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# FOR ALL THE SAINTS

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Welcome Home!

All Saints' is our favorite place for worship, family, and friends! We look forward to an exciting fall season here at your church home!

My Beloved Community,

Grace and peace to you! It's hard to believe that the summer is over—but here we are in the beautiful and busy fall season!

We have so much to do and so much to look forward to. In October, we'll celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with the first season's offering by our Children's Choir during the 10:00 service, and of course, we'll have our Annual Blessing of the Animals too! November brings our own feast day, All Saints' Sunday, and our beloved former rectors John Neilson and Jane Rockman will be on hand to help us celebrate our past and rejoice in our bright future.

Also, we'll welcome back our Operation Warm Heart guests as the temperature drops. We enjoyed hosting groups of homeless men and women, breaking bread with them, and ensuring that they had a comfortable, friendly, and warm place to spend the night. Dates for that are being planned, so keep your eyes open for updates!

As the seasons change, so do our lives, our work, our activities. But here's what stays the same, no matter the season: our strong faith, our love for one another, and most of all, God's great love for us! I am so grateful to share that love with all of you, and to feel that love at work in my life and the life of the church. Thank you for continuing to walk this path with us!

In the love of Christ and all the saints,

Susanna+



## Fall Schedule

Our Fall Schedule is back! Join us on Wednesdays at 12:15 pm for Holy Eucharist, Rite II and on Sundays at 8:00 am for Rite I Eucharist or 10:00 am for Rite II Eucharist.

Children's Sunday School begins at 9:55 am in the downstairs classrooms, and Adult Christian Education is at 11:30 am in Lea Hall.

Children's Choir and Youth Group also meet following the 10:00 services.



## SERVICE TIMES

### Sundays

8:00 am

Rite I Holy Eucharist

10:00 am

Rite II Holy Eucharist  
(Family Service on the last Sunday of the month)

Children's Sunday School

11:30 am

Coffee Hour/Christian Education

Youth Group

Children's Choir

### Wednesdays

12:15 pm

Rite II Holy Eucharist  
(healing service on the last Wednesday of the month)

## What's Happening at All Saints'?

### September

Friday, September 21st-Saturday, September 22nd: Youth Group trip to Asbury Park

Saturday, September 29th: 10:00 am, Saturday Bible Study begins

### October

Tuesday, October 2nd: 6:00 pm, "An Evening with Dianne Grossman" Anti-Bullying Program

Sunday, October 7th: 12:30 pm, St. Francis Blessing of the Animals, Front Lawn

Sunday, October 14th: 2:00 pm, Crafternoon Group, Guild Room

Sunday, October 21st: 4:00 pm, Family Supper, Lea Hall

Saturday, October 27th: 7:30 pm, "Halloween-A-Palooza" Party, Lea Hall

## Calling All Guys and GHOULS!

Our Annual Halloween-A-Palooza is coming up! Put on your best costumes and get ready to party with us at All Saints'! Music, food, and much more. We'll get started at 7:30 pm on Saturday, October 27th, and be done before the witching hour. Grab a friend and join the fun!



## Youth Group News!

The Youth Group has a couple of events planned for the Fall, and a couple of others firmly in mind, but yet to be scheduled.

On Friday evening September 21, several youth group members – Alex, Gabby, and Sophia – will be heading down to Trinity Church in Asbury Park with Susanna, Michele, and me for an overnight adventure that involves learning, outreach, and fun. Joining forces with Youth from a number of other parishes around the diocese, we will arrive in the evening, walk the several blocks to the beach, and there learn from Derek Minno-Bloom about their Food Justice program, and then hopefully linger a bit. After sleeping in Trinity's parish hall, we will volunteer in the food pantry from 8 am to 1 pm prepping, preparing, and hosting with a culminating effort making a lunch bag for departing guests. We will enjoy the afternoon on the boardwalk and beach, participate in Trinity's Saturday evening service and reflect upon our work, and then enjoy each other's company at a local restaurant before we return the evening of September 22.

On Saturday October 27 at 9 am we will continue our volunteer efforts at Evergreen Cemetery in Plainfield. All are welcome to join in on this satisfying ongoing service project.

We would like to do a hike one Saturday at Harriman State Park and a walking tour in New York City – like the ones we've done in Lower Manhattan and SoHo/Little Italy/Chinatown – this time in the East Village. Speak with me if you are interested in one of these non-only-Youth-Group events, and keep an eye out for dates.

Later in the Fall we will reestablish a cadence to our Sunday Youth Group meetings over pizza or coffee hour goodies – with a focus on our ever-rewarding Book of Common Prayer.

## Blessing of the Animals!

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small! We celebrate God's bountiful creation at the Feast of St. Francis, on Sunday, October 7th. Our Children's Choir will join with the Adult Choir at 10:00 for some great singing, and after our Christian Education, we welcome all of our furry, scaly, and finned friends for a special Pet Blessing on our Front Lawn! Please bring your pets (stuffed animals DO count!) at 12:30 on Sunday, October 7th. The Blessing will be in Lea Hall in case of rain.

If you don't have a pet, you can still be a very special blessing to animals in need. As we did last year, we'll be collecting supplies to donate to the Plainfield Area Humane Society. Cat food, cat litter, paper towels, and other domestic animal supplies are always greatly in demand. Please drop them off at the church office during office hours, or bring them to church with you.



## October Family Supper!

Join us on Sunday, October 21st, at 4:00 pm for a great Family Supper! All are invited for lively conversation and delicious food. And bring your friends! We ask that you bring an item to donate to our food pantry. See you there!



## What's Cooking at All Saints'?

Or better yet...WHO'S cooking at All Saints'? We are! Inspired by the cookbooks created by All Saints' in years past, we're celebrating the parish chefs we've always had every Tuesday night, beginning at 7 pm in the Lea Hall Kitchen. Please join us for a delicious feast for body AND spirit! For more information, contact Mother Susanna: [rector@allsaints-spnj.org](mailto:rector@allsaints-spnj.org).

## Saturday Bible Study

Join us for a \*NEW\* weekly Bible Study class! On Saturdays from 10:00 am until 11:00 am, we'll meet in the All Saints' Guild Room to read through the Scriptures assigned for the week and discover how the Word is at work in our own lives. We'll have coffee available, and a bite to eat too! Our first class begins on Saturday, September 29th. For more information, contact the church office at [church@allsaints-spnj.org](mailto:church@allsaints-spnj.org).