

# Crossways—November 2011

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No Feast Day

Dear Friends in Christ,

Caaa-thump, “For all the saints who from their labors rest,” begins Ralph Vaughan Williams’ hymn of the same name. It’s the way most celebrations of the Feast of All Saints’ or All Saints’ Sunday begins. One year at SU when the Lutheran chaplain omitted “For All the Saints” and substituted “Blest are the Poor in Heart,” I learned one only omits Williams’ hymn at one’s peril. So rest assured it will be the processional as All Saints’ celebrates its patronal feast the weekend of November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

Williams’ hymn-tune for “For All the Saints” is called *Sine Nomine*. Which means in Latin, “Without Name.” It is a splendid name for the theme song of the Feast of All Saints. For on All Saints’ we are not just celebrating the big, major, red-letter saints such as Peter, Paul, John, Andrew, James, Mary Magdala, etc. We are not just celebrating the minor feasts of Polycarp, Becket, Alphege and Martin Luther King, Jr. On All Saints’ we are celebrating ALL SAINTS’: those with famous names, those who are without names, those who preceded us and all those saints still yet to come.



**For All the Saints**

So come on Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM for the Vigil for All Saints’ or on Sunday at 10 AM and celebrate our own feast day—All Saints’. On Saturday we’ll renew our baptismal vows as we commemorate saints with names and those without names. On Sunday we’ll commemorate all saints and renew our baptismal vows as we welcome into the Body of Christ, with the sacrament of Holy Baptism, Joyanne Kasmarcik’s grand babies, Isabella and Jaiden.

Not surprisingly our patronal feast of All Saints’ is not the only time things will be humming at All Saints’ in November. In addition to the “usual” worship services, Vestry meeting, choir practices, Book Club, CHOW Pantry, Soup and Sandwiches Saturdays, there will be:

- Bon-ton’s Community Days November 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>;
- Third Act of *Edythe’s Three Gifts* and 2012 Pledge Card In-Gathering on November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>;
- “Un-Chicken BBQ” on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>;
- Community Thanksgiving Dinner on November 24<sup>th</sup>;
- Sneak preview of Advent Series, *A Thrilling Voice* on November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> on the weekend of Advent 1.

Caaa-thump, “For All The Saints!”

Faithfully,

The Rev. Christine J. Day  
Rector

## Dollars and Sense September

All Saints' 2011 budget is a "faith-based" budget. In 2011 a monthly income of \$13,638 will be needed to balance the expenses. However, the "faith income amount is \$ 2,059—less than the actual deficit in 2010! Truly, with "God all things are possible" (Mt. 19:26)

As *Crossways* goes to press before the end of the month, the financial information below is for the most recent completed month. In this case, it's the month of September 2011.

	Income as of September 30, 2011	Annual Budget 2011	Actual as of September 30, 2010	Annual Budget 2010
Offering & Pledges	\$ 106,822	\$ 145,052	\$ 120,171	\$ 143,600
Fund-raising◆	\$ 4,287 ◆	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,464✚	\$ 9,500
Other Income	\$ 4,874	\$ 7,545	\$ 4,518	\$ 9,395
Faith Income	\$ 0	\$ <b>2,059</b>	\$0	\$ <b>1,310</b>
Total Income	\$ 115,983	\$ 163,656	\$ 134,153	\$ 163,805
Total Expenses✚	\$ 124,406	\$ 163,656	\$ 138,091	\$ 163,805
Profit (Loss)	(\$ 8,423)	\$ 0	(\$ 3,938*)	\$ 0

◆Does not include October 1 Cabaret plus 3<sup>rd</sup> Chicken BBQ was cancelled

✚Does include Cabaret which was held in September in 2010

All Saints' Offering and Pledges are down 5% by the end of September, approximately \$7,000. The Vestry therefore asked that 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter statements for annual pledges be sent out to keep the parish aware of pledges and the amount paid through the end of September.

Also because Fund-raising net is down it was decided to have a, "Un-Chicken BBQ" on November 19/20 to give everyone the opportunity to make a gift equal to the amount they might have paid for chicken dinners, pies or the value of the number of volunteer hours you would have given.. Questions? Ask Treasurer, Barb Freed, or a Warden or a Vestry member.

## Start your Holiday Shopping Early! Bon Ton Community Days Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Buy your shopping coupons today! Your \$5 donation per coupon booklet gives you \$10 off a single purchase plus eight 20% off coupons. The \$5 donation stays with our parish, plus the Bon Ton remits a shared amount of the sale receipts to each organization participating in selling at least 25 coupon books.

## Edythe's Three Gifts and All Saints' 2011 Stewardship Drive

"Under Christ's direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy, growing, and full of love." Edythe's Guardian Angel, *Edythe's Three Gifts*.

Letters to the parish with 2012 Pledge cards were mailed Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

Joyanne Kasmarcik is this year's Stewardship Chair. Please read her message carefully. Act III of *Edythe's Three Gifts* will be presented the weekend of November 12<sup>th</sup>. There is an "Angel Box" in the narthex to collect this year's



pledges.

## **Stewardship Thought for November - Judy Horton**

As I set down to write my Stewardship Thought, I think back to 1918 when my grandfather and grandmother Sam & Florence Lewis decided to make the commitment with a group of men & women to organize our Parish of All Saints'. There have been many changes over the years but the one thing that never changed was the commitment. All Saints' has always had a core group willing to roll up their sleeves and support the Parish with their Time, Talent and Treasure.

In the 48 years plus years Dave & I have been married we have felt loved and supported by everyone in the Parish. When we were first married we tried other Parishes around the area but when our daughter was 5 years old we decided that All Saints' was the Parish for us. We made a commitment that we would support All Saints' to the best of our ability. In the early days it was a struggle but we kept at it. We have found out the biggest hurdle was just making up our mind we were going to do it. It is not the amount that you pledge or the amount of time you donate, just the effort to make it a regular commitment.

You will find donating time results in gaining support to face the trials we all face. You are not alone and should never feel it is wrong to ask for help. God has given all of us different talents so when someone asks you to volunteer for something please consider saying "Yes".

Please take the time to pray for guidance in making your pledge this year in both talent and treasure. You will receive much more than you give in working along side of other members of your church family. A Parish is no different than any other family it needs the commitment of everyone to succeed. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to Mother Chris or anyone on the Vestry. Everyone in the Parish is Important! Love and Peace!

## **What Should I Do with the Altar Flowers?**



*Altar  
Flowers*

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, it was once again my turn to serve on the Altar Guild. I had two bouquets to deliver and had already decided the recipient of one bouquet and was having a hard time trying to figure out what to do with that other bouquet. As I was driving home after church, I decided to go home via Watson Boulevard, which took me to Fairmont Park, a section of our community that was ravaged by flood waters which touched every home in that area. I decided to drive through the area until I saw a family outside their home and thought I would give the flowers to them. Well, it was not so simple as that. It was a beautiful, sunny day, but the area was like an evacuated war zone. I finally spotted a family of four adults and decided to stop. I parked the car and took a bouquet with me as I went to talk to the people. I asked if they thought the flowers might brighten their day. I handed the bouquet to one of the ladies and she was thrilled. As I stood there listening to the devastating story they told, the lady handed the flowers to the other woman and told her to take them with her and give them, to the family that was housing her. I told the group I would be right back, and went to the car and got the other bouquet. What smiles I saw. I apologized for not being able to do more to help them. But they said at that point they were not living in the house and there was nothing else to do, but sit and wait for answers about insurance and FEMA. The family gathered together that day because they were having a hard time leaving this area where they lived for over 50 years. As we talked, I explained that the flowers were from the All Saints' family. The first comment was, "Oh, that's the place with the great chicken barbecue with all the nice workers." The family went on to explain they try to attend our chicken barbecues, not just for the chicken but because the workers are friendly and nice. What a commentary on our church family. As I left, the family repeatedly thanked me for stopping and thanked the church for sharing the flowers. When I left that small group that day, I was overjoyed at the opportunity I had to meet these people and touched that this very small gesture, meant so much to people who had lost most of their worldly possessions. I almost felt guilty that I felt so blessed. Thanks be to God for this opportunity. For many of our Altar Guild, myself included, what to do with the altar flowers is often the most difficult part of serving on the Altar Guild. At the end of each service, Mother Chris sends us out to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to

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God. Let us, as members of our church family, take every opportunity to spread the spirit of Christian love to the people whose lives we touch. Thanks be to God! — *Sue Mahon*

## Happenings at All Saints'

### **Bible Study of Romans with Deacon Dorothy on Wednesdays in November!**

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans is a unique pastoral letter. First, it's the only letter St. Paul wrote to a faith community he did not know personally. Secondly the letter is a theodicy: a defense of God's love, goodness and omnipotence in view of the existence of evil. St. Paul wrestles with his Judaism, salvation for all and the *Torah* all in the light of Christ's death and resurrection. Come on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM bring a Bible of your choice and explore St. Paul's final letter with Deacon Dorothy Pierce. The Bible study will be offered November 2, 9, 16, and 23.

### **Life Goes On Luncheon Meeting**

Our November luncheon will take place on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at a later time this month — 2pm — when we will join a group from St. Mark's, Chenango Bridge at Cortese Restaurant on Robinson Street in Binghamton. Please let Arlene Foley know if you are planning to attend so that she can make adequate reservations. [797-2111] Don't forget to mark the change in time on your calendars!

### **Cancelled 3<sup>rd</sup> Chicken BBQ = All Saints' First "Un-Chicken BBQ" the Weekend of November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**

All Saints' 3<sup>rd</sup> Chicken BBQ was cancelled in September due to the flood. That however left All Saints' with an unexpected hole in its budget — \$2,000-\$2,500! To fill this hole the Vestry has decided to hold an "Un-Chicken BBQ" on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at the worship services. Rather than getting up at the crack of dawn to work the pit or clean chickens, rather than setting up and taking down tents, tables and chairs, rather than baking pies or making coleslaw and baked beans, All Saints' will be selling non-redeemable tickets for \$5 and \$10 dollars to support this "Un-Chicken BBQ" fundraising event. No need to be present, no need for refrigeration or charcoal, "Un-Chicken BBQ" is fun and easy to do. Please buy your "Un-Chicken BBQ" tickets in the Narthex and support All Saints' bottom-line

### **Book Club to Meet Thursday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM at the Rectory: Reading More Kate Charles!**

Book Club will meet a week before Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM at the Rectory. As the Book Club met early in October, they are still reading Kate Charles' 1999 novel, *Unruly Passions*. Here's a gist of the book according to the publisher: "Margaret Phillips is a powerful woman, one of the first women to become an Archdeacon. Intelligent, confident, and capable, she has reached a stage in her life where both her career and her private life are harmonious. And there's one thing she can be sure of—the love of her husband Hal. Valerie Marler, best-selling author, is in control of her fictional world and her own life as well. Beautiful, rich, and with as many men as she wants, Valerie calls the shots. Until she meets Hal Phillips, a happily married man with no interest in what



she has to offer. Rosemary Finch, the vicar's wife, is neither rich nor beautiful, and her life has not been an easy one. She loves her husband, and they both adore their daughter Daisy. Then something happens that will shatter her equilibrium—she, too, meets Hal Phillips, the man Valerie Marler wants and can't have.” The cost of *Unruly Passions* is \$10.80. Questions? See Mother Day

### **Thanksgiving Day at All Saints’**

Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. This will be the second year we have held our dinner and this year we will be opening it up to the community. Last year we fed approximately 40 parishioners. We think we will need about nine 10 to 20 lb turkeys, plus potatoes, both sweet and white, vegetables, cranberry sauce and drinks. If you can help please call David or Judy at 729-2794 . Everyone is welcome for the dinner a no cost,. Please invite anyone who might not have a family to celebrate with. Watch bulletins and the bulletin boards for updates

### **The Choir’s Where?**

Better than finding Waldo, where’s the choir lining up on Sunday? The choir is lining up for the procession right where it used to line up when Lauren Kiley was an acolyte. (It’s impolite to do the math!) It has been chaotic in the Narthex just before the 10 o’clock celebration of Holy Eucharist begins. Church members rushing in for the service, choir members and servers hurrying onto place and newcomers trying to figure out where they should go have made it difficult for the ushers to greet and, well, usher. After discussing at Vestry how confusing and inhospitable this is for newcomers, Lauren Kiley said, “Why doesn’t the choir enter where they used to?” After filling in the rector—who had no idea this had been the practice back in the day—talking to the choir, it was decided to go back to the future. Hence the choir, servers and Rector are gathering before the processional by the Library and the ushers are able to usher in a less chaotic Narthex!

### **Thank you All Saints’ for your generosity-**

Austin Steber would like to thank the members of All Saints’ for their generous support of the two fund raisers he participated in during October. In the Breast Cancer walk Sunday 10/2 he walked in memory of Susan Pierce Nickerson and Joan Drumm and raised \$210.00. Sunday 10/16 he walked in the CHOW walk at Binghamton University to raise funds for the CHOW program that helps feed the less fortunate within our community. He raised \$261 for the CHOW program. Austin appreciates All Saints’ generous support in these difficult times for these worthwhile causes. PS: The Rector thanks all for their generous support of her – \$145! – at the CHOW Walk too!

### **Save the Date:**

#### **Advent and Lectionary Year B Begins November 27, 2011— *A Thrill of Hope!* — The Christmas Story in Word & Art**

Yes, this could be an answer for Episcopal Jeopardy or Trivial Pursuit. But Thanksgiving weekend, November 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> marks the beginning of the season of Advent, the beginning of Lectionary Year B (Marcan) and the beginning of the Church Year. So many things in just one weekend! Advent is the season of preparation for Christ. Through worship services and an advent program, on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM or Wednesday Mid-Week Eucharist at 10 AM come and prepare your heart for the arrival of the Incarnation of Our Lord.



A preview of the Advent Program, *A Thrill of Hope*, will be offered during the Advent 1 weekend, November 26 & 27, celebrations of Holy Eucharist. *A Thrill of Hope* is a DVD which presents the familiar story of Christmas as told in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Each scripture passage is illustrated and interpreted in the stunning artwork of John August Swanson along with commentary by some of America’s premier Biblical

scholars, names such as Dr. Thomas G. Long, Dr. Michael Joseph Brown, Dr. Carol A. Newsom, and more. Check out the December-January issue of *Crossways* for more information.

### **LAST CALL! Christmas in October for All Saints' Members of the Armed Forces**

The Loving and Caring Taskforce of the Vestry wants to send Christmas boxes those family and friends on All Saints' Armed Forces Prayer list. They need your help! We hope that you have contacted Roberta Szwalla ([rszwalla@stny.rr.com](mailto:rszwalla@stny.rr.com)) or Linda Barkman ([lindadb1949@aol.com](mailto:lindadb1949@aol.com)) names of family service members on active duty with correct mailing address by October 31<sup>st</sup> in order to send them the boxes by Christmas. A collection basket for your donations is in the narthex! The October issue lists a large suggestion list of items to donate.

### **Tropical Storm Disaster Aid for El Salvador and Collecting Medical Items for El Salvador and Mission of Miracles at Diocesan Convention November 18-19th**

Each year the Diocese of Central New York's Mission of Miracles medical team travels to our companion diocese of Diocese of El Salvador holding medical and dental clinics. To that end, the Diocese is asking parishes to collect supplies for the next trip. Roberta Szwalla, Judy Horton, Sandy Johnson and Mother Day will be attending the Diocesan Convention and will bring the supplies. This year it's even more important. A tropical storm has caused a catastrophe (floods, mud slides, etc) in El Salvador leaving 32 dead and affecting 150,000 people. Wells are contaminated, crops ruined and many communities are without power. Episcopal Relief and Development is supporting the El Salvadorian Diocese with funds to purchase medical and food supplies. Gifts to the Episcopal Relief and Development as well as the Cristosal Foundation will assist El Salvador in this difficult time. In addition to financial gifts, please consider donating the following: Pill Bottles with all labels removed; boxes of Tylenol (extra strength and arthritis strength), Ibuprofen, Aspirin, sunglasses, and bandages. These will be used for the Mission of Miracles trip in 2012. There is a basket for your donations in the Narthex

### **Come See Eileen Patch on November 10<sup>th</sup> !**

You are invited to "*Voice from the Civil War*" Thursday, November 10, 2011, 7pm – 8pm — a performance and book signing at Africa House, 50 Washington Avenue, Endicott. Our own Eileen Patch will give a performance from her book "*This From George*". Eileen reads the civil war letters of her great-grandmother's son, George Magusta Englis, who was a soldier during the civil war. She will be dressed in period clothes and will impersonate, her great-grandmother. Admission is free. See <http://www.africaresource.com/house/> for a link to this event and for a link to pre-order Eileen's book. More detail with pictures is posted in the narthex.

### **Prayer List beginning November Newsletter**

Policy reminder: Submitted names are placed on the short term list for four weeks and then moved to long term by request of the person submitting the name, or by need known by the Rector.

**Short Term:** Susan Kimble; Amanda Wold; Mary Kille; Allen Motsko; David Pierce; Barbara Wort; Larry Taft; Lucy Grabowski; Kaitlyn Graham; Don Sturdevant; Eleanor Genthner; Barbara Freed; the Rev. Ralph Groskoph;  
**Long Term;** Patricia Holloway; Beth & Todd Hollenbeck and their children; Tom Johnson; Larry Nickerson; Dorothy Pipisius; David Horton; Gayle Whittier; Lee, Lucy and Nan Grabowski; Caroline Labosky; Susan Mahon; Peter Holbus; Carl Green; Sue Thomas; Ray Lerche; Larry Kiley; Eileen Pepper; John Tasber; Jack Root; Ryan and Shaun Small, Debbie Peters;



Jessie Snyder; Clare Meyer; Ann Sholtes; Andrea & Kaylee Haus; Werner Lipman; Wilma Nauerz; Kristen Stroup; Marnie Ward; Brittany Polhamus & Megan; Amanda, Kayley & Nate McGinnis; Steve Mahon; Norma & Daniel Samson; Lisa Estelle; Ken Barkman; Robert Gillmer; Steven & Sarah Johnson; Michael & Sarah Johnson; Martha Bennett; Phil, Corrine, Thomas & Ryan Rea; and Dana Nauerz.

## Celebrations in November

### *Birthdays*

- 01 Thomas Edward Hunt Rea
- 04 Christy Finta
- 07 Megan Cramer
- 09 Cynthia LaBare  
Leslie Polhamus  
Trent Zimmer
- 14 Shirley Lipman
- 17 Mary Green  
Sarah-Jo Sites  
Donald Thorpe
- 18 Juanita Lougher
- 19 Elle Grayce Budrick  
Rachel Perry
- 25 Alan Anderson
- 28 Missy Avery
- 29 Lorraine Szwalla  
Gary Zurn
- 30 Patricia Holloway

### *Anniversaries*

- 23 David and Judith Horton

## Sanctuary Candle for November

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** – given by Art & Marilyn Doersam in memory of Marilyn's grandmother, Mary S. Hahn.

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** – given by Sally Cole in memory of Alfred V. Cole, Jr.

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** – given by Linda Barkman in thanksgiving for all of her grandchildren; by Sally Cole in memory of Margaret Cole; by Arlene Foley in memory of Jacqueline Foley; and by Mildred L. Wood in memory of her mother, Myrtle O. Phillips.

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** - given by Art & Marilyn Doersam in memory of Marilyn's father, John H. Bennett.



**On Saturday,  
November 5<sup>th</sup> before  
going to bed!  
Daylight Savings  
Time ends at 2 a.m.  
on Sunday, Nov. 6!**

## Altar Flowers for November

**November 6<sup>th</sup>** – are given Art & Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving for the birthday of their son, David Doersam; by David & Judy Horton in thanksgiving for the birthday of their granddaughter, Leslie Polhamus; by Cynthia J. Macarak in memory of her father, Henry Genthner, and husband, Michael Macarak; by David & Lonna Pierce in thanksgiving for the birthday of their son, Finian McKeon; and by Ardis Rogers in memory of her mother, Catherine Satterlee and father, Frank Satterlee.

**November 13<sup>th</sup>** – are given by Sally Cole in memory of Alfred V. Cole, Jr.; by Barbara B. Freed in thanksgiving for the birthday of her son, Justin Freed; by Ardis Rogers in memory of her husband, Raymond Rogers and her father, Frank Satterlee; and by Barbara L. Smith in memory of her husband, Richard L. Smith.

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** – are given by Sally Cole in memory of Margaret Cole; by David and Judy Horton in thanksgiving for their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; and by Mildred L. Wood in memory of her mother, Myrtle O. Phillips.

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** – are given by Art and Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving for the birthday of their daughter-in-law, Janet Shelley; by Cynthia J. Macarak in thanksgiving for Pat Holloway's birthday; and by Dick and Roberta Steflik in thanksgiving for the birthdays of their children, Matt and Elizabeth, and granddaughter Sarah.

**The Memorial deadline for the  
Christmas bulletins is December 12.**

**Memorials for Christmas  
will be available for review  
at the Memorial Desk beginning  
Pentecost Last – November 20<sup>th</sup> .**

Please review the list for accuracy and notify the office of errors. Additional names should be submitted on a Flower Fund form [found at the Memorial Desk or tract rack] and leave the form and your donation in the office door mailbox.





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**Service and Education Schedule for November**

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
Sundays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Nursery Program for infants and toddlers under 5: November 6, 13, 20, 27  
9:45 a.m. Christian Education Class for ages 5 and above: November \_\_\_\_\_  
Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
5:30 p.m. Bible Study on Book of Romans with Rev. Dcn. Dorothy Pierce November 2, 9, 16, 23  
Advent Study Classes "A Thrill of Hope" – November 30 & December 7, 14, 21

