All Saints Episcopal Church

Moving Forward in Him April 2016

Sunday, April 3

Second Sunday of Easter

Worship & Eucharist – The Reverend Walter. Giles, Celebrant
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Fellowship and Refreshments following Worship

Sunday, April 10

Third Sunday of Easter

Worship 9:00 A.M
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Fellowship and Refreshments following Worship

Sunday, April 17 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Worship & Eucharist - The Reverend Walter. Giles, Celebrant
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Fellowship and Refreshments following Worship

Sunday, April 24 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Worship 9:00 A.M
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Fellowship and Refreshments following Worship

~~Milestones~~

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Birthdays

April 1 Becky Vann
April 2 Lisa Cordone
April 9 Scott Bullard
April 15 Mark Field
April 20 John Mincher
April 27 David Paul Cordone, Jr
April 28 Matthew Young



Altar Guild

Altar flowers are always a lovely way to remember loved ones who have died. For Altar Flowers in memory of a loved one, please contact Dorothy Thomas at 592-2030.

Vestry News

The Vestry will meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. Meetings are open to all church members and the public.

Communion at Home

If you are unable to attend church and would like to receive communion, please contact Barb Clonch (593-2396), Dave Cordone (598-8065) or Cindy (592-2102).



Please Pray For These People

Immediate Concerns

Muriel Adkins, Sethany Alongi, Barb Abbott, Hal & Jeanne Avery,
Christine Brown, Dorothy Brown, Mathew Clancy, Bill Chapman, Carol Comstock,
Edith Cordone, Andrew Drowzdz, Torin Dunn, Thomas Dunn,
Tim Fowler, Charlotte Elias, Dorothy Engell, Sally Ess, Edna & John Farella Sr, Fred Ferguson
Jim Field, George Graham ,Bob Green, Ron Haney, Millie LaBeef, Ronald Luckier,
John McDonald, Maureen McCauley, Eli McDowell, Barb Nastasi, Cindy Poorman,
Bridgid Rauch, David Richardson, Linda Richardson, CarolAnn Smith,
Gail Steele, David Stone, Jenny Wattles, Dave Webber

Long Term Concerns

Nancy Baldwin, George Barlow ,Ryan Barry, Billy Cuyler, Rowan DeLong, Jack Durfey, Lucy Frank, Charlie Geers, Les Johnson, Nellie Mathews, Sandy Metler, Dorothy Page, Helen Sievers, Helen Walmsley, Cliff Wilder

Home Based or Nursing Home

Barbara Blake, Cherie Buck, Agnes Hoefler, Elizabeth Wattles, Nellie Mathews

O God, our Heavenly Father, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and infirmity. Be present in your goodness with those for whom we pray, that their weakness may be banished and their strength restored; and that their health being renewed they may bless your Holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Please Pray for All Those Who Serve our Country Remembering Especially:

Troy Foster, Glen Olsen, Paul Steele, Nick Trapasso, Jimmy White

Please call Nancie Miller (592-5916) to update the "immediate concerns" list by keeping, adding or deleting a name. Each month the list will start anew. 3/4/16

INCOME 'GENERATORS'



The Vestry has come up with a few ideas as part of their "income generator & expense reduction" session at the beginning of their meeting on Tuesday, March 1st. Trying to think "outside the box" and go where the people are, while staying local, we came up with events such as Memorial Day, Farmers' Market, Jazz Fest. These ideas will require parishioners families, and/or friends & relatives to sign up for a session to "man/woman the booth" we will have at each event. We have not locked in a specific idea to pursue and sell at these events. Some ideas include...ice cream...candy...brownies...fudge...and other food, etc. We can do more than one item, try something new at each event, or go with something that works best from a previous venture. We need to work together and share the time involved with each event as "many hands make light work". Remember, there is always a chore that needs to be filled with a chair kept warm if you have any issues or problems, but definitely want to help out.

Let's not forget our usual events on church property: Garage Sale & Veterans Day Spaghetti Dinner. We are looking for other ideas!!

We can do it, if we all pull together!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS *SUNDAY, MAY 8th*

The Rev. Holly Eden will be our celebrant for Eucharist at 9:00 AM on May 8th. She will also be continuing her work as our assigned consultant from the Diocese for "Transitional Ministry" Rev. Eden will meet with the congregation during coffee hour after worship on May 8th to hear our hopes and dreams for All Saints'; and will want everyone's thoughts about where we have been, where we perceive we are now, and what we envision All Saints' future to be. This work has already been done with the Vestry in December 2015, now it is everyone else's turn.

Parishioners who want to help pave the most positive path forward for All Saints, this will be a significant opportunity for you and all of our congregation to articulate our hopes and desires for the future of our parish.



Music Notes By Jeff Wise, Director of Music



I would like to thank the choir for all their hard work for the Easter season this year. We are currently expanding our repertoire to include some of the canticles to use when we have a morning prayer service. Music is presently being scheduled for the season between Trinity Sunday and Advent so if you have a favorite hymn please let me know. Finally, we are always looking for additional voices for the choir so if you like to sing we would love to have you.

Bishop Selection Committee

Visit www.bishopcny.org for latest information in search for our new Bishop.



Tuesday Night Dinner 5:30 - 6:30 All Saints Parish Hall

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the May newsletter will be **Sunday**, **May 15th**. Please make sure all submissions are emailed to me by **May 15th**.

Thank you. Email address: jsantoro2@twcny.rr.com

The Dark Candle

By Stephen, on May 3, 2015 Submitted by Lee Webber

A man had a little daughter, an only, and much beloved child. He lived only for her, she was his life. So when she became ill and her illness resisted the efforts of the best obtainable physicians, he became like a man possessed, moving heaven and earth to bring about her restoration to health. His best efforts proved fruitless, however, and the child died. The father was irreconcilable. He became a bitter recluse, shutting himself away from his many friends, refusing every activity that might restore his poise and bring him back to his normal self.

The one night, he had a dream. He was in heaven and witnessing a grand pageant of little child angels. They were marching in an apparently endless line past the Great White Throne. Every white-robed, angelic tot carried a candle. He noticed, however, that one child's candle was not lit. Then he saw that the child with the dark candle was his own little girl. Rushing towards her, while the pageant faltered, he seized her in his arms, caressed her tenderly, and asked, "How Is it that your candle is the only one not lit?" "Father, they often relight it, but your tears put it out again" she said.

Just then he awoke from his dream. The lesson was crystal clear, and its effect was immediate. From that hour on he was no longer a recluse, but mingled freely and cheerfully with former friends and associates. No longer would his little darling's candle be extinguished with his useless tears.

CALLING ALL CHOIR MEMBERS

On the morning of <u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 22nd</u> the Diocese will celebrate the ministry of Bishop Skip's Episcopate with a Eucharist and luncheon. A choir will be gathered together for this special occasion. The Planning Team would like to include choir members from throughout the Diocese. Please see Becky if you are interested.



90th Birthday Celebration

On Sunday, March 6th, we celebrated Lucy Frank's birthday with cake and ice cream.





Spring Cleaning: Make Room for the Future By Anna Olson

Forget the future. We don't even have room for the present. When you have something that needs to be put away, is there an empty drawer or closet shelf handy? Active files in temporary boxes, plastic tubs of art supplies out in the open, piles of recently purchased books sitting in front of shelves of 1940 hymnals -- all signs that it is time for serious spring cleaning!

Cleaning the church isn't easy. It's boring and dusty and it doesn't feel much like the vibrant ministry we are all supposed to be spending our time on.

Cleaning the church isn't easy because we have a lot of feelings about the past. As we sort through paperwork, we remember people who have gone, and glory days that are long past. We discover wasted materials, long-since gone dry and crumbly, and we wish we had used them. We find things that used to be useful when some dead or dying ministry was active, we wish we still needed them. The temptation arises to keep such stuff around "just in case." Pretty soon it feels like we would have better off leaving the closets in peace.

Cleaning matters. It makes room for the present and the future. It helps us to let go of the past and turn our gaze forward. It even gives us a chance to sort treasures from garbage, and to display treasures lovingly. A beautiful old photograph, or a hand-drawn Sunday school project from ages past can make a celebration of memory. Check stubs from 1971 and crumbled props from long-ago Christmas pageants belong in the trash or the shredder.

Cleaning involves throwing things away. In most churches, this can be a lot of things. We are talking rented dumpster, not polite 40 gallon trash can. If you find really good stuff, by all means find a way to get it to someone who can use it. But resist the desire to give garbage to charity, or to your less fortunate neighbors.

Cleaning takes time and energy. It should not be the only thing your congregation does, but everyone should pitch in from time to time. New people can help, too, including people who use your building for other kinds of activities. Cleaning can be a gift--old timers making room for newcomers, and newcomers valuing the space that they are to occupy.

Cleaning should be named for what it is: Making room for the present and future. Cleaning is a spiritual practice--an affirmation that God needs room to do new things among us, a proclamation that we are more than the sum of our stuff.

ALL SAINTS CLEAN UP DAY

SUNDAY APRIL 17TH

PLEASE PURCHASE AND DONATE ITEMS ON APRIL 3RD, 10TH, 17TH



Our beautiful (and delicious) Easter cake.

