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Welcome to the Episcopal Church in Bay Head

# For All the Saints



Senior Warden's note>>>

Giving thanks....

As my term as Senior Warden winds down, I want to thank all of you who have entrusted me with the care of the parish over the past four years. It has been an honor to serve you and to get a better understanding of the daily operations of All Saints and the governance of the Episcopal Church. Most of all, I give thanks that Kathryn agreed to accept the call three years ago to serve here and for the renewed spirit she has brought with her. But her caring spirit, enthusiasm, and joy have been amplified by Jeannette Caldwell, Penny Witt, Chris Kyse, Phyllis Kata, Linda Carduner, and members of the vestry, the altar guild, and the women's guild who have worked behind the scenes at so many events to make all feel welcome. I wish there were enough space to thank you all individually here. Although we continue to grow in faith and numbers, we still face financial challenges. I hope many more of you will offer to help us meet those challenges and to experience the joy of nurturing our parish life and spirit.

Steve Beresik

## The Rector's Corner

*Rusty bent old tools....*

***"It's funny: I always imagined when I was a kid that adults had some kind of inner toolbox full of shiny tools: the saw of discernment, the hammer of wisdom, the sandpaper of patience. But then when I grew up, I found that life handed you these rusty bent old tools—friendship, prayer, conscience, honesty—and said 'do the best you can with these; they will have to do.' And mostly, against all odds, they do."***

*Anne Lamott in Help, Thanks, Wow: Three Essential Prayers*

Over the past month-and-a-half, the beautiful weather of "local summer" has given me the opportunity to gather up things I've needed to read and write and head two blocks east to the dunes and sounds of the surf. I have experienced varying degrees of distraction and anxiety, much as some of you have shared have been your companions, too. I know for myself that my life cycles through these times and then, eventually, I begin to regain balance. The balance comes not only from intention, but from paying attention to the places where the world and my own neglect



have allowed some of the nuts and bolts of my self-care to come loose. Anne Lamott's image of our personal disciplines as a toolbox resonates with me. I am old enough to be familiar with the tools that work for me and the ones that I have tried and discarded over the years. Anne's list of friendships, prayers, conscience, and honesty form a good fit. Some friendships remain through the weathering of time while others offer blessing for a time and then yield their prominence. The same bears out with prayer practices and spiritual disciplines. My conscience and

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## Rusty bent old tools ....

attention to honesty, I think, don't cycle through but rather create an ever-expanding web, never releasing the lessons learned.

Thankfully, with age comes a growing list of times when I was sure I did not have what would be needed to get through challenges or anxiety, only to discover that, as promised, God's grace is indeed sufficient.

No matter whether the past weeks have brought you comfort or distress, your best resource is still the toolbox of our faith. These tools that our carpenter has provided truly will be enough *if* we dig in and make use of them all. This is a time of building and rebuilding. No matter how rusty or outdated they may look to some, these are the tools handed to us by the Master Carpenter of souls.

When we courageously and faithfully use them, we can build the world the designer intends.

Faithfully, Kathryn+



## Give a Child a Smile....

Give yourself a little joy by bringing a smile to a child's face this Christmas.

Following the St. Nicholas Bazaar, Outreach will once again begin collecting donations of toys and gifts for St. Gregory's Pantry.

Just look for our Christmas tree outside Bristol Hall, loaded with "ornaments" identifying whether the gift recipient is a girl or boy, age newborn to 18.

Unsure what to purchase? A gift card to Target, Walgreen's, or CVS can be donated so that parents can purchase a special gift for their child.

Please bring gift cards or **unwrapped** gifts and leave them under the tree.

Collection dates will appear in the weekly announcements, so keep your eyes peeled!

## Get ready for Ingathering Sunday, Nov. 24

All Saints, as we learned at the Coffee Hour presentation by the Stewardship Committee and Treasurer a couple of weeks ago, is one of the few parishes in the Diocese of New Jersey that is growing. Let's be thankful that newcomers and long-time members alike find this a place to (re)kindle our faith and friendships, and to make a difference in our community through Outreach and exceptional programs like the MPAC Youth Ambassadors performance, our Rubber Duck Derby, and more.

But these programs, as well as daily operations of the parish, entail costs. We have made concerted efforts to achieve efficiency and economy. This year, for example, we have had to cancel our barbecue dinner following the Annual Tree Lighting (see p. 3), and are trying a creative cost-cutting approach—a Chili Cook-off—in its stead. Yet, the challenge remains as the price of office supplies, heating and air conditioning, and staff salaries and health insurance have risen—especially when many newcomers are unfamiliar with the practice of pledging and many parishioners have not increased their pledge during the past decade.

On November 24, we will hold an Ingathering Service in which everyone will have time to reflect on and share something for which we are thankful—in our personal or parish life. And we will return our completed pledge cards indicating our promise to support All Saints financially. Following 10:15 service, we will, as Kathryn says, "celebrate the blessings of being part of this family, demonstrate our faithfulness to the Gospel to provide for the ministry of Christ," and *enjoy some pie!*



## Candles to Kings program notes & more

*The Rev. King has announced the plans for the Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany 2024-2025 season, also known as “Candles to Kings.” It’s a time for “saints” of all ages—and their friends—to celebrate joyfully in worship and fellowship activities beginning with our Annual Tree Lighting on Dec. 4 through The Feast of the Epiphany on Jan. 5.*



### St. Nicholas Bazaar

Our popular St. Nicholas Bazaar returns on **November 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Enter the raffle, check out the Book Nook, Children’s Corner, and baked goods, and grab a bite to eat at our Fireside Luncheon!

### Sundays in Advent

Every Sunday in Advent includes a children’s program during the first part of 10:15 service, which begins with the lighting of the Advent wreath. Then, they will go to their classrooms for special activities before returning to share in Eucharist. On **Dec. 1**, our young saints will be making Advent wreaths in class. On **Dec. 8**, everyone will enjoy a visit from St. Nicholas and there will be

special hand-pressed cookies to sample. On **Dec. 15**, another special visitor, St. Lucy, will lead a procession, bearing her special bread and crown of candles. (Girls are welcome to serve as her attendants and boys as “star dudes.” Please wear white.) On **Dec. 22**, we will be treated to a service of Advent Lessons and Carols, with spots for young readers. And on **Christmas Eve, the Family Service with Pageant** will take place at **5 p.m.** (Costumes will be available for “walk-ins.”) See next page for a complete schedule, including Christmas and Epiphany services.

### Fellowship Activities

On **Friday, Dec. 6**, All Saints is hosting an Open House from the Bay Head Christmas Walk, from 6 to 8 p.m. Stop by to check out 100+ nativities from around the world and enjoy hot chocolate, cookies, and crafts for all ages!

On **Friday, Dec. 20**, it’s time for a Parents’ Night Out, from 6 to 9 p.m. Kids will start in church and move to the rectory for supper, activities, and a movie! Please RSVP to the Church Office.

## Epiphany 2025 Events

We are already anticipating the arrival of the Three Kings! Our celebration begins on **Friday, Jan. 3** with an Epiphany Concert featuring choir, carols, and multimedia Christmas Story, followed by a festive reception. The Feast of the Epiphany will be observed on **Sunday, Jan. 5** with **one Festive Holy Eucharist at 10:15**. All are invited to an Open House at the rectory from 4 to 7 p.m. that day. Please consider bringing an hors d’oeuvre or dessert to share.



## Annual Tree Lighting!

Save the date: On **Wednesday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m.**, all are invited to gather at the corner of Howe Street and Lake Avenue for our annual parish tree lighting and blessing.

As in previous years, we will also join in singing a few favorite carols to set the mood.

Following these activities, we will move to Bristol Hall for supper provided by “saintly chefs” who have prepared various entries for a Chili Cook-off.

If you would like to toss your sombrero into the ring by cooking up a big batch of your signature chili or providing cornbread, please contact Linda Gyurko (732-363-9891) or fill out the sign-up sheet.

So let’s get cookin’!





# Worship in Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany

## December 1

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir, *featuring* Advent Wreath making in Sunday School

## December 8

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir, *featuring* A Visit from St. Nicholas and hand-pressed cookies

## December 15

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Choir, and A Visit from St. Lucy, *featuring* a festive Children's Procession and St. Lucy's Bread

## December 22

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Advent Lessons and Carols

## December 24 – Christmas Eve

4:45 p.m. Carols; 5 p.m. Festive Holy Eucharist, *featuring* Children's Pageant

8:45 p.m. Carols; 9 p.m. Festive Holy Eucharist, *featuring* Choir and String Quartet

## December 25 – Christmas Day

10:15 a.m. Festive Holy Eucharist with Carols

## December 29

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

## January 5 – Feast of Epiphany

10:15 a.m. Festive Holy Eucharist with Kings Pageant







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## OPEN HOUSE

December 6

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Delight in 100+ nativity displays from around the world,  
sample holiday treats, and join in activities and seasonal crafts!

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# Looking ahead

Keep up with the latest service schedule and events at All Saints by visiting our parish website: [www.allsaintsbayhead.org](http://www.allsaintsbayhead.org).



## Meeting and Community Event Reminders

**November 16 – St. Nicholas Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** – Fireside Luncheon returns this year!

**November 24 – Ingathering Sunday** – Special Coffee Hour with a variety of pies! Please sign up to bring a sweet or savory pie (store bought or homemade).

**November 26 – Community Thanksgiving Service** – Bay Head Chapel at 7 p.m. with neighbor congregations and music by the All Saints Choir under the direction of Stephen Pinel. Offering benefits St. Gregory's Pantry.

**November 28 – Vestry Meeting** at 6 p.m.

**December 4 – Annual Tree Lighting at 5:30 p.m. followed by Chili Cookoff;** must sign up in advance. See p. 3 for details.

**December 6 – Bay Head Christmas Walk, 6 to 8 p.m.** We'll be welcoming the community with holiday treats and activities for children and featuring a display of 100+ nativities from around the world! Bakers are invited to help us put out a tasty spread. Contact the Church Office if you can help bake or host.

**December 20 – Parents' Night Out, 6 to 9 p.m.** See p. 3 for details.



**You Are Invited  
Epiphany Open House  
at the Rectory**

**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>  
4:30 – 7 pm**

**Carving Station provided  
Hors d'oeuvres and Desserts Welcome but not Expected**

**Please sign-up on bulletin board to help with planning**

## Celebrating our saints >>>

### *Birthdays:*

11/2: John Flynn; Karen Hewson  
Harriet Snyder

11/5: Daniel Slack

11/6: Penny Ludovico;  
Scott Ward

11/9: Bailey Marcella

11/12: Sherry Urner

11/15: Mary Peters

11/20: Linda Gyurko

11/21: Luke Lawson

11/23: Gael Habernickel

11/29: Scott McMurray

12/ 4: Anthony Domino; Sue Rogers

12/7: Chase Wentworth

12/8: Bradley Marcella

12/12: Eric Canales; Dick Hewson

12/13: Frank Mulligan;

Suzie Van Schoick

12/15: Nicholas King

12/16: Les Bird

12/19: Melissa Pavacic

12/20: Rick Hager

12/22: Greta Schneider

12/24: Lynn Wiss

12/27: Priscilla Hiby

12/28: Lois Cavico

### *Anniversaries:*

11/19: Cheryl & Clayton Smith

11/29: Gael & Max Habernickel

12/2: Len & Penny Ludovico

12/8: Dan & Patty Slack

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