



The Messenger

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A House of Prayer for All People

MAY 2018



You Are Worthy

Letter written by The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutierrez

XVI Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania to the Diocese churches on January 17, 2018

Jesus Christ proclaimed a New Kingdom that is not of this world. As people of the New Kingdom, we identify, first, with Jesus Christ. We must always set aside nationalism, party identity, race or place of origin. Our identity is Jesus Christ. We are all beloved children of God. Every person on this earth is created in God's image. That is a profound and moving realization and identity.

As followers of Jesus Christ who live this identity in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania I humbly offer the following: We welcome, accept and embrace all our brothers and sisters; we are a diocese where everyone "belongs." In Genesis, God created humanity in his image, male and female God created them (1:27). God formed us out of the dust of the earth and breathed the breath of life into us (2:6). God created every inch of this sacred earth and every person with liberating and loving hands. No person nor any place on earth is profane. No person is unworthy.

Our words have deep meaning and impact. Somewhere in the world, a mother is speaking to her son. A father is talking to his daughter. Families are speaking to one another, and they somehow have to explain that they are not second class, that

they are of value and mean something in the eyes of God, that they are worthy. We must join in their voices.

There is not one person, government, or institution that can truly make us worthy, it is Jesus Christ alone. It is the person of God made real in Jesus Christ; sacredly present in each breath and action. This is who we are, and if we as a Church do not hold and proclaim this identity, then we are lost. Our words are these: every person is worthy and held sacred in the eyes of God. There are no labels, only children of God.

Let us say it again and again. Through our lives and ministry—that Jesus is our identity. It is Jesus that shapes the way we treat each other. We journey together to see that beautiful kingdom of God. God so loved THE WORLD (the entire world) that God sent Jesus Christ so that everyone may have LIFE (John 3:16).

Our call is to the cross of Jesus Christ. It is at the foot of the cross we see the hope of the resurrection. Let us remain in beauty, let us remain in love, and let us remain in Jesus Christ. All that will ever remain is Jesus Christ.

ALL SAINTS' LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

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

VESTRY

(2018): Andrew Ely (Rector's warden), Joe Gelet, Laurie Sawyer (Secretary)

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

(2020): Ginger Banmiller (Treasurer), James Calixte, Donna Hale, Nelson Schrock

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



Pew Artist Masterpiece

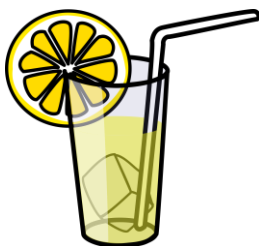
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*Inspired by one of
Fr. West's sermons*

Summer Hospitality

Help us extend hospitality this summer by hosting a light outdoor reception after worship this June, July, and August. All Saints will supply iced tea and lemonade mix, napkins, and cups. All you need to provide is a simple snack and very little effort.

Date availability is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.
Sign up today!



One Sunday Service at 9:30 a.m.

Mark your calendars! We will be resuming our Summer service schedule starting June 3. We will join together for one service at **9:30 a.m.** between Memorial Day and Labor Day (all Sundays from **June 3 through September 2**).



Birthdays

3	Andrew Ely
	Brianna Harrity
7	Phil Gottshall
	Monica Reynolds
12	Arianna Nero
14	Marie Fargo
19	Miss X Burke
21	Shirley Woodside
25	Jarett Dello Buono
27	Doris Hockridge
	Laurie Sawyer
30	Sarah Callow
	Carole Wilkinson-Ricchuiti

Anniversaries

7	Karen & Jack
	Spottiswood
26	Debbie & Keith Heckard
	Viola Van Der Meulen
	and James Morrison
27	Louise & Fr. Steve
	Nelson

Best Wishes to ALL!

Membership update: Jennifer (Gelet) Spata transferred to
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Yardley PA

Neighbors Unite

National Day of Prayer

The Greater Norristown Area Ministerium invites all to join them Thursday, May 3 (12-12:30), at the Courthouse in Norristown (2 E. Airy St.) to pray for America.

As written in Ephesians 4:3, *Making every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace.* Let us pray together in unity!



The Vestry will be setting up a table at West Norriton Community Day, being held at Norristown Area High School from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 19. If you'd like to help us spread the word about the many ways in which All Saints contributes to the community, sign up today. Join us for an hour, two, or as much time as you'd like!

The members and choir of Grace Lutheran Church will join us at All Saints for a combined service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 13.

Please help us provide a warm welcome for our neighbors at Grace Lutheran by bringing a finger food, snack or sweet treat for a reception after the service. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

West Norriton Community Day

Are you looking for an opportunity to share the famous All Saints warmth and friendliness?

Sending Love Abroad

All Saints' member, Tommy Durante, is currently deployed and stationed in Kuwait, now living in a dorm and looking forward to being back in the states sometime in June. All Saints has sent him one care package so far of his favorite snacks. If you would like to include something in our next box, he enjoys sunflower seeds, Swedish fish, peanut butter Tastykakes, and beef jerky. It takes more than two weeks for packages to reach him, we hope to send off another box very soon. Mission/ECHO is covering postage cost. See note below.



Hey it's Tommy Durante, I just wanted to say thank you for the care package the church sent to me while I'm over here. I really appreciate you guys sending me useful things while I'm over here. Again, thank you so much!



Family Movie Night ♦ Sunday, May 13, 6:00 p.m. The Princess Bride

This 1987 fairytale with a twist tells the story of the beautiful Buttercup, and her adventures with kidnappers, pirates, an evil prince, an old wizard, his wife, and the mysterious six-fingered man. This film has become a modern family classic for its gentle humor, exciting characters, and the message that true love always wins the day. This film is rated PG and is appropriate for all ages. Invite your mom, the family, your friends and neighbors!



2018



Easter egg Hunt





ADOPT-A-GARDEN

Green Thumbs Wanted (Dirty Hands Guaranteed)

We are continuing with the All Saints Adopt-a-Garden program this year. Do you have a green thumb? Do you just have an interest in keeping things neat and pretty? Or do you hate to look at weeds? Then we want you!

See the sign up list on the bulletin board in the vestibule. We need folks who are interested in planting or weeding or watering. A map of the grounds and the available garden plots is attached. Many plots of

differing sizes and maintenance levels are ready for the complete novice on up to the award winning horticulturalist.

This program has been a great success in years past and with your help we will keep the grounds and gardens of All Saints Church one of the most beautiful and peaceful places in all of Norristown. We are all faithful stewards of His bounty.

Please call Andrew Ely with any questions at 610-275-4275.



Outreach Project for May

Submitted by Donna Penman for the Outreach Committee

City Camp is an urban day camp adventure connecting parishes of the Diocese of Pennsylvania to families in their local communities. Through creative and innovative activities and programs, children and youth build community and encounter the Gospel through games, songs, storytelling, and more.

At City Camp, students participate in many different activities. Reading, math, and science activities allow students to practice critical skills that lead to academic success. Art, music, and other creative activities provide students the opportunity to use their imaginations and explore their creative side. Campers hear the Gospel through daily Bible lessons and chapel services. All of this, along with off-site trips and other activities, provide students around the Philadelphia area a summer they will never forget!

All Saints' has support this ministry for several years and we would like to help again this year.

There will be a donation box for City Camp in the vestibule. Please help us help others.

Supplies needed:

First aid kits ♦ Band-Aids ♦ alcohol wipes ♦ construction paper ♦ glue (all colors) ♦ glue sticks ♦ board games (Connect Four, Uno) ♦ clay ♦ paint brushes ♦ hand soaps ♦ beads ♦ copy paper ♦ crayons ♦ markers ♦ pencils ♦ water balloons ♦ paint (primary colors) ♦ bubbles ♦ Borax or Tide (science experiments) ♦ gimp ♦ pipe cleaners ♦ poster board ♦ hot glue sticks (4 x 4.45) ♦ sport equipment ♦ jump ropes ♦ balls ♦ water game supplies ♦ tie dye supplies ♦ Ziplock bags ♦ cotton balls

Words to Ponder on

In the preparation of the monthly edition of *The Messenger*, I never know what articles and pieces of information will be sent my way to be included and what will land in my path in the midst of pulling it all together for the final phase. Its eye opening and mystical at times, when the little bits and pieces all come together and a general theme flows through it all for the Holy Spirit to share, inspire, and encourage us in our life journey. — Donna Longobardi, Parish Administrator

Part of a poem by Elder Hugh B. Brown, “I Would Be Worthy”

(Came across this online in searching for a prayer for being worthy.)

*I thank thee, Lord, that thou hast called me “son,”
And fired my soul with the astounding thought
That there is something of thee in me.
May the prophecy of this relationship—
Impel me to be worthy.*

*I am grateful for a covenant birth;
For noble parents and an ancestry who beckon me
To heights beyond my grasp, but still attainable
If with stamina and effort I cultivate their seed—
And prove that I am worthy.*

*I am grateful for a companion on this Eternal Quest,
Whose roots and birth and vision match my own;
Whose never-failing faith and loyalty have furnished light in darkness,
And re-steeled fortitude. May her faith in me
Inspire me to be worthy.*

*I am grateful for the cleansing power of parenthood,
With its self-denial and sacrifice—prerequisites to filial and parent love;
For each child entrusted to our care, I humbly thank thee;
If I would associate with them eternally,
I know I must be worthy.*

*I am grateful for the lifting power of the gospel of thy Son;
For the knowledge thou hast given me of its beauty, truth and worth.
To attain its promised glory, may I to the end endure,
And then, forgiven, let charity tip the scales and allow me
To be considered worthy.*

**No man ever prayed
without learning
something.**

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

A quote found in
Words of Strength & Comfort pamphlet



I Am Somebody!

(A cute introduction found in a leaflet from the Philadelphia Bible Society, one of many resources which were given to the pastors to whom attend the Greater Norristown Area Ministerium meetings at All Saints.)

I'm somebody!

Somebody created to be like God.

Somebody for whom Christ gave his life!

Yes, I'm somebody—with special gifts for service, with something to share,
with decisions to make, with someone at my side.

In all the ways that I'm somebody, you're somebody too!

May 2018

Check out what's happening at All Saints!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:15-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab	2 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop	3 11 Bible study w/ lunch 1 Bulletin Assembling 7 N.A. (act. room)	4 OFFICE CLOSED* 7:30 N.A. (act. room)	5
6 Easter 6 8 HE Rite I 8:30 Choir rehearsal 10 HE Rite II	7 Parish Administrator's day off 8 V.F. Highland Band practice	8 9:15-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab 6:30 Work Night	9 9:15 Norristown Ministerium 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop <i>VESTRY REPORTS DUE</i>	10 1 Bulletin Assembling 7 N.A. (act. room)	11 OFFICE CLOSED* 7:30 N.A. (act. room)	12 4-6:30 Bread of Life Community Café
13 Easter 7 <i>Joint worship with Grace Lutheran</i> 8:30 Choir rehearsal 10 HE Rite II 11:30 Reception / Kaleidoscope adult forum (chapel) 6 Movie Night	14 Parish Administrator's day off 8 V.F. Highland Band practice	15 9:15-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab MESSENGER DEADLINE	16 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop 7 Vestry Mtg.	17 11 Bible study w/ lunch 1 Bulletin Assembling 7 N.A. (act. room)	18 OFFICE CLOSED* 7:30 N.A. (act. room)	19 12-4 West Norriton Community Day
20 Day of Pentecost 8:30 Choir rehearsal 10 HE Rite II 11:30 Kaleidoscope adult forum (chapel)	21 Parish Administrator's day off 8 V.F. Highland Band practice	22 9:15-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab	23 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop	24 1 Bulletin Assembling 7 N.A. (act. room)	25 OFFICE CLOSED* 7:30 N.A. (act. room)	26 4-6:30 Bread of Life Community Café
27 Pentecost 1 Trinity Sunday 8:30 Good Noise Band practice/set up 10 Contemp. Svc.	28 Parish Administrator's day off 8 V.F. Highland Band practice MEMORIAL DAY	29 9:15-Noon Calvary LC visits computer lab	30 10-1:30 Second Time Around Shop <i>LAST SHOPPING DAY</i>	31 1 Bulletin Assembling 7 N.A. (act. room)	June 1 OFFICE CLOSED* 7:30 N.A. (act. room)	2

**Parish Office will be closed on Fridays during the month of May, Parish Administrator will be on vacation and holiday, please plan visits Tuesday-Thursday to be sure someone is available to greet you. Thank you!*

**To schedule and promote your special event, activity or meeting,
contact Donna Longbardi, Parish Administrator, at 610-279-3990 / allsaints535@yahoo.com.**

Serving for the Glory of God

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Acolytes	Sarah Callow Betsy Gottshall	Beville Jones Donna Penman	Joe Gelet Jack Spottiswood Natalia Dello Buono	
Altar Guild	Susan Cohen Joanne Heisler	Susan Cohen Diane Mullen	Susan Cohen Mary Jane Daley	Patty Gelet Deb Porcelli
Bulletin Assemblers	Donna Hale Donna Penman (5/3)	Phil Gottshall (5/10)	Donna & Bob Penman (5/17)	Ginger Banmiller Mary Jane Daley (5/24)
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	Ginger Banmiller Donna Hale	Donna Penman Patty Gelet	Sarah Callow Bill Koffke	Judy & John Freeman
Intercessor	Sarah Gelet	Laurie Sawyer	TBD	Donna Penman
Lector	Judy Baca	Sarah Callow	Deb Porcelli	Phil Gottshall
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	Viola Van Der Meulen			
10AM Ushers/Greeters	Majid Etemad Nina & Nelson Schrock	Dello Buono family	Betsy Gottshall Judy Baca	Donna & Bob Penman
Vestry Rep	Joe Gelet	Nelson Schrock	TBD	Donna Penman

See a vacancy? Feel free to step forward to serve.



Prayer for Acceptance

By John Birch (www.faithandworship.com)

When I talk of neighbor, I mean the family next door, whom I might or might not get on with. When you talk of neighbor, you extend our neighborhood, to the whole world, to all kinds of people, the old, the young, the good and the bad, those from different social or ethnic groups. I see them on my TV screen and just know that I could not get on with them, if they happened to move in next door.

But then, that is your challenge to us, isn't it? To do as you did. To extend the hand of love, unconditionally, no strings or prejudice attached. I can't do that Lord, it is not in my nature. But I am convinced, that you can do it through me.

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Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

The 8 a.m. service will take place on the first Sunday of the month only until further notice.

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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.*