



**April 2020**



## ***The Rector's Corner . . . .***

Dear Ones In Christ,

Over the past several weeks, our time together has been limited to 'technological' gatherings due to our needing to self-quarantine at home as much as possible as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. That is, we've gathered online in a variety of ways for meetings and our Lenten Christian Education Program. Also, of course, cell phone technology was certainly put to tremendous use. I'm sure there has been more 'pinging' in the cell towers than usual. And, while audio/video communication is nice, we sure miss being with each other.

As we continue along this high-tech pathway, I'm pleased to say that we had our first online presence for our Sunday worship. This experience for those few folks who were present for the recording was interesting and unique. I know I've never done worship this way before. We are blessed to have many talented folks in our congregation who stepped up to help with this initial broadcast. Many thanks are due to Chris Niebling, our videographer, editor, and producer; Joe DeAmicis, our Social Media specialist; Stephen Pinel, Music Coordinator; and three members of our choir: Brandon Burns, Chad Newsome, and Jeremy Lees. Yes, our online worship presence includes both instrumental and vocal music.

There are two important 'messages' that can be conveyed during these difficult times with our online worship.

The first message is one of parochial identity. While I hope everyone has had an opportunity to be online for the worship services of other parishes, it will be helpful for us to have access to our worship as members of All Saints in Bay Head. And, whether we know them to be watching along with us or not, we welcome virtual guests to our online broadcasts.

The other important 'message-opportunity' we have before us is to gather as a diocese. Our cathedral—Trinity Cathedral in Trenton—is broadcasting Sunday worship, too. So that we can take advantage of both messaging opportunities, our schedule for the next few weeks will be as follows:

Trinity Cathedral:	April 5 – 12, Holy Week and Easter Day, at a variety of times depending on the day of the service
All Saints Church:	April 19, The Second Sunday of Easter, at 11:00 am
All Saints Church:	April 26, The Third Sunday of Easter, at 11:00 am

In order to view the services emanating from All Saints, go to our website: [allsaintsbayhead.org](http://allsaintsbayhead.org).  
The cathedral, go to their website: [trinitycathedralnj.org](http://trinitycathedralnj.org) or the Diocesan website—[dioceseofnj.org](http://dioceseofnj.org)

The schedule of services for beyond April will be announced at a later time.

With prayers and blessings that you will stay (or get) well,

Robert

The Reverend Robert A. Nagy, Rector

## ***Birthday Wishes . . . .***

April 3—Laurie Doran

April 4—Jane Anuario

Chloe Colyar

April 9—Marianne Romaine

April 10—Robert Nagy

April 14—Cheryl Smith

April 18—Don Noffsinger

April 21—Paul Chowanskly

April 22—Lori Copman

April 24—Eric Jacobs

April 28—Cathy Mulligan

April 30—Larry Kyse



## ***Anniversary Blessings . . . .***

April 23—Julie & Keith McBride



## ***Words from the Sr. Warden . . . .***

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

With our church closed due to the pandemic, the bills still come in and come due. We ask each and all of you, to the extent your personal circumstances permit, to please continue to pay your pledges. Our envelopes are easy and convenient. They are pre-addressed and only require a stamp. We had a great pledge year with pledges totaling over \$200,000. We weathered and survived Sandy and remain a strong faith community. If we each honor our pledge for this year, to the extent of our ability, our parish will weather this new and different kind of storm as well.



Keep well and keep faith!

Gerald Harvey, Senior Warden on behalf of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of All Saints

## They were all of them saints of God . . . .

The first line of this historic document reads: "~~Whereas the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry men of the Members of All Saints Church Bay Head and State of New Jersey have, by an Instrument this day presented to me, appointed and devoted a house of Public Worship erected by them in said Bay Head to the worship and service of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, according to the provisions of the Protestant Episcopal Church ... and by a Congregation in communion with said Church, and in union with the Convention thereof in the Diocese of New Jersey.~~" The double

strikethrough was intentional, and it was done in red. In place of the first stricken words "~~the Members~~" was inserted. The "instrument" presented that day was the certification of our church's consecration. It is dated August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1893, and it was signed by John Scarborough, the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey. It hangs today in the foyer north of Bristol Hall.



In the 19<sup>th</sup> century Castlewella was a small town in County Down in the northern Irish province of Ulster. On April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1831 John Scarborough was born there. Little is known about John's early life. What is known, however, is that he was baptized in the chapel of the Earl of Roden. The Earl at that time was a staunch protestant who was a leader of the Orange Order, an Irish protestant fraternal order founded in 1795 that was actively involved in the often violent Protestant-Catholic sectarian conflict.

After the death of his father in 1840, young John and his mother immigrated to the United States and settled in Lansingburgh, a small town on the Hudson River north of Troy, New York. After receiving his early education there John attended Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. Trinity College was founded as a faith-based school in 1824 by Thomas Church Brownell, the Episcopal Bishop of Connecticut from 1852 to 1865. After graduating from Trinity in 1854 John attended General Theological Seminary in New York City. Founded in 1817, it is today the oldest seminary of the Episcopal Church. Chartered by the General Convention in 1817, its name was chosen to reflect the intention of its founders that it would serve the entire Episcopal Church.

Upon graduating from seminary in 1857 John was ordained in Trinity Church in lower Manhattan. Over the next 18 years he served parishes in Troy and Poughkeepsie, New York, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. While serving in Pittsburgh at Trinity Church he received his Doctorate in Sacred Theology in 1872. In 1875 he was elected Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey, which had just been separated from the newly formed Diocese of Newark. He was consecrated in February as Bishop in St. Mary's Church of Burlington. Bishop Scarborough served the Diocese until he passed away in March 1914.

I have been told by present and past rectors of All Saints that an Episcopal church cannot be consecrated unless there are a rector, wardens, and a vestry in place. Clearly Bishop Scarborough felt otherwise when in August 1893 he consecrated All Saints. That summer our church was physically nothing more than a rectangular box on short pilings standing alone on a sandy lot. Spiritually, however, our founders were strong and their purpose united. They were the church.