish for 6 to 8 people, and don't forget to bring a donation of \$10 (or more) to place on the Giving Tree! And remember to bring a wrapped gift from the \$1.25 Tree to exchange.



Marking Advent

On **Friday, December 3**, we will mark the start of Advent with the Great Litany while the Church School makes wreaths and prepares for their Christmas Eve pageant. Adults can join in wreath making at Coffee Hour!

Greening of the Church

On **Saturday, December 23, 10 a.m.** All hands on deck! Because the 4th Sunday of Advent is December 24, we will decorate the church on Saturday.

Christmas Concert

On **Friday, January 5**, Stephen Pinel has planned “an evening of cherished carols” at which you are invited to sing along with the choir! A reception featuring *wassail*, the medieval delight, served with special Christmas treats for children!

Annual Tree Lighting

On **Wednesday, November 29**, at 6 p.m., we will light the tree on the corner of Howe St. and Lake Ave., have a blessing, sing some carols, and gather in Bristol Hall for a barbecue dinner. **Please sign up for the free dinner as soon as possible!**



Epiphany Open House at the Rectory

You are cordially invited by Kathryn and Nicholas to come for an Epiphany Open House at the rectory from **3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, January 7.**

Join in celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany. Please consider bringing an hors d'oeuvre to share.



Chamber Singers Raffle

The NJ Chamber Singers are selling raffle tickets (\$20) to support the group's 45th anniversary season. The winning tickets will be drawn at All Saints on December 12. First prize is a \$1,000 VISA gift card, second prize is a \$300 gift card, and third prize is a \$200 gift card.

To purchase a ticket, please see Terry Williams at Coffee Hour or email her at terryw31655@gmail.com.

Looking ahead

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

November 29 – Annual Tree Lighting (see p. 3)

December 1 – Bay Head Christmas Walk 5:30 to 8 p.m. We'll be welcoming the community with holiday treats and crafts for children and featuring Christmas carols sung by members of the New Jersey Chamber Singers (see p. 3).

December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent – St. Nicholas makes a return visit!

December 15 – Friday Parents' Night Out (see p. 3).

December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent – St. Lucy Sunday (Lessons & Carols)

December 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent – Greening of the Church

Christmas Eve: Festive Holy Eucharists with choir, guest musicians, and candlelight

5 p.m. Family Service: Children's interactive sermon and Pageant (see p. 2)

9 p.m. Traditional Late Service

10:15 a.m. Christmas Day – Festal Eucharist with Carols✠

December 31 – Feast of the Holy Name – One service only at 10:15 a.m.

January 5 – Christmas Concert featuring Sing Along & a holiday classic read by the Rev. Neil Turton. A reception follows (see p. 3)

January 7 – Feast of the Epiphany – One service only at 10:15 a.m. with Three Kings Pageant

January 11 – Ladies' Victorian Christmas Tea at the Mathis House (see p. 2).

January 14 – ACTS Discernment Meeting & Lunch – Following 10:15 service (see p. 2).

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The Women's Guild thanks all 26 attendees who celebrated Phyllis Kata's nomination as a Woman of Honor for the Diocese of New Jersey! We were honored to treat her to dinner at the Wharfside in October.

Celebrating our saints >>>

Birthdays:

12/2: Kay Mastroserio

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

12/16: Les Bird

12/19: Melissa Pavacic

12/20: Rick Hager

12/22: Greta Schneider

12/27: Priscilla Hiby

12/24: Lynn Wiss

12/28: Lois Cavico

Anniversaries:

12/1: Kay Mastroserio

12/2: Len & Penny Ludovico

12/8: Dan & Patty Slack

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