



For All the Saints

November 2014

Dear Friends,

November is neatly bracketed by special days for offering thanks. Everyone knows Thanksgiving comes at the end of November, but outside the church, few people realize that this month begins with another time of thanksgiving, All Saints' Day on November 1st. All Saints' is a major church feast, which is why our *Prayer Book* allows for celebration on a Sunday when November 1st falls on some other day, and especially since it is our name day, we do that.

The connection between All Saints' Day and Halloween is appropriately eerie. The night before All Saints' is more properly known as All Hallows Eve. Especially as midnight approaches, the emphasis is on the fearsomeness of death and the emptiness of whatever lies ahead. But then on All Saints', everything changes. Imagine ghostly sounds suddenly replaced by angelic choirs. There is peace. There is hope. There is the promise of new life.

All Saints' is a day to celebrate every generation, past, present and future. It is a day when we hear how everyone is blessed, no one is forgotten. It is a day when we pray for God to include us in "the mystical Body of Jesus Christ our Lord." It is a day of thanksgiving for fulfillment of what is stated in the *Prayer Book* as the Christian Hope: "that nothing, not even death, shall separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

That other, better known celebration on the fourth Thursday of this month is a more obvious feast day – literally. It calls us to give thanks for the blessings God continually gives us, and also to remember loved ones who may no longer be present when the family gathers to celebrate.

As you enjoy Thanksgiving Day on November 27, and as you give thanks for all the blessings of this life, remember to give thanks for All Saints' Day on November 1st and for God's eternal blessings.

Happy Thanksgiving Days!

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– All Saints’ News –

FAMILY SUPPER ON ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

We celebrate All Saints’ with a Family Supper, always very popular when it appears on the parish calendar. Supper is served at 4 pm, and you don’t have to sign up. If you’re free Sunday afternoon, just come and have a good time. The price of admission is a can of food for the food pantry. Thanks for this wonderful event go to **Lauren DiSarno, Michelle Smith-Crona, and Jenine Williams**. (Speak with them about helping with future suppers.)

THE PIE PIPER RETURNS!

In time for Thanksgiving (or after), some of our parish bakers are volunteering to prepare delicious desserts. This year, you can sign up for apple, pecan, pumpkin and sweet-potato. All pies are \$15. Please sign up by November 17. Pick up your pie(s) the Tuesday before Thanksgiving – November 25 – between 10 am and 5 pm.

WE WALKED THE WALK

Three from All Saints’ took part in the CROP Walk on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. **Charlie Beakes, Anne Goetz and Jane Rockman** – we walked, talked, and had a very nice time. Through our own and sponsors’ donations, All Saints’ is sending \$300 to Church World Service for their assistance efforts, not only internationally, also here at home. Each year, 25% of the total raised through a particular CROP Walk comes back to the local community.

CLEAN-UP DAY, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15

It’s that time of year when the leaves blanket the landscape – as you know from your own lawns. We ask that you spend a little time on this day, joining with others in the parish and from Boy Scout Troop 104, raking and piling the leaves in the gutter – ready for town collection. Come any time between 10 am and 1 pm, and bring a rake. Any questions, speak to **Bob Okell**.

OUR GARDNERS ARE BUSY

Sherry Woodruff, Liz Trimpin and Anne Goetz have led the effort to keep our property looking good. To find out how you can help, please speak with one of them. “Garden” envelopes are available for monetary donations to help defray costs.

VANCE GILBERT CONCERT, NOVEMBER 15

This will be a special Saturday night at All Saints' when folk legend Vance Gilbert performs in Lea Hall. **Kevin Walsh**, who has made all the arrangements, says the singer will perform two 45-minute sets with an intermission. It has been a while since he's appeared in this area, so his large and loyal following should be eager to hear him.

The Concert is at 8 pm. All tickets are \$20 and may be ordered through EVENTBRITE.com. You may also speak to Kevin. Proceeds will help Grace's Kitchen, the soup kitchen in Plainfield, where All Saints' volunteers each month.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

We celebrate Holy Eucharist at 9 am, early enough to get back to cooking, travel, and sports. Start this day of thanksgiving with a service of thanksgiving – sharing the Eucharist which is itself an offering of thanks. And Happy Thanksgiving to all!

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Sponsored by the Scotch Plains – Fanwood Ministerium, this annual service brings together our neighbors from many different houses of worship, along with our civic leaders. This year's Service will be at Temple Shalom, in their brand new building on Lake Avenue (extension). The service is at 7 pm with refreshments following.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES – DUE NOVEMBER 23

Time again to pack and send shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. They send them to children in strife-torn parts of the world, bringing the light of Christ to those who would otherwise have little or no Christmas joy. **Toki Dada**, who coordinates our participation, has pamphlets suggesting items to include – school supplies, toiletries, small toys, hard candy. Choose the age and gender of the child (or children) you wish to help and fill boxes accordingly. Decorating (wrapping) the boxes is fine, but please don't seal them. (They do request a small donation.)

Please bring your boxes here to church by Sunday, November 23rd. We will pile them up under the altar during worship – always a wonderful sight. Any questions, ask Toki Dada, who will take the boxes from here to the next stop on their journey,

--YOUTH NEWS--

MaryRose Clark has begun rehearsing with the Youth Choir, Sundays after church. A lively group of singers has been joining her each week. She will soon plan this year's debut!

Sunday School classes are going well thanks to **Kelly and Glen Robertson**, who not only direct the program, they also teach. Thanks to the others on our teaching roster: **Lauren DiSarno, Robin Sampson, and Beth Wojcio**. And thanks to **Liz Trimpin and Michelle Smith-Crona** for arranging exciting First Sunday programs.

The First Sunday in November, All Saints' Sunday, will have a program on – SAINTS!

Parents are invited to teach on the 4th Sunday of the month – an innovative way to let parents be more involved in what their children are studying. **Kelly Robertson** has created a sign-up board with details on topics being covered each 4th Sunday and she's ready to answer your questions and offer you suggestions. The Spark Program (curriculum) is user friendly, and all materials are copied here and handed to you. **Please sign up for one date!**

Pictures of the new Sunday School are being sent to Charlotte Baker's family so they can see the beautiful results of their generous bequest.

Youth Group will meet Sunday, November 2nd. **Chris Harris** is encouraging the young people to enjoy the Family Supper at 4pm and then gather in the Guild Room at 4:30. A tentative trip to New York City on November 15 will be discussed.

Lock-In Evaluation is set for November 9. Representatives of the Diocese and other parishes that took part will be here to discuss the various elements of the event and reactions to them. Any of our youth who took part and feel they have ideas or concerns to contribute are invited to attend. The meeting will be in Lea Hall at 5 pm.

Thanks to **Rich Johnson and Liz Trimpin**, a good time was had by all (about 60 people) at the Halloweenapalooza on October 25th. Ghosts and goblins still lurk in Lea Hall!

Please let MaryRose Clark know if you are going to be here for the Christmas Eve Family Service, 5 pm, Thursday December 24th.

--Parishioner Profile--

A LIFE IN MUSIC

By Beverly Neal Shea

Music has been central to my life since my childhood in Evanston, Illinois. It was music that brought Gerry and me to All Saints', since we met Mariana Caldwell and Peggy Tristram through the Musical Club of Westfield. For twenty years, we have known Beth Wojcio's family; our son Peter went to Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School with Jeremy, and Jeremy accompanied us on family trips to New England, Alaska and Greece. Our previous church was Calvary Episcopal in the Gramercy Park neighborhood of Manhattan (Eleanor Roosevelt's and Edith Wharton's parish) and, when in Alexandria, Virginia, we attend Christ Church (George Washington's and Robert E. Lee's parish).

I began piano lessons at age eight, and took up the concert harp as a freshman in high school. My family moved to Ridgewood, New Jersey in time for my junior and senior years at Ridgewood High. Then it was on to Oberlin Conservatory in Ohio for a Bachelor of Music degree, and Wichita State University for a Master's. I began my professional career of harp performances and piano teaching in Sioux City, Iowa and Cleveland, Ohio before arriving in Manhattan. There I played the harp for Broadway shows, taught music history, theory and/or class piano at The College of Staten Island, at Greenwich House Music School and at the Manhattan School of Music pre-college division. I also had private piano students throughout Manhattan.

It was through my sister who lived in Fanwood that I met my husband Gerry. My niece, two nephews, and later our daughter and son, are all graduates of the SPF school system. Our daughter Robin spent her college years at Michigan State University, eventually graduating with doctorates in veterinary medicine and microbiology. Our son Peter is a graduate of New York University's Tisch School for the Arts in film and television. Robin and her husband Jim work for AstraZeneca Research and Development in Gothenburg, Sweden, living by the Kattegat Sea with Emily, 6, Nicole, 4, and Matthew, 1. Peter is a multimedia producer for the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History in mid-town Manhattan and lives in Queens, NY.

Today, I am the President of the Musical Club of Westfield as it enters its centennial year, and am past-president and a current board member of the Music Educators' Association of New Jersey and of the Piano Teachers Congress of New York. Also, I am a senior advisor to the Junior Musical Club for teen-aged performers of instrumental and vocal music. I teach piano in students' homes, accompany instrumentalists and vocalists, play the harp locally and as far afield as Chicago and Atlanta, and have recently returned to singing with the Crescent Choral Society.

Gerry and I have lived in a century old farm house on Princeton Avenue in Scotch Plains for nearly thirty years, and have a second home in Old Town Alexandria, Virginia. The household

Cat is Mr. Whiskers (“Whiskey”), and Peter’s dog Frankenstein (“Frank”) frequently visits for a few days or a month at a time. We spend July in Sweden looking after our grandkids during the long northern days and twilit nights – the time when sensible Swedes take their vacations and close down childcare centers. Adding family visits to Cleveland, Ohio; Ottawa and Montreal, Canada; Atlanta and Savannah, Georgia; and Palm Coast, Florida; our travels cover all points of the compass. Yet most weeks during the academic year find us in Scotch Plains, and we regard All Saints’ as our home parish.

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3RD ANNUAL GALA HOLIDAY DINNER, DECEMBER 6

Even last year’s snow and wind did not dampen our spirits, although it did require a bit of adjustment. We look forward to this year’s gathering with parishioners and friends for good food, fellowship, and holiday cheer – and hopefully, good weather.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

WINE & HORS D’OEUVRES, 6:30 PM

DINNER & MUSIC, 7:30 – 9:30 PM

CATERED BY THE STAGE HOUSE TAVERN

(There will be a Silent Auction.

Semi-formal attire is suggested.)

TICKETS ARE \$35 PER PERSON

(Tickets must be purchased in advance.)

Proceeds benefit All Saints’ Church

---- THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL PARTY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ---

Please RSVP by November 30TH .

--The All Saints' Family --

Marjorie Jeanne Caruso, who grew up at All Saints', passed away on October 12. Her funeral was here on October 16, followed days later by interment in the columbarium, beside her husband, Joseph. Jeanne's mother, **Betty Lafayette**, a longtime parishioner, lives in Maryland.

Mary O'Connor is appearing in "Footloose" with the Somerset Valley Players in Hillsborough (689 Amwell Road, Rte. 514). Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 pm and Sundays at 2:00 pm on the weekends of October 31 and November 7. Tickets are \$20 (\$18 for seniors). For more information, call (908) 369 7469.

Mark and Steven Douches are appearing in a holiday production of "Aladdin" at the CDC Community Theatre in Cranford (78 Winans Avenue). Mark is playing the Emperor of China and Steven is part of the Ensemble. All tickets \$12. Performances: Friday Dec. 5 at 7:30 pm; Saturday Dec. 6 at 1:30, 4:30 and 7:30 pm; Sunday Dec. 7 at 1:30 and 4:30 pm.

Isabella and Arianna Blake are appearing in a production of "The Nutcracker" being presented at Greenbrook Middle School by Students Broadway Dance Theatre. Isabella is a Gingerbread and Arianna is a Candy Cane. The performance is Saturday, December 6 at 3 pm.

SUNDAY CONVERSATION

The discussion series continues, focusing on articles from *Christian Century*. Meetings in the Guild Room from 9-9:40. Nov. 2 -- "Astonishing Assemblies" (the 100th anniversary of the Assemblies of God); Nov. 9 & 16 -- "Jewish and Pacifist: Jesus and the Old Testament;" Nov. 23 & 30 -- "Meeting God at the Movies: Film as a Source of Revelation."

SCRIPTURE SHARING – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Participants in this monthly gathering discuss the readings assigned for the following Sunday. Next time, they will cover November 9th lessons -- Amos 6:18-24, First Thessalonians 4:13-18, and Matthew 25:1-13. This gathering is at **Peggy Tristram's** in Westfield, from 6:45-7:45 pm.

PLEASE GET PLEDGES IN FOR 2015

Pledges that are here will be dedicated on All Saints' Sunday. But that does not end our efforts to encourage everyone to pledge. We hope you will! Boxes of pledge envelopes will be available in December.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY LAMP

We invite you to keep flowers on the altar as a memorial or thanksgiving. The cost is **\$40.00**. Keep the **Sanctuary Lamp** burning for a week to remember loved ones or offer thanksgiving. The lamp is **\$10.00**. **Make checks payable to the Altar Guild** and put in the **memo** line that the check is for flowers or the lamp. Sign up in the narthex, or call the office.

Available Dates

Altar Flowers: November 2, 16, 30

Sanctuary Lamp: November 9, 16

MISSIONARY OUTREACH

The second Sunday of each month is Sharing Sunday when we ask for donations to help local families through Heart for Humanity.

November – Health & Beauty Supplies (deodorant, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes for children & adults, toothpaste, floss, mouthwash, Q-tips, cotton balls)

December – Stocking Stuffers

January – Non-perishable snacks (juice boxes, raisins, granola, fruit bars, crackers, etc.)

Please keep our Food Basket filled every Sunday with non-perishable items. This is also a way to help local families through Heart for Humanity.

The Rev. Jane Rockman, *Rector*
MaryRose Clark, *Organist and Choir Director*

The Rev. John R. Neilson, *Rector Emeritus*
Irene Carlucci, *Secretary*
Wesley Jenkins, *Sexton*

Wardens

Jenine Williams Richard Johnson

Vestry

Todd Bouverot	John Brewer	Lauren DiSarno	Anne Goetz
Chris Harris	Joanna Hurley	Bob Okell	Glen Robertson
Michelle Smith-Crona	Liz Trimpin	Kevin Walsh	Susan Winkler

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