

# *All Saints Episcopal Church*

*Moving Forward in Him*

*November/December 2017*

## *November Worship Services*

*Sunday, November 12 at 9:00 AM- **The Holy Eucharist***

*Wednesday, November 15 at Noon- **The Holy Eucharist***

*Sunday, November 19 at 9:00 AM- Morning Prayer*

*Sunday, November 26 at 9:00 AM- **The Holy Eucharist**  
*Fellowship Breakfast**

*Wednesday, November 29 at Noon- **The Holy Eucharist***

## *December Worship Services*

*Sunday, December 3 at 9:00 AM- *Service of Lessons & Carols**

*Sunday, December 10 at 9:00 AM- **The Holy Eucharist**  
*Fellowship Breakfast**

*Wednesday, December 13 at Noon- **The Holy Eucharist***

*Sunday, December 17 at 9:00 AM- Morning Prayer  
*Wrap Headstart Presents**

*Wednesday, December 20 at Noon- **The Holy Eucharist***

*Sunday, December 24 at 9:00 AM- **The Holy Eucharist***

*Sunday, December 24 after service- Decorate the church*

*Sunday, December 24 at 5 PM- *Christmas Eve Service**

**A friend is one who knows us, but loves us anyway.**

**- Fr. Jerome Cummings**

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## FELLOWSHIP BREAKFASTS

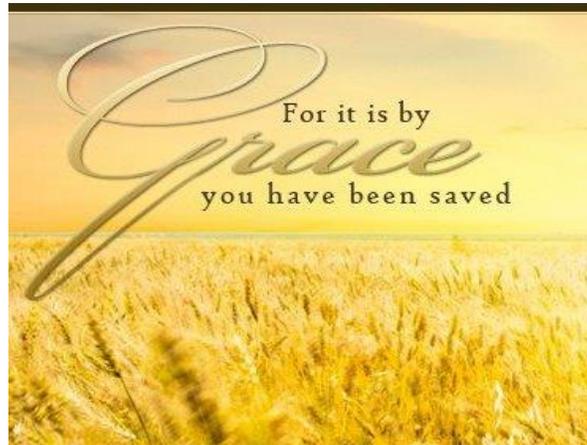
NOVEMBER 26

DECEMBER 10

JANUARY 14

FEBRUARY 11





## DECEMBER 2017 . . . REMINDERS OF WHO WE ARE

We will be observing the Season of Advent during the four weeks of December. Advent begins the church year. It is a time of anticipation, of watching and waiting for the coming of the kingdom of God in power. Although in some ways it shares with Lent in an atmosphere of preparation, restraint and penitence, it confidently directs us toward the joy of Christmas as that season draws near.

In his Catechetical Lectures, Cyril of Jerusalem teaches that we do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of a divine kingdom. In general, what relates to our Lord Jesus Christ has two aspects. There is a birth from God before the ages, and a birth from a virgin at the fullness of time. There is a hidden coming, like that of rain on fleece, and a coming before all eyes, still in the future.

Since we are now at the beginning of our church year, it seems to be an ideal time for us to remind ourselves of our roots in our Lord Jesus Christ, and the tradition to which we belong. If you go to the official website of the Episcopal Church ([www.dfms.org](http://www.dfms.org)) you can find the following:

What makes us Anglican? Hallmarks of the Episcopal Church having its roots in the Church of England, is also an Anglican Church. Like all Anglican churches, the Episcopal Church is distinguished by the following characteristics:

Protestant, yet Catholic, Anglicanism stands squarely in the Reformed tradition, yet considers itself just as directly descended from the Early Church as the Roman Catholic or Eastern Orthodox churches. Episcopalians celebrate the Mass in ways similar to the Roman Catholic tradition, yet do not recognize a single authority, such as the Pope of Rome.

Worship in one's first language, Episcopalians believe that Christians should be able to worship God and read the Bible in their first language, which for most Episcopalians, is English, rather than Latin or Greek, the two earlier, official languages of Christianity. Yet the Book of Common Prayer has been translated into many languages, so that those Episcopalians who do not speak English can still worship God in their native tongue.

The Book of Common Prayer, Unique to Anglicanism, though, is the Book of Common Prayer, the collection of worship services that all worshipers in an Anglican church follow. It's called common prayer because we all

pray it together, around the world. The first Book of Common Prayer was compiled in English by Thomas Cranmer in the 16th Century, and since then has undergone many revisions for different times and places. But its original purpose has remained the same: To provide in one place the core of the instructions and rites for Anglican Christians to worship together.

The present prayer book in the Episcopal Church was published in 1979. Many other worship resources and prayers exist to enrich our worship, but The Book of Common Prayer is the authority that governs our worship. The prayer book explains Christianity, describes the main beliefs of the Church, outlines the requirements for the sacraments, and in general serves as the main guidelines of Episcopal life.

Scripture, Tradition, and Reason the Anglican approach to reading and interpreting the Bible was first articulated by Richard Hooker, also in the 16th Century. While Christians universally acknowledge the Bible (or the Holy Scriptures) as the Word of God and completely sufficient to our reconciliation to God, what the Bible says must always speak to us in our own time and place.

The Church, as a worshiping body of faithful people, has for two thousand years amassed experience of God and of loving Jesus, and what they have said to us through the centuries about the Bible is critical to our understanding it in our own context. The traditions of the Church in interpreting Scripture connect all generations of believers together and give us a starting point for our own understanding.

Episcopalians believe that every Christian must build an understanding and relationship with God's Word in the Bible, and to do that, God has given us intelligence and our own experience, which we refer to as Reason. Based on the text of the Bible itself, and what Christians have taught us about it through the ages, we then must sort out our own understanding of it as it relates to our own lives.

We are people of faith immersed in a rich tradition with Jesus Christ as the head of the church which he founded. We are the community of the New Covenant, the People of God; we share in the royal priesthood of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church. As such, our mission is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. You and I pursue our mission as we pray, as we worship, as we proclaim the Gospel, and promote justice, peace, and love. Each one of us is called to carry out this mission. It is our . . . it is your ministry.

As we live into the seasons of Advent and Christmas that this month brings us, remember that you are ministers of the Church which was founded by our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember also that your ministry is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever you may be; and, according to the gifts given to you, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take your place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church. As you do this, may God fill you with an abundance of divine grace during these blessed days.

In Christ's love, and ministry,  
Father Leon+



It's that time of year to plan on providing Christmas presents and groceries for our 34 Head Start students.

These children eat breakfast, lunch and snacks at our church 5 days a week. When they have two weeks off for Christmas break, their parents struggle to provide the extra food for these meals. We will begin to collect any food and money that parishioners are willing to donate to fill the bags of food.

We also provide a book and toy for the child to help insure a fun Christmas. Thanks to Lynne Field, we already have 30 books and matching stuffed animals. We will need to purchase 4 more sets.

If you prefer to donate money for this effort, please note on your check or envelope "Head Start" and we will use the funds to defray the cost of the gifts already purchased, as well as to help fill the bags of food.

Over the next few weeks, we will be collecting the following groceries:

- Boxes of cereal
- Cereal Bars
- Pop Tarts
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly/jam
- Crackers
- Soup
- Cookies



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**\*\* A HUGE APPRECIATION AND MANY THANKS GO OUT TO A COUPLE OF OUR  
VERY OWN VETERAN PARISHIONERS \*\***

Ed Miller & Charles Geers

(ALONG W/ANYBODY ELSE THAT MAY HAVE BEEN INADVERTENTLY MISSED)

**VETERANS DAY SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017**

We served 70 meals  
including approx. 20 walk-ins w/out tickets  
Our 50/50 fundraiser raised \$45 strictly for our MISSION -  
Tuesday Night Dinner fund  
We deposited another \$722.25 (before expenses)

Thank you to the following people for helping to make our annual fundraiser a great success.  
Without everyone working cohesively together, we would not be able to accomplish the many  
feats we do.

## Tina Geers

Bread pudding dessert - what a super treat  
Italian bread & Garlic bread  
Spaghetti sauce – a masterpiece

## Lee Webber

Advertising signs throughout the city  
Decorating the parish hall

## Meatballs

**Charlie Geers** This recipe was secretly handed down to him many, many years ago!  
(Yes, I have copies, but ... it obviously is negotiation time!)

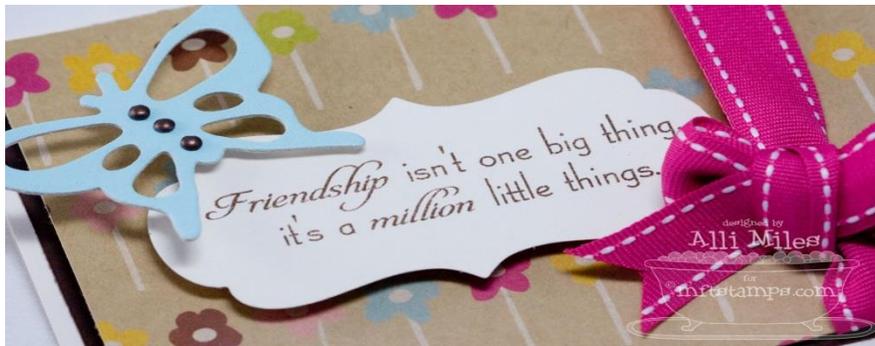
**Nancie & Ed Miller** for getting their hands dirty making sure we had some nice large round meatballs

**Charlie, Ed, Dave Webber** - for manning the ticket table.

Kitchen - serving - food prep - clean up

Lynn & Dave Bullard  
Dottie Engle  
Tina Geers  
Nancie Miller  
Lynn Mozeliak  
Jeff Wise & daughters  
Lucy Frank  
Becky Johnson

(I profusely apologize if I left anybody out ....)





## TUESDAY NIGHT DINNERS



### OCTOBER– 5 TUESDAYS

239 meals served

35 second requests

9 take outs to go

**283 Total meals served**

**\*\* All the coffee, lemonade, Kool aid and/or ice tea you can drink.\*\***

**\*\* Dessert is always included w/the meal.\*\***

### NOVEMBER MENU

07 – hot dogs w/baked beans, fries and salad

14 – THANKSGIVING TURKEY w/all the fixings -

21 – sloppy joe w/veggie & salad

28 – home made veggie soup w/salad and toasted cheese sandwich

### DECEMBER MENU

05 – chili over rice w/bread & salad

12 – spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad and bread

19 – CHRISTMAS HAM OR PORK w/all the fixings

26 – CLOSED – no dinner served



## TENTATIVE MENU – SUBJECT TO CHANGE



### JANUARY MENU

02 – pot pies w/applesauce and tossed salad

09 –  burger sandwich w/French fries, salad and veggie

16 – pizza & tossed salad

23 – goulash w/tossed salad & bread



30 – home made veggie soup w/toasted cheese sandwich & tossed salad

### FEBRUARY MENU

06 – hotdogs w/baked beans, veggie & salad



13 – sloppy joe w/veggie & tossed salad

20 – chili over rice w/bread & tossed salad

27 - home made veggie soup w/toasted  cheese sandwich  
and tossed salad

As we express our *gratitude*, we must  
*never forget* that the highest appreciation is  
not to utter words, but to *live* by them.

*John Fitzgerald Kennedy*

*~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 November grow in wisdom and grace,  
and strengthen their trust  
in your goodness, all the days of their  
lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen*



**November Birthdays**

Nov. 3rd      Alisha Richardson  
Nov. 6th      Paula Cordone Distin  
                  Mary LaBeef  
Nov. 7th      Stewart Wattles  
Nov. 11th     Helen Sievers  
                  Brayden Howard  
Nov. 24th     Heather Johnson  
Nov. 27th     Lee Webber  
Nov. 28th     Ed Miller

**November Anniversaries**

Nov. 20th     Dave & Lee Webber

**December Birthdays**

Dec. 1st      Kim Miller  
Dec. 2nd      Bruce Thomas  
Dec. 7th      Dorothy Engel  
Dec. 8th      David Bullard  
Dec. 9th      Mason Garbus  
Dec. 12th     Hayley Van  
Dec. 13th     Abby Field  
Dec. 14th     Betty Meeker  
Dec. 21st     Jeremy Wattles  
Dec. 24th     Jennifer Wattles  
Dec. 25th     Art Sievers  
Dec. 26th     Liliana Rivera  
Dec. 28th     Damiano Cortini



## **Please Pray for These People**

### **Immediate Concerns**

Muriel Adkins, Sethany Alongi, Barb Abbott, George Barlow, Christine Brown, Mathew Clancy, Carol Comstock, Jayden Conn, Andrew Drozd, Jack Durphey, Charlotte Elias, Sally Ess, Fred Ferguson, Philip Field, Pete Gage, George Graham, Ron Haney, Terry Healey, John Luckier, Maureen McCauley, John McDonald, Eli McDowell, Rose McMillen, JoAnne Nelson, Linda Richardson, Carol Ann Smith, Gail Steele, David Stone, Jenny Wattles,

### **Long Term Concerns**

Nancy Baldwin, George Barlow, Ryan Barry, Billy Cuyler, Rowan DeLong, Jack Durfey, Dorothy Engell, Lucy Frank, Charlie Geers, Les Johnson, Sandy Metler, Kim Miller, Dorothy Page, Helen Sievers, Cliff Wilder, Ed Roberts, Barbara Stanard

### **Home Based or Nursing Home**

Cherie Buck, Agnes Hoefler, Elizabeth Wattles, Edith Cordone,

***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

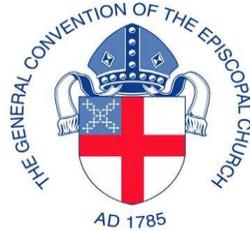
Please call Nancie Miller (592-5916) to update the “immediate concerns” list by keeping, adding or deleting a name. Each month the list will start anew. 11/14/17.



We are still running a fundraising drive to support our Tuesday Night Dinners program. Our goal is to raise \$5,000, which is about what we need to operate for a year. We have been receiving donations from local businesses and individuals that are impressed with our program. However, we had a commercial freezer packed with food break down. The repair was inexpensive, but we lost almost \$3,000 worth of food.

We plan on sending more letters to businesses, asking for donations. Also, we will start to visit churches and community groups to discuss the importance of these dinners to the members of the community. If you have a contact for a group that you think we should contact, please let us know.

You can send a check to All Saints Episcopal Church, 153 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St. Fulton, NY 13069. Please feel free to share this information with others. We will also raise funds through a GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/tuesday-night-dinners-fund>. Please give if you can. Our program helps people who have nowhere else to turn for a nutritious meal and the fellowship of others. Our volunteers work very hard to provide a delicious meal and a comfortable place for individuals and families to come. We are always open to having new volunteers to help with the dinners. Contact Lynn Bullard, 315-598-9535, for more details.



Friday, November 10 and 11, 2017 Father Leon, Rebecca Johnson, and I attended the 149<sup>th</sup> CNY Episcopal convention. It was impressive to see so many people from the Diocese, and parishioners from some of the 86 congregational bodies.

Three new rectors were introduced: Gary Cyr- St. James', Clinton, NY; Jon White- St. Luke's, Camillus, NY; and Steven White-St. Andrew's, New Berlin, St. Matthew's, South New Berlin, Emmanuel, Norwich. I was fortunate to have Rector Cyr at my table and available for questions.

I have wondered about the Old Testament entries I have read in church. It seemed to me that a lot of times the readings showed the opposite behavior of what Jesus would do. I didn't read about Love and Forgiveness that is always promoted. I asked Rector Gary about this observation. He told me that he had a professor that explained that what was in the Old Testament were things that did not work out well. He said that the New Testament brought forth the beliefs that we hold now.

There were 7 resolutions proposed and passed:

1. Clergy compensation should be considered for a cost of living increase of 2%.
2. Commending the Diocese of New York Reparations Committee for its call for a "Year of Lamentations" for the sin of slavery.
3. Commitment to Anti-Racism and Opposition to the All-Right Movement.
4. Work for Racial Justice and Reconciliation
5. This 2017 Diocesan Convention gives its heartfelt thanks for the dedicated ministry of the Rev. Donald W. Matthews (Grace Church, Elmira), and its warmest wishes for his happiness and that of his wife Margaret in his undertaking of retirement.
6. Greetings to the Rt. Rev. Gladstone "Skip" Adams and Mrs. Bonnie Adams; the Rt. Rev. David Joslin and Mrs. Carol Anne Joslin; the Rt. Rev. David Alvarado and the Rev. Irma Alvarado; and to Bishop John S. Macholz, E.L.C.A.
7. Thanks to Exhibit Hall Organizers, Exhibitors, Syracuse Technologies and the Holiday Inn, Liverpool.

There was an interesting presentation by Rev. Dwight Zscheile, where he tested our ability to listen to others. He presented a passage from the bible for us to read. He then asked 2 questions that we were to discuss with a friendly stranger. We were to remember what the stranger said and then present their answer to our home group. It was obvious how difficult it was to remember what had been said, even though we were told to pay attention. This is a valuable skill to keep practicing.