

SEPTEMBER



2018

For All The Saints



IT'S TIME: LET THE NEW PROGRAM YEAR BEGIN!

The Rector's Corner

Dear Friends,

With the arrival of the month of September, so begins our program year at the church. While this means the conclusion of the Saturday services—which are always great, it also means the beginning of many, many educational opportunities, including our Church School. Every single one of these programs—Bible Study, Benedictine Way, Anglican Studies, and Church School—is designed to encourage participation at whatever level and frequency that makes sense for you. Come as you are able. Participate as you desire.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Our Weekly (one-hour) Bible Studies begin again on Wednesday, **September 5**, at 11:00 am in the Conference Room. This Lectionary-Based Bible Study, which uses the SYNTHESIS CE material distributed on Sundays, can be a great help for us to become more familiar with the scripture that will be read on Sundays. Following our study, we pray together using AN ORDER OF SERVICE FOR NOONDAY found in the Book of Common Prayer, beginning on page 103. You are welcome to attend occasionally, too!

BENEDICTINE WAY: How can I understand more about how God wants me to live? What does it mean to be more spiritual? Benedictine Way is the name of the group that gathers weekly with the me in the Conference Room to explore the 1,500+ year-old Rule of Saint Benedict and Benedictine spirituality. We try to answer questions like the two above. We use Norveen Vest's book PREFERRING CHRIST. The group also incorporates worship, prayer, and the use of Lectio Devina—Sacred Reading. The weekly sessions begin again on Wednesday, **September 5**, with Evening Prayer at 6:30 pm. The program concludes by 8:00 pm.

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ANGLICAN STUDIES: Beginning in **October—14 & 21**, we will gather for a course in Anglican Studies. There will be two separate monthly series of hour-long gatherings (2nd Sunday of the month for teens; 3rd Sunday of the month for older adults—October through June beginning at 9:00 am in the Conference Room). Each series is a great way to:

- ♦ Refresh your understanding of the Episcopal Church/Anglican Communion,
- ♦ Enter into conversation with other seekers of faith, and
- ♦ Enjoy dialogue about subjects that might not otherwise be part of our daily discussions.

These sessions also provide the necessary basics for adults and teens to be prepared for baptism and/or confirmation. All are welcome to attend these sessions as your schedules permit.

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: We will host our Third Annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi on Saturday, **October 6**, at 11:00 am, in the Memorial Garden. If there should be inclement weather, we'll be in Bristol Hall. Everyone is invited to bring their beloved animals to the church for a blessing. Horses and other large animals are welcome, too. Also, you do not have to bring an animal to attend—All are welcome! There will be refreshments for both humans and animals following the service.

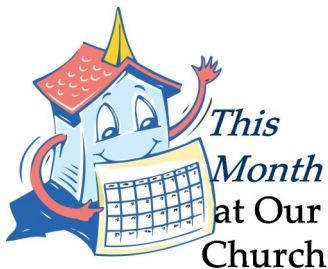
Here's hoping that the final days of summer will be wonderful for you!

"And, please remember, I am counting on seeing you in church!"

Blessings,

Robert

The Reverend Robert A. Nagy, Rector



Sat. Sept. 1, 5:30 pm, Final Saturday Eucharist

Mon. Sept. 3—Labor Day

Wed. Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26—11:00 am—Bible Study

Wed. Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26—6:30 pm—Benedictine Way

Sun. Sept. 9—Friendship Dinner, Harvey Memorial Church

Wed. Sept. 12—Altar Guild meeting, following 8:30 am service

Sun. Sept. 16—Church School resumes

Tues. Sept. 18—11:30 am—Women's Guild Welcome Back Luncheon

Tues. Sept. 25—4-6 pm—Supper with All Saints

Looking Ahead: Sun. Oct. 14—Legacy Society "Lunch & Learn"

Sat. Nov. 10—St. Nicholas Bazaar

Birthday Wishes

Sept. 4—Mary Jo Heckman

Sept. 5—Nick Stango

Bruce Wentz

Sept. 6—Alan Laymon

Natalie Templeton

Sept. 8—Tara Hill

Sept. 10—Sarah O'Brien

Sept. 13—Sudy Mayo

Sept. 14—Joan Hamelberg

Sept. 15—Kelly Bicking

Patty Slack

Sept. 16—Colin Jacobs

Greg Liakakos

Sep. 18—Steve Cavico

Sept. 19—Courtney Jacobs

Zoé Wells

Sept. 21—Toms Royal

Sept. 22—Claudia Jacobs

Sept. 24—Jayne Brand

Sept. 26—Shea Bicking

Sept. 27—Emily Liakakos

Sept. 30—Susan Bristol

Caroline Jacobs



Anniversary Blessings

Sept. 3—Pat & Otto Lowe

Sept. 9—Kathy & Toms Royal

Pat & Tom Trunkwalter

Sept. 25—Donna & Skip Knapp

Sept. 26—Connie & Bill Fortenbaugh

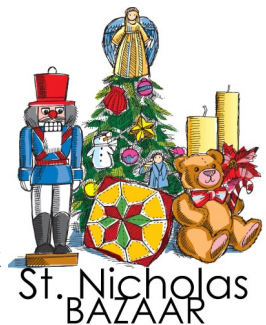
Kathy & Frank Mulligan



St. Nicholas Bazaar

I know it seems early to be thinking about the bazaar, but with Fall right around the corner, we will soon be making plans for our next fundraiser.

Please mark your calendar with the date, **NOVEMBER 10**, and begin to think about items for our various tables: Chic Boutique, Children's Corner, Christmas Decorations and more. Please bring your items for Santa's Attic during the month of October. More details will be in our October newsletter and the weekly bulletins.



Altar Guild. . . .



The Altar Guild will meet following the 8:30 am service on Wednesday, September 12. We welcome anyone who may be interested in serving in this very important ministry.

Church School

We hope everyone had a fabulous summer! Church school will begin on September 16. Please arrive a few minutes early to register. We are eager to see your child again and hear about their summer adventures and we are looking forward to another great church school year.



If you are interested in teaching, even sporadically, please speak with one of our teachers—Cindy & Jonathan McGlynn, and Lori Copman.

Scholarship News

Did you graduate high school in June 2018? Are you currently enrolled in a four-year college? The Cannon Memorial Scholarship is available to you. The application and requirements, for this year only, are currently available in the church office and can be picked up during business hours. The deadline for consideration is **October 1, 2018.**



Scholarship Fund

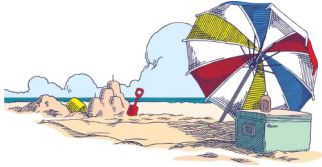
Church Humor

A little boy was overheard praying: “Lord, if you can’t make me a better boy, don’t worry about it. I’m having a real good time like I am”.

Bulletin Bloopers.....Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and the deterioration of some older ones.

Outreach News

A Day a the Beach with St. Paul's, Camden



The Outreach Committee would like to thank the All Saints people who volunteered their time, energy, friendliness and food donations to make the 2018 visit from St. Paul's Camden a great success. The camp counselors and advisors from "Camp Faith" thoroughly enjoyed their day with us. The day began with our backyard cookout and a wonderful array of food and then a few hours at the Mount Street beach. We had a beautiful sunny day - and the ocean was warm and inviting to our guests. We returned to our backyard for fruits, cookies and "Touchdown Tommy" (Good Humor Ice Cream) with delicious ice cream treats. This all involved many volunteers, as stated, and community sponsors who support this day financially. Thank you to Tom Gage and the Bay Head Improvement Association for the beach badges and Bruce Brown for the ice cream treats.



On Sunday, September 9, All Saints Church Outreach Committee will host the Friendship Dinner at Harvey Memorial United Methodist Church in Pt. Pleasant Beach at 4 pm. Each of the neighboring churches takes a month of the year to host the dinner, and ours is September. We need people to help on that day as we plate several meals for home-bound members and we also serve a meal to those who attend. The menu is generally set—a sliced turkey dinner and we ask volunteers to prepare a side dish, or bring veggies and rolls. There is a sign-up sheet in Bristol Hall for volunteers. We hope you can join us that day. We could really use your help.

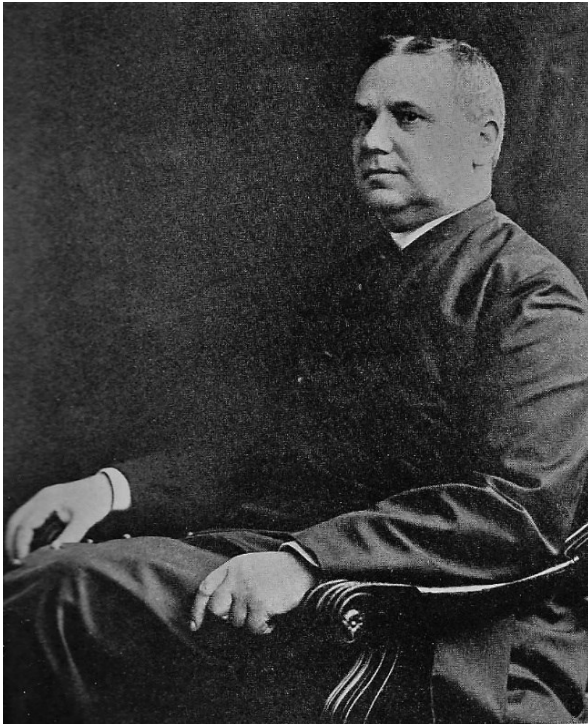


A big "thank you" to all of you who donated to the St. Gregory's BBQ Food Drive. Over 30 bags of BBQ goodies were delivered to the Pantry, along with gift cards donated by a parishioner to be used to supplement needed items. As always, your generosity is very much appreciated.



They were all of them saints of God

On a Sunday morning in July 1891, two years after All Saints Church opened its doors, Reverend George Martin Christian, D.D., stepped to the pulpit and began his tenure as our summer rector. He was already serving as the rector of Grace Church in Newark, New Jersey, a post he had accepted in November 1879 when he was 31 years old. Grace Church had been founded in 1837, and, spiritually, its founders were “High Churchmen.” So too was Rev. Christian.



George Martin Christian was born in 1848 in Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Shortly after he was born his family moved to Philadelphia's Southwark Ward, a bustling neighborhood along the Delaware River that was heavily involved in ships and shipping. George grew up in Philadelphia and in 1866 entered the University of Pennsylvania, where, according to the 1917 Penn alumni listing, he received his B.A in 1870 and his M.A. in 1873. While an undergraduate he was the moderator, or leader, of the Philomathean Society which was and is today dedicated to promoting the learning of its members and to increasing the academic prestige of the university. He was also the recipient of the Henry Reed Prize which was and is today awarded to the writer of the best essay on the literature of the English Renaissance. Penn's 1894 alumni directory indicates Rev. Christian received his D.D. from Nashotah Theological Seminary, which was regarded as one of the more conservative seminaries in the Episcopal Church.

Rev. Christian was an impressive gentleman who combined rigorous intellectual focus with a love of athletics, sportsmanship, and sailing, and I suspect it was these attributes that lead to his coming to Bay Head at the urging, I believe, of Andrew Douglass Hall. Dr. Hall was one of All Saints' earliest benefactors. It was he and a few others who conceived and commissioned the building of our original church, and it was his brother-in-law, Emlen Trenchard Littell, who designed the church. The Halls and the Littells were residents of Philadelphia where they were members of Saint James the Less Episcopal Church. Saint James the Less was traditionally a “High Church” parish. According to Penn's 1894 alumni listing, the young Rev. Christian served as an assistant rector at Saint James the Less in the mid-1870s after receiving his M.A. It was at St. James that he likely met the Halls and Littells.

Among the several weddings Rev. Christian presided over at All Saints Church were those of Maria Emlen Hall to Dr. William Emery Studdiford in 1896 and Ethel Conway Peters to UCMC Capt. Smedley Darlington Butler in 1905. Rev. Martin's attachment to St. James the Less did not end when he left in the 1870s – he was buried there after his death in 1913. He is in good company - the Halls and Littells are buried there, too.

Mark Durham

*As always, I am indebted to Ramsay Fisher who introduced me to Rev. Christian. I am also indebted to Len Ludovico who loaned me his copy of **GRACE CHURCH IN NEWARK: The First Hundred Years 1837 – 1937** by Edward F. Bataille.*