



Senior Warden's Message

The Wardens and Vestry will be meeting on September 10 with our transition consultant, The Rev. Joanne Izzo. Some of you know Joanne from last March's well-received Lenten program. That program began as a live in-person event (a number of us walked the labyrinth as we meditated on the meaning of Lent) and ended as an on-line Zoom program. A metaphor for a difficult year as we seek as a faith community to provide mutual spiritual support during a pandemic and the establishment of a search process for our next rector. Joanne has and will continue to be a valued resource during the search. She has undertaken two retreats with the Wardens and Vestry and met with us in advance of our readiness assessment meeting with Canons Jones and Jemmott. As I have previously reported our next step will be a parish town hall meeting with leaders of the Diocese. Dependent on diocesan scheduling, the meeting will take place in late September or perhaps early October. The July meeting of the Wardens and Vestry with the Bishop on which I previously wrote, the August meeting for the readiness assessment, and the parish town hall are all steps mandated by the Diocese. The first two meetings with the Wardens and Vestry were very helpful in our preparations. The town hall

meeting will also be helpful as we prepare to organize our search for a new rector and the committees needed to carry it out. Given current circumstances the town hall will be via Zoom, similar to our Sunday virtual coffee hours. At the upcoming Vestry meeting on September 10 we will be discussing with Joanne current best search practices. Some of us have never been engaged in a search for a rector. I was last involved in a rector search 25 years ago. Even those of us involved in our most recent search at All Saints have learned from Bishop Stokes and Canon Jemmott, the diocesan transitions officer, that there have been refinements to the search process. Even without a pandemic, much more of the search process is conducted on-line than even a few years ago. Our search for a new rector presents us with a great opportunity to examine who we are as a parish, our role in the community, and the qualities we will need in our next rector as we enter the next chapter in our history.

Gerald Harvey

Thoughtful Prayer



"God of healing and hope, in Jesus you meet us in our places of pain and fear. Look with mercy on those who have contracted the virus, or any who are vulnerable, and on all who feel in danger. Through this time of global concern, by our Holy Spirit bring out the best, not the worst in us."

Birthday Wishes

Sept. 4—Mary Jo Heckman
 Sept. 5—Nick Stango
 Sept. 10—Sarah O'Brien
 Sept. 13—Sudy Mayo
 Sept. 14—Joan Hamelberg
 Sept. 15—Kelly Bicking
 Patty Slack
 Sept. 16—Paul Mastroserio
 Debbie McCullam
 Sept. 17—Colin Jacobs

Sept. 18—Steve Cavico
 Sept. 19—Courtney Jacobs
 Zoe Wells
 Sept. 21—Toms Royal
 Caroline Snyder
 Sept. 22—Claudia Jacobs
 Sept. 26—Shea Bicking
 Sept. 30—Susan Bristol
 Caroline Jacobs



Anniversary Blessings

Sept. 3—Kelly and John Bicking
 Pat and Otto Lowe
 Sept. 9—Kathy and Toms Royal
 Pat and Tom Trunkwalter
 Sept. 10—Caroline and John Petrie

Sept. 19—Susan and Martin Morales
 Sept. 22—Susan and Chris Palmer
 Sept. 25—Donna and Skip Knapp
 Sept. 26—Connie and Bill Fortenbaugh
 Frank and Cathy Mulligan



Anniversaries



"I can't find what channel we're on."



"I like it when everyone in church sings about that Ollie Louya guy."

Outreach



Covid-19 vs Superstorm Sandy

Each Friday I join a Zoom Diocesan Outreach meeting, coordinated by Canon Phyllis Jones, that invites guests to discuss Outreach topics. We've had speakers talk about food banks, prison reform, and many other topics. Last Friday, Keith Adams, whom many remember from Sandy, and now with Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters, NJVOAD.org., spoke about the stages people go through when confronted with a disaster. He compared Sandy and Covid-19.

Keith recounted that in a disaster like Sandy, there is first the event – a storm, followed by the response. Bay Head for example voted for a clean-up company. Soon sand was bulldozed back on the beach and trucks picked up broken and discarded household goods. Next is the honeymoon – we're in this together: people volunteer at St. Paul's to make and serve meals, the Rev. Neil Turton offers a eucharist service in the driveway of All Saints and people walking by stop to join in.

Eventually, reality breaks in – people become disillusioned. Their contractor runs off with their deposit, the insurance company doesn't cover everything, it takes forever to get the electricity back on. Finally, reconstruction and normalcy: they elevate or just rebuild. Keith ventured that for Sandy the recovery and return to mostly normal has taken some 8 years, and is still continuing. Sandy, however, was a single event: it happened, we did or did not get through it, we moved on and mostly talk of it as something in the past.

Covid-19 is different. The stages are different. We are 50 states, with different strategies: mask or no mask, social distance or not. We have that *come together feeling* at different times – the Northeast locked down while other states opened up. Some beat the virus down and at the same time others see a surge in cases. There is a longer period of grief and disillusionment. The number of cases are up and down, and the deaths continue to rise. And wave 2, 3, and more waves would reset the *response-to-normal* time frame back to square one over and over again. Once again Keith reminds us that Covid has the potential to have an event-to-normalcy of 20-25 years. Yes, there will eventually be vaccines and even earlier, treatments for those who get the disease. And yes, there will be controversy over the vaccines.

It is *not* time to give up to despair; it *is* time to set goals. A possible problem is that the revised \$300 federal unemployment benefits are funds diverted from FEMA – while we are in hurricane/wildfire/tornado/flood season. Nevertheless, help will come from government – unemployment benefits, PPE, help to restart schools. However, churches have civic roles too. Rooted in our baptismal covenant, we can grow and maintain support for local food banks, like St. Gregory's Pantry, with church-wide food drives and individual contributions. As the Gospel calls on us, we can be advocates in our communities for PPE, for bookbags for school children. (even students who learn virtually will need school supplies.) When we vote and spread the word that a vote is our right, we promote justice and peace. As we complete the census and then make sure our relatives and friends know how important the census is for eventual federal funds to NJ. We can join with other religious and civic groups to coordinate a larger voice in our community. Finally, for the health of our friends and neighbors, we can make sure we get regular vaccines for seasonal flu, pneumonia, and shingles.

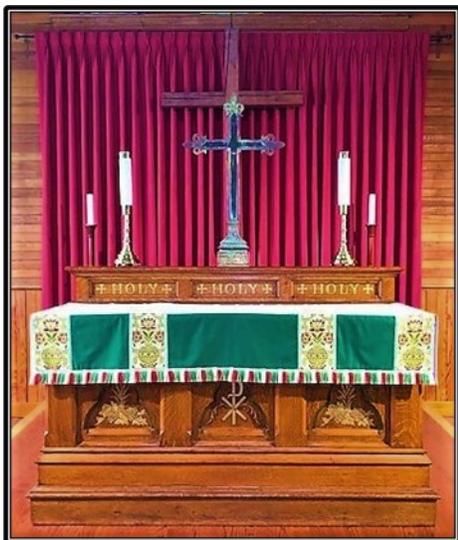
In the days of a pandemic, with so many in need at home and throughout the country, we at All Saints Church are a community that strives to love our neighbors as ourselves, seek and assist those who need our help, and ask this question: who do we say that we are?

Phyllis Kata

Outreach Committee

They were all of them saints of God

On the morning of July 7, 1889 when our doors opened for the first time our church, inside and out, had few adornments. From the outside it was a simple rectangular structure set on a sandy field beside Scow Ditch. Inside, the pews were roughly made and devoid of cushions. Facing east, a parishioner would have seen in the left corner a tiny room that served as the sacristy. In the right corner behind a screen was a small organ. The central piece of furniture on the east wall beneath boarded up window frames, was the altar. A narrow, raised shelf, or retable, extended the width of the altar along the back edge, and upon it sat a brass cross. On the retable were the words “+Holy+Holy+Holy+.” Below were the super-imposed Greek letters *X* (*chi*) and *P* (*rho*) - the first two letters of Christ. That single piece of furniture is now two pieces, and together they remain at the center of worship.



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Versus populum, Latin for “towards the people,” is the liturgical orientation in which the priest celebrates communion facing the parishioners. The opposite orientation is ***ad orientem***, meaning “towards the east,” and it is how our rector faced when he (it was only a he at the time) celebrated the Holy Eucharist for the first 85 years of our existence.

In the 1970s the Episcopal Church of America was examining why certain aspects of the liturgy were as they were. One of the practices under review during this period of liturgical transition was the conduct of the Holy Eucharist with the priest facing *ad orientem* at the altar during the Eucharistic Prayer and consecration of the bread and wine. Just because it had been the practice for centuries it no longer seemed appropriate as churches were thinking the priest should face the people, *i.e.*, *versus populum*. It wasn't long before many churches either turned their altars around or, literally, cut their altars into two pieces, *i.e.*, into a table and a reredos, or free-standing decorative shelf behind the altar table. And that is exactly what was done at All Saints Church. What had been the retable, including the part of the altar base upon which it sat, was cut away from the table portion of altar. A new front panel was installed and today it sits several feet behind the altar below the wooden cross. The retable is removable, and when lifted the rough edges of the saw cut are visible.

I believe the splitting of the altar took place in or about 1974 because fastened to the top of the retable is a brass plate inscribed “DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE LOVING MEMORY OF WILLIAM REESE SPOFFORD, 1897 – 1973, BY HIS FAMILY.” It is the cross that is being dedicated. As I wrote in April 2019, I believe the cross was made by Phil Clarke, a local craftsman, and installed in the 1970s. I think it was also Phil Clarke who with great skill cut the altar into two pieces. William Spofford, another Philadelphian prominent in our history, served as chairman of the board of trustees of All Saints in the 1960s and early 1970s. He was also Commodore of the Bay Head Yacht Club from 1951 – 1954 and the president of the Board of Trustees of Temple University from 1969 to 1973.

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Show Me the Money



We know that many parishioners at All Saints would like an explanation of where our money is and what it is used for. Although much of this is covered at our annual meeting, a reminder of how your contributions are handled is important for understanding where your pledge dollars go. All monies received by All Saints are in either Manasquan Bank or managed by Ameriprise Financial Services.

There are two accounts at Manasquan Bank. The first is the Rector's Discretionary Account. Money in this account is for use by the Rector and it is confidential. The second account is our Operations Account. All monies we receive are deposited into this account and all checks for expenses are written from this account. Money can be transferred to Ameriprise from this account. It is supported, especially this year, by your pledges. In "normal" years, we also receive monies from open plate contributions and occasionally special gifts that also are deposited into this account.

There are three different accounts at Ameriprise. Each one has its own asset allocation plan. Our Investment Committee meets quarterly and discusses any changes to the allocations or investments. These changes are proposed to, discussed by and approved as warranted by the Finance Committee and then sent to the Vestry.

First is the Scholarship Fund. This fund is used to reward our college age parishioners. Most years, there are fund raisers to supplement any money taken from this account. There is approximately \$23,335 in the account.

Second is the Capital Fund. The main purpose of this fund is to support the building and grounds program. There were two generous gifts directed to this account: one that funded a portion of the roof replacement and the other that supports a portion of our annual building and grounds budget. The roof replacement gift covered about one-third of the cost of the roof. The remainder of the \$107,000 cost was drawn from the Vestry Directed Fund. The other gift was given specifically for the upkeep of the grounds and other expense-related building and grounds items. The withdrawals for these items are limited to \$20,000 per year. The balance in this account is approximately \$113,670. At the current pace of Vestry directed allocation this fund will last for about six more years, after which the costs will revert back to the operations budget.

The final account is the Vestry Directed Fund (VDF). The VDF is used for a variety purposes. For example, when there is a shortfall in cash during the year, we withdraw money from the VDF to cover our cash flow needs. This happens every year and we have always been able at year's end to return our withdrawals in full. The amount of outreach we do through the Outreach Committee and the Vestry is based on two percent of the balance in the VDF at the time that the budget is approved. This account also covers any capital projects that may come up during the year. The current balance of the VDF is approximately \$476,315.

The aggregate total is \$613,320.

Mark Durham & Paul Hamelberg

Outreach Opportunities

Mask up, Episcopal-style, fight food insecurity two times over

The Outreach Committee has learned of a church in Maryland, Christ Church Parish, Kent Island, that makes COVID-19 masks decorated with the Episcopal shield. They use the proceeds to support their Backpack Meals for Kids program.



For many of us in Outreach, August has meant handing out shopping bags and a list of BBQ items, and waiting for all our shoppers to fill the bags with ketchup, mustard, baked beans, and lots of goodies needed by folks served by St. Gregory's Pantry for a Labor Day BBQ. St. Gregory's re-opened in early July and, as we have had to do for so many things this year, we have found a new way to help stock the shelves for a very special food pantry. Since the pandemic has stopped us from conducting a parish-wide food drive, Outreach has ordered 20 of these special COVID-19 masks as a way to help the pantry. The masks come in two styles; one, white with small Episcopal shields; the other, blue with larger Episcopal shields. We will offer them for sale at \$10 each. Your purchase price becomes a donation to St. Gregory's Pantry. Send a check for \$10, payable to All Saints Church and write "mask" in the memo line. The masks should arrive in about 2 weeks, and we will get the mask to you quickly. You can also buy one through the e-giving link on the website here (<https://www.allsaintsbayhead.org/eGiving.php>) and choosing the St. Gregory's Pantry option. If you do this, please let Linda know that your donation is meant for masks.



Wind, Rain, and Fire

It is that time of the year—sadly. Mother Nature crashes summer and forces us to witness over 12,000 lightning strikes that ignite wildfires in California, two possible hurricanes aiming for the Gulf of Mexico, and the derecho wind storm that ripped the silos apart and mowed the corn flat in Iowa. And, we're only in August. It would almost be too much to bear, except we seem to be facing these natural disasters year after year. As on past occasions, Outreach would be asking for a loose plate collection – oh, right, we're not back in church these days. We still want to live up to our name, Outreach, so we are asking you to give, if you can, either by sending a check to All Saints Church, with disasters in the memo line or visit the e-giving link in the web-site, (<https://www.allsaintsbayhead.org/eGiving.php>), and select disasters for your donation. I am well aware that just last week Outreach added Episcopal masks to the e-giving option to help support St. Gregory's Pantry and here we are adding natural disasters. We are in a pandemic, and parts of our country are facing wind, rain, and fire. We will share our collection with each of the various areas, working with Episcopal Relief and Development and local churches. We understand we are asking for your help at a time when so many need help right at home, and we are grateful for anyone who can share.

Phyllis Kata, Outreach Committee