



The Messenger



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A House of Prayer for All People

NOVEMBER 2017

Stewardship Sunday: November 12, 2017

“Ask not what All Saints can do for you; ask what you can do for All Saints!” That’s the stewardship theme suggested by a parishioner (not John F. Kennedy – a different John F.!).

Talking about stewardship can be awkward; sometimes it feels about like standing on a street corner begging. Asking people to participate in a ministry is similar: it can feel like asking for a personal favor. But neither sentiment is correct. We ask for both so that you can live out your baptismal vows!

So for your enjoyment, entertainment, and edification, here’s a “Stewardship Quiz” – like the definition, it doesn’t cover everything, but is just food for thought. Ask what you can do for All Saints – and what you can do for God and one another!

1. Christian stewardship includes (you may check more than one):
 - ☐ The principle of ownership
 - ☐ Healthy living
 - ☐ Use of skills and talents
 - ☐ Accountability
 - ☐ Financial support
 - ☐ Ecology
2. In the Bible, a steward was one who:
 - ☐ Was responsible for food and drink at a celebration
 - ☐ One who ruled over the affairs of the household
 - ☐ A guardian of widows and orphans
3. The fruits of the spirit include (you may check more than one):
 - ☐ Kindness
 - ☐ Responsibility
 - ☐ Generosity
 - ☐ Faithfulness
4. The primary purpose of a church is to:
 - ☐ Encourage generosity
 - ☐ Provide a community to encourage, challenge, help, and support each other
 - ☐ A place where people seek transformation through contact with each other and God
 - ☐ Utilize the gifts of believers: teaching, singing, painting, organizing, cooking, etc.
5. The tithe (10% of income) is the standard for Christian giving.
 - ☐ Yes.
 - ☐ No.
 - ☐ Maybe.

(Answers on page 3.)

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,
We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 837



ALL SAINTS' LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

CLERGY: The Rev. Sandra L. Etemad, Rector; The Rev. Geoffrey G. West, Associate Rector

VESTRY

(2017): Ginger Banmiller (Treasurer), Nick Durante, John Errington (Rector's warden)

(2018): Andrew Ely, Joe Gelet, Laurie Sawyer (Secretary)

(2019): Cy Burke, Joanne Heisler (Vestry's warden), Donna Penman

STAFF: Parish Administrator - Donna Longobardi; **Music Director** - Constance P. Winoski;

Sexton - Robert Law

Quiz Answers (from page 1)

Answers:

1. Christian stewardship includes: all boxes should be checked:
 - The principle of ownership: Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.
 - Healthy living: Caring for our bodies is primary in stewardship; none stay as strong as young adults or energetic as young children, but stewardship includes doing our best to care for these God-created and God-given bodies. "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?" 1 Corinthians 6:19
 - Skills and talents: "For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life." Eph. 2:10
 - Financial support: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
 - Ecology: ". . . the land is mine; with me you are but aliens and tenants." (Lev. 25:23); "The land that you are crossing over to occupy is a land of hills and valleys, watered by rain from the sky, and land that the Lord your God looks after. The eyes of the Lord your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year." (Deut. 11:11-12); and "The nations raged, but your wrath has come, and the time for judging the dead, for rewarding your servants, . . . and for destroying those who destroy the earth" (**ouch!** Rev. 11:18)
2. In the Bible, a steward was one who:
 - Ruled over the affairs of the household; the needs of the vulnerable would be considered part of the affairs of a good household.
3. The fruits of the Spirit include:
 - Kindness and faithfulness; the others are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control. Generosity and responsibility, important elements of stewardship, are a result of living out the fruits given us by the Holy Spirit.
4. The primary purpose of a church is:
 - A place where people seek transformation through contact with each other and God. That's what it's all about – transformation! Transformed hearts are naturally generous; transformed communities are naturally sources of encouragement, challenge, help, and support; transformed lives are excited and unafraid of using and exhibiting their gifts, knowing that those gifts are from God and can be used for the benefit of all.
5. The tithe (10%) is the standard for Christian giving.
 - Maybe. Tithing was clearly expected in the Old Testament. In fact, Abram tithed even before God made a covenant with him and with his offspring. (Genesis 14:18-20)
 - While tithing was mandatory under the Old Covenant, as participants in the New Covenant brought by Jesus Christ we are given freedom. Jesus mentions the tithe, and it was an assumed obligation of converts from Judaism. However, Jesus also stresses that it's what in our hearts that matters; and since the great commandment is to love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves, for most of us, that would mean giving more than a tithe, at least when we feel called to do so. Therefore the answer is "maybe" – giving 10% is certainly appropriate for Christians, as is giving less (when that's impossible) or giving more (when more appears to be required).

It was fun creating this quiz; hope it provides helpful and interesting information on stewardship as you consider what you can pledge, and how you can continue to give in the upcoming year. Mother Sandra+



Remembering Others



The Rector's Holiday Giving appeal is a way members of All Saints can support local families involved with All Saints for Thanksgiving or Christmas celebrations. It has made a huge difference to families in the past, providing good, festive holiday meals and helping people purchase gifts for children and other family members. Donations received throughout the year to the Rector's Discretionary Fund have blessed many members, friends, and neighbors, with assistance for utilities, food, medication, and other necessities.

Such gift-giving warms our own hearts and fills a genuine need for others; if you haven't given to this fund in the past, we're sure you'll find it uplifting and gratifying.

We request early gifts so we can assist families in advance of the holidays. Your generosity has touched many individuals and families in the past, and will continue to do so in days to come.

November

Happy Birthday!

- 2 Hal Ely
- 4 Adrian Griffin
Eryn Griffin
- 6 Ryan Kratz
- 7 Cornelia Hoffman
Logan Shilling
- 10 Quinton McGrane
- 11 Nancy Ritter
- 12 Kiera Griffin
- 13 Jane Fitzroy
- 14 Mother Sandra
- 15 Marge Kinsey
- 16 Billie McGrane
- 18 Brian Harrity
- 22 John Cervino
- 28 Bev Kratz
Sara Gelet
- 29 Kay Ely
- 30 Jay Petel

Happy Anniversary

- 3 Sarah & Tim Dorsey
- 4 Doris & Ralph Hockridge
- 5 Adele & Buddy Henning
- 9 Andrea & Jay Kerr
- 20 Cindy & Larry
Baldassano

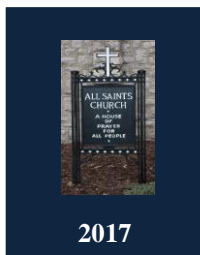
Best Wishes to ALL!



All Saints' Sunday, always a special feast at ASC will be celebrated on **November 5**—look for good music and a service of gratitude for all the saints, past and present, who have dedicated their lives to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in Norristown and throughout the world.

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Pictorial Directory arriving soon! (Really!)



We are thankful to those who had their photographs taken for our new pictorial directory. This year, in addition to names and contact information, we are including some of the ministries you have

participated in, past and/or present. A big thank you to Mary Jane Daley, Phil Gottshall, and Bill and Jackie Koffke for their assistance on Picture Day; Donna Penman, who typed up the parish members' church activities for the biographical portion in the family section; and to Donna Longobardi, who headed up the project, spending many hours planning, organizing, and bringing this project to completion. We hope you will enjoy and be blessed with this directory, which is both a useful resource and a record of memories to cherish.

Those who had their photograph taken or submitted a photo will receive a **FREE** copy of the directory. Listen and look for announcements of when directories will be distributed.

**If you did not submit a photograph or did not have your photograph taken, we will have a limited number of extra copies available for \$7 each.*

Family Movie Night—November 19.

Join us for "The Force Awakens," the seventh episode of the Star Wars Saga. Taking place 30 years after the fall of the Empire, the film follows Rey, a mysterious young woman, and Finn, a defector from the evil First Order, an army that seeks to fill the void left by the Empire. Catch up with the Saga or refresh your memory before the eighth film hits theaters later this year. It is rated PG-13, so please use your discretion with younger ones. Hope to see you there!

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Christmas Eve & Day Schedule:

It's an unusual year – the 4th Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve. The **December 24 schedule** will be as follows:

- 10:00 a.m.: Advent 4 service
- 7:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve for families and others
- 9:00 p.m.: Songs and carols for choir and congregation
- 9:30 p.m.: Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist

The **December 25 schedule** will be as follows:
10:00 a.m.: Christmas Day service

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Mother Sandra sabbatical 2018

(February-June)

Information forthcoming.

Gratitude and Thanks

Submitted by Donna Penman for ASC's Outreach Committee



The Office of Family and Young Adult Ministry of DIOPA expressed their gratitude to all who donated to the 2017 City Camp. Our parish contributed several box-loads of requested supplies to assist them with the more than 200 campers they had at six sites. Not only were they able to offer City Camp, but also Vacation Bible School at two parishes as well as staff for a choir camp. Next year they hope to offer one week Vacation Bible School experiences to other parishes. They also received grants that gave them the means to take field trips to the Philadelphia Zoo and African dance.

The Outreach Committee is thankful for your generosity in supporting this worthy endeavor.

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**COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.**

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Transfer

Marilyn Barmore
transferred last month to
Church of the Ascension, Clearwater, FL.

We wish her well in her new church home!

All Saints continues to Bless Others

The Ronald McDonald House recently sent a note of thanks to All Saints for the church's in-kind donation of 29.8 ounces of soda tabs. Proceeds from the tabs will support families of the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House.

The Ronald McDonald House shared they are only able to offer their programs through the generosity of others, like All Saints.

We would like to replace the plastic tub with a new container for the soda tabs – something more in keeping with our beautifully refurbished narthex. If you have ideas or a creative bent, please let Mother Sandra know.


And please continue to collect your soda tabs. These small gifts bless thousands of families who use the Ronald McDonald House, Ronald McDonald Family Rooms at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, and Ronald McDonald Camp.





November 2017

What's Happening at All Saints...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop	2 11 Bible study w/ lunch 7 N.A. (act. room)	3 Rector's day off Diocesan Convention (Pt 1) 7:30 N.A.	4 Diocesan Convention (Pt 2)
5 Pentecost 18 8 HCl (chapel) 8:30 Choir rehearsal 10 HCIII DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME	6 Parish Administrator's day off 8 V.F. Highland Band practice	7 9:15-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab	8 9:15 Norristown Ministerium 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop VESTRY REPORTS DUE	9 1PM Bulletin assembling 7 N.A. (act. room)	10 OFFICE CLOSED Rector's day off 7:30 N.A.	11 4-6:30 Bread of Life Community Café VETERANS DAY
12 Pentecost 19 Stewardship Sunday 8 HCl 8:30 Choir rehearsal 10 HCII 11:30 Kaleidoscope adult forum (chapel)	13 Parish Administrator's day off 8 V.F. Highland Band practice	14 9:15-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 6:30pm Work Night	15 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop 6:30 Vestry Mtg. MESSENGER DEADLINE	16 11 Bible study w/ lunch 7 N.A. (act. room)	17 Rector's day off 7:30 N.A.	18 10 Knitting & Craft Group (activity room)
19 Pentecost 20 8 HCII 9 Good Noise Band practice/set up 10 Contemp. Svc. 11:30 Sunday school (activity room) 1-4 Private Event (activity room) 6 Movie Night	20 Parish Administrator's day off 8 V.F. Highland Band practice	21 9:15-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab	22 Second Time Around Shop-CLOSED 1PM Bulletin assembling	23  OFFICE CLOSED 1-3 PM Community Thanksgiving dinner 7 N.A. (act. room)	24 OFFICE CLOSED Rector's day off NA Marathon (activity room)	25 4-6:30 Bread of Life Community Café
26 Pentecost 21 8 HCl 8:30 Choir rehearsal 10 HCII 11:30 Kaleidoscope adult forum (chapel)	27 Parish Administrator's day off 8 V.F. Highland Band practice <div>Mother Sandra attending Clergy Conference, November 27-29</div>	28 9:15-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab	29 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop	30 7 N.A. (act. room)		

*If you would like your meeting or event listed in the bulletin or newsletter,
contact Donna Longobardi at 610-279-3990 or email: allsaints535@yahoo.com*

Serving for the Glory of God

	November 5	November 12	November 19	November 26
Acolytes	Sarah Callow Betsy Gottshall	Beville Jones Donna Penman		Jack Spottiswood Joe Gelet Natalia Dello Buono
Altar Guild	Susan Cohen Mary Jane Daley	Susan Cohen Joanne Heisler	Susan Cohen Patty Gelet	Susan Cohen Susan Dean Deb Porcelli
Bulletin Assemblers	Donna Hale Donna Penman (11/3)	Phil Gottshall Marion Shupe (Thurs., 11/9)	Donna & Bob Penman (11/17)	Ginger Banmiller Mary Jane Daley (Weds., 11/22)
Coffee Service	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Karen & Jack Spottiswood	Steve Dello Buono	Judy & John Freeman
Counters	Diane Mullen	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Joanne & Bob Heisler	Betsy & Phil Gottshall
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy and John Freeman	Donna Penman Beville Jones	Donna Hale Ginger Banmiller	Patty Gelet Bill Koffke
Intercessor	Sarah Gelet	Laurie Sawyer	<i>If you would like to read the prayers of the day, contact the office</i>	Donna Penman
Lector	Susan Cohen	Sarah Gelet	<i>If you would like to read the scriptures of the day, contact the office</i>	Sarah Callow
Nursery	<i>Adults and older youth are invited to join this special ministry; speak with Nina Ely, if you're interested in giving it a try.</i>			
8AM Servers	Viviann Harris	Viola Van Der Meulen	Joe Raudenbush	TBD
10AM Ushers/Greeters	Majid Etemad Nelson & Nina Schrock	Dello Buono family	Betsy Gottshall Judy Baca	Donna & Bob Penman
Vestry Rep	Laurie Sawyer	John Errington	Andrew Ely	John Errington

Wish-List

- ☐ “Headset-style” microphones (church)
- ☐ Attractive container for soda tabs
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

** Our wish list can include things we need, help, expertise, input, etc.*

each one,
bring one

“Each one, bring one”: As Mother Theresa said, all of us “can do small things with great love.” A single canned good added to the wicker basket each week adds up to – of course! – 52 items each year for the Interfaith Pantry! The Rector’s Holiday Appeal accepts donations large and small -- \$5 or \$100! –envelopes are located in the pews. Bless the Second Time Around Shop and our neighbors with a donation of clothing or household items. Bless someone who needs a listening ear or a prayer with a moment of your time. Your small efforts are seeds that can produce great fruit.

<p>SPACE AVAILABLE Please call the church office at 610-279-3990 For additional information</p>	<p>Bagpipes and Drums Valley Forge Highland Band Make any event unique with music with one bagpiper to the entire Highland Band... Contact: Heidi Jankauskas 484-431-6338 Valleyforgehighlandband47@gmail.com <i>Affiliated with All Saints for over 60 years.</i></p>	<p> 2113 W. Main St. JEFFERSONVILLE 610-539-7282</p> <p>COMPLETE LINE OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FREE Delivery to Seniors FREE Blood Pressure Screening • Medicare Billing for diabetic Supplies • Vitamin & Herbal Counseling • All Prescription Plans Accepted WE ARE A COMPOUNDING PHARMACY Henny Cole, R.PH. F.A.C.A. FAX: 610-539-6430</p>
<p><i>Michael Kinsey</i> President/Owner KINSEY LANDSCAPING <i>“We Trim Everything”</i> 240 Carey Lane, Norristown, PA 19403 610-539-2229</p>	<p>LIFE INSURANCE YOU DON'T HAVE TO DIE TO USE <i>Which is better for you?</i> Medicare Supplement or Medicare Advantage Call for FREE information Jules Hernadi, LUTCF 610-623-9241 ♦ JHernadi@aol.com</p>	<p>SPACE AVAILABLE Please call the church office at 610-279-3990 For additional information</p>
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All Saints' Mission Statement

*Proclaim the Gospel and God's love, provide for Christian worship and fellowship,
strengthen community spirit, nurture growth in Christian faith and values,
and share our resources to serve others.*