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THE CELEBRATION OF FEAST DAYS

Immediately following Christmas some very important Feast Days are celebrated: the feasts of St. Stephen (December 26), St. John the Evangelist (December 27), Holy Innocents (December 28), and the Holy Family (also known as the “Sunday following Christmas”). Each one of these feasts are important both for the reason of who they commemorate and because these figures of the past offer direction to Christians today.

December 26: St. Stephen, Martyr. It is no accident on the liturgical calendar that on the day after Christmas the church evokes the memory of a saint who was murdered for his faith in Jesus. Stephen is the first disciple to be martyred for the faith. You can read about his martyrdom in the Book of Acts, chapter 7 verses 54 – 60. As Stephen is being stoned to death, he asks to be received in heaven. He even goes so far as to pray for his killers. Of some of the many things, Stephen shows modern Christians that our faith should be so deep and unwavering that we would even face persecution rather than denounce it. Stephen also portrays the great virtue that a Christian should pray even for those who would do us harm (Luke 6:27-29).

December 27: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. When the New Testament speaks of the “beloved disciple” the church recognizes this to be John. John is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, three epistles, and the Book of Revelation. A fisherman by trade, John was the youngest apostle called by Jesus. John lived his life as a missionary, witnessing to Jesus’ love. He died in approximately the year 100 A.D. John is the only apostle not to be put to death. Of some of the many things, John shows modern Christians that God calls *everyone* into His service – both the young and old alike. Sadly, there are not very many young people answering God’s call to service today. There is especially a great shortage of young priests. John was very young when called by our

Lord, yet John went on to do much to build up Christ’s Kingdom here on earth. May we daily pray for an increase of priests – *the harvest is ready, but the laborers are few* (Matthew 9:37).

December 28: The Holy Innocents. After hearing about the birth of Jesus the Messiah, King Herod, fearing the loss of his political power, ordered the death of all boys under the age of two. While Mary and Joseph escaped with Jesus, Herod’s men massacred baby boys, who are considered the Holy Innocents. In our modern times we have our own form of “holy innocents” - in today’s culture the idea of abortion is becoming less and less offensive to people’s consciences. May we modern Christians strive to pray daily that our culture may repent of the direction it is going, may we pray for each of the lives being affected by this stigma, and may our nation be given the grace to once again evolve into a culture of life.

Sunday after Christmas: The Holy Family. This day traditionally honors Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a model of commitment based on love, peace and joy. Jesus, Mary and Joseph instruct all on the essential values of family life. As modern Christians may we look to them as role models. Theirs was a home marked by unity, love, respect and devotion to God. The Holy Family serves as a standard of how families should interact with each other today.

Again, immediately following the Christmas celebration the church puts many great things before us. Hopefully we can carry some of these things into the new year and incorporate them into our lives.

Yours in Christ,
Father Hines +

SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

On Sunday, January 14, both the ACW and the ACM will meet after the Mass. These meetings are important as both groups will elect their officers for 2007 and discuss the major items that will need attention this year.

The Parish Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28, in the undercroft. The Annual Meeting is of great importance as we will elect three people to the Vestry for 2007-2010, review the Parish Budget for 2007 and note the Annual Reports from the Rector and all those who are responsible for the major activities of the parish. Refreshments will be served.

The Vestry Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate for election to the Vestry for three-year terms, 2007 - 2010: Chris Oschman, Lita Petersons and Bill Jepson. In accordance with the new provision of the Parish By-laws that established term limits for the Vestry of two consecutive three-year terms, Ron Waitek will be leaving the Vestry after many years of service. Ron has our gratitude for all he has done for All Saints since he played a major role in founding the parish in 1996.

By January 12, you will receive a notice on the 2007 Parish Directory, which will provide the information we now have on all pledging individuals and families. You will be asked to check your Directory entry and let us know by January 22 what changes are and/or additions should be made. E-mail addresses are most important, and if you wish, include cell phone numbers. The 2007 Parish Directory will be distributed on Sunday, February 4.

Karen and Ron Waitek will host a Super Bowl Party for the parish on Sunday, February 4, at 5:00 PM. This has become an annual event at their home, and the sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. Please let them know if you will be attending by Sunday, January 28.

All Saints will host the 2007 Synod of the Diocese of the Eastern States on June 7, 8 and 9. Complete information on the schedule and plans for this major event will be sent to everyone in February. The Synod brings together the clergy and laity from all the parishes and missions in the 10 states which comprise our Diocese. It will be a full three days of services, workshops and meetings, and most importantly, an opportunity to be with others who share our faith and who have the same concerns we do. The Holiday Inn, just a few miles south, has been booked for housing and for a few of the major events. The church will be used for the five services that will be held and for most of the workshops and meetings. Those of you who were with us when All Saints hosted the 2002 Synod will remember what a fine experience this event was.

So, a new year begins for All Saints. If we continue to all work together, 2007 will exceed expectations.

Bill Jepson
Senior Warden

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

As we start the new year, we will be holding ACW elections on January 14. The slate of officers will remain the same as in 2006, but we still need to have an election. Please plan to attend this meeting.

Kudos and thanks to Jane Munsie for a very successful Holiday Cookie Walk. At last count, ACW made about \$350.00! Another fine fund raiser! Thanks to all who baked and to those who helped with set up and clean up.

I hope all the holidays were spirit filled and happy for everyone.

Sue Ross
ACW President

ALL SAINTS CHURCH YOUTH

December is one of the most blessed months of the year with the celebration of the birth of our beloved Savior. The All Saints Anglican Youth celebrated by attending *The Nativity Story*, a movie, at Showplace 12 on Boughton Road in Bolingbrook. In attendance were Father Hines, Dan and Fabi Brush, and the Adebowale youth. It was charming and sweet and we highly recommend it to anyone looking for a good movie.

We now must get our act together to prepare a calendar for 2007. Our goal is to help build a home for a family in Mexico this June 13-23 through Amor Ministries. We will attend in conjunction with our daughter Claire's church in Rushville, Illinois. (Claire will not attend, as her first baby is due on February 1.) The deadline for a list of those attending is in February, and we must raise \$500 per person on the roster. Please let us know if you have any great ideas for fundraisers!

Father Hines and the Brushes will hold a planning session prior to our first 2007 meeting with the youth. We will resume our meeting schedule of every other Tuesday on January 16.

Dan and Fabi Brush
Youth Leaders

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children, Sunday School teachers and Father Hines gathered at the church on Saturday, December 9, to decorate the Christmas tree in the narthex. This was followed by playing games, enjoying delicious refreshments and singing Christmas carols. All who attended had a good time. Thanks to our teachers who planned and carried out this activity.

Sunday School resumes on January 7 with a continuation of our curriculum. Why not make a New Year's resolution to have your child attend Sunday School each week in 2007?

Chuck Bolton
Sunday School Administrator

TREASURER'S REPORT

The final Treasurer's Report for 2006 reflects the dedication and generosity of all the members and friends of All Saints.

The budget approved by the Vestry in December 2005 anticipated a deficit of \$1,960; however, the actual deficit was \$1,085. The total income from all sources was \$140,010 and the expenses were \$141,095.

Although we lost some members during the year for a variety of reasons, we also gained several new individuals and families. We are looking forward to a great year of growth in 2007.

A more complete detail of the financial condition of All Saints will be provided at the annual parish meeting on January 28, 2007.

Bob Wilson
Treasurer

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If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or wish to contribute in any way, please contact Fr. Hines or Marcia Wilson.

Dates to Remember

January 8 – 13,
No Weekday Mass; Office Closed
Sunday, January 14,
ACM and ACW Meetings and Elections
Tuesday, January 16,
Youth Meeting, 7:00 PM
Sunday, January 21,
Vestry Meeting
F I S H
Sunday, January 28,
Parish Annual Meeting
Tuesday, January 30,
Youth Meeting, 7:00 PM
Saturday, February 3,
Morning Prayer, 8:30 AM,
followed by breakfast and fellowship