



For All the Saints

November 2012

Dear Friends,

The power was out for eight days at the Church – more than for some people, unfortunately much less than for others. No power meant virtually no communications. Thanks be to God for the wall phone in the hall– our connection to the world! We maintained contact as best we could – making lots of calls and hearing beeping and endless ringing on the other end.

Haven't we been reminded not to take things for granted? Especially on these very cool autumn days, heat was a major loss. But how often do we stop to be grateful for the gadget that puts the heat on when the temperature drops below a certain level? How often do we stop to be grateful for lights coming on when we flip a switch? Laura Ingalls Wilder was a fine author, and we may now have new respect for that family so romantically portrayed in "Little House on the Prairie."

The season of Advent does not begin until the first Sunday in December, but the stormy ending to October would make a good Advent parable. We kept being warned to be prepared – stock up on storm-related necessities and if evacuation orders are given, follow them because it could become too late to be rescued. Advent Scripture readings are filled with warnings about being prepared. For now, Advent marks the end of one year and the beginning of another, but one day, there will be a final ending when Christ the King returns and the Kingdom of God is established.

As Jesus says in Matthew 24:36-44, "Keep awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But...if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into."

We have much to be grateful for – for example, getting together to enjoy fellowship and celebrate God's presence among us as we did on All Saints' Sunday, at worship in Lea Hall!

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— *All Saints' News* —

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES DUE NOW!

What with the storms shutting down power, closing schools, and making it hard to keep track of time, the Christmas Shoebox deadline crept up on us. **It is Monday, November 12th!** That is the deadline set by Samaritan's Purse for the ingathering of area Boxes in order for them to begin their long journeys. As you may remember, these Shoe Boxes are given to young people in war-torn parts of the world who would not otherwise receive anything for Christmas.

Our coordinator, **Toki Dada**, is ready to take our Shoeboxes to their next stop. We also have pamphlets suggesting what to put in the Boxes. This has been an extremely popular project, and we hope that any young people and adults who can put Boxes together, will do so – even on short notice.

THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Each year, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Ministerium sponsors a community worship service with participation from the various churches and synagogues in our community, and also our civic leaders. It is a wonderful expression of fellowship exemplifying that our separate communities have much more in common than whatever differences there may be. This year's preacher will be The Rev. Carleta Aston, the new pastor at the United Methodist Church.

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Raritan Road, beginning at 7:30 pm, and lasting about an hour. A reception will follow.

NETS FOR LIFE

We do not yet have a final tally, but there is very good news. **Our goal was to raise enough money to provide 100 anti-malarial nets, and we exceeded that goal!**

Many, many thanks to the parish for this wonderful outpouring. **Lisa Tucker** started things off with her excellent program for the Sunday School on the first Sunday in October, followed by another excellent program for everyone during Coffee Hour. The Sunday School Bake Sale was successful, and lots of small envelopes with Rita Mosquito's picture came back with donations – as did the Hope Boxes filled by the kids. We will have an exact figure by next month.

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP AT 9 AM

Begin the day with an offering of thanks in the form of Holy Eucharist. The word, “Eucharist” means thanksgiving, so it is an offering of thanksgiving whenever we celebrate this sacrament. Our Service is at 9 am, leaving time for cooking, visiting, football, and other activities. Come join us on this special day.

THE PIE PIPER IS HERE!

Once again, delicious home-baked pies may be ordered to enhance your Thanksgiving dinner. The choice is: **apple, blueberry, pecan, pumpkin and sweet potato. Pies are \$15 apiece. Order by Wednesday, November 15. Pie Pick-up will be Tuesday, November 20, between 10 am and 4 pm.** You may call the church to place your order.

LET’S HELP STORM VICTIMS

Despite the cold, lack of electric power and other disturbances to our lives, we realize how fortunate we have been in this part of New Jersey, especially compared with our brothers and sisters “down the shore.” As we know, huge portions of shore communities were decimated, leaving many people homeless.

Among the many agencies organizing assistance programs, our Diocese of New Jersey is reaching out to storm victims. There is even a Disaster Response person now working at the Diocese. We as a parish are going to raise funds to be part of this effort. Because money is needed as soon as possible, we are going to do this fairly quickly. If you would like to make a donation as part of our parish’s response to the Diocese, **please make checks payable to All Saints’ Church, and write, “Sandy Relief” on the memo line. Please get us your donation by Sunday, November 18. We will then send one check to the Diocese.**

CAROL SCHIRM’S FLOWERWORKSHOP, NOVEMBER 17

We are fortunate to have such a talented – and award-winning – flower arranger and designer in our midst, and equally fortunate that she happily shares her expertise. **Saturday, November 17, at 7:30 pm, Carol will offer a special program in Lea Hall** on designing beautiful arrangements, especially with Thanksgiving in mind. Please sign up (or call the church) so she has some idea of what materials she needs to bring.

--YOUTH NEWS--

Our young people have been busy on various parish projects.

Many took Hope Boxes from Episcopal Relief and Development to fill for “**Nets for Life.**” Between that and the Bake Sale, our Sunday School has helped us provide more than 100 nets.

These young people dressed a room full of scarecrows so they could be put up for sale (or adoption). Thanks to **Gabriella and Alex Crona, Anthony Dada, Emily and Sophia DiSarno, Natalie Green, Aubrey and Victor Johnson, Sam Loop, William and Aidan Robertson, Owen Wasik, and Jovi Williams.** Thanks to **Rich Johnson & Janice Loop** for organizing!

That beautiful Evensong on October 21st had participants from the **Youth Choir: Natalie Green, Aubrey Johnson, Miranda Walsh, Jovi Williams.** A reminder – Youth Choir rehearses every Sunday at 11:20, and they’re working on Christmas!

Aubrey Johnson and **Jovi Williams** did an “improve” sketch for “Chamber of Horrors.

The service for **All Saints’ Sunday (November 4)** was not quite what we planned. But despite the lack of electricity (or heat), wonderful spirit-filled worship took place in Lea Hall. The Sunday School Program was to act out the All Saints’ Gospel, “The Raising of Lazarus” (John 11:32-44). Directed by **Liz Trimpin** and **Kevin Walsh**, the drama was presented to the congregation. And we thank **Anthony Dada, Natalie Green, Aidan Robertson (Jesus), Miranda Walsh, Owen Wasik (a well-bandaged Lazarus), Jovi Williams.**

YOUTH GROUP INVITED TO THE CATHEDRAL LOCK-IN DECEMBER 7-8

Trinity Cathedral (Bishop Cancell) is the host, beginning at 8 pm on Friday, December 7th, and ending at 7 am on Saturday, December 8th. The Lock-In is for 6-12 graders with adult sponsors. Lodging = sleeping bags on the floor. The cost is \$33.

Here’s what the Diocese says. “This all-night party includes a high energy concert by the Sloan River Project; a project with STOP HUNGER NOW, creating meals for the needy; pizza; worship; and a fun mix of games, movies and free time.”

This is the third annual Lock-In, and it’s become very popular. Let’s get a group and sign on!

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-- Parishioner Profile --

BUEN CAMINO

By Russell Wells

People tell me I'm crazy and I might be, but that's a completely separate issue. I think it's crazy to go on vacation and sit by a pool or lay on a beach. I want to be doing something! To me there's no better way to spend any vacation than trekking. Whether in a big city, or in the mountains, or in the middle of nowhere, from your first step you're on an adventure. And while you may have a destination in mind, there's no way to predict what or who you will encounter along the way. With that in mind, the Camino de Santiago, the way of Saint James, or shortly put, The Way, sounded like a perfect vacation.

People have been on pilgrimage along the way of St. James for more than a thousand years. More accurately, there is more than one "way," as there are more than a dozen recognized paths throughout Spain. Where and how you begin your pilgrimage and which path you choose depends on you, but the destination is always the cathedral in Santiago, Spain where the relics of St James lay.

The path I chose was the Camino Frances, or the French route. Beginning in St. John de Pied de Port, France and crossing over the Pyrenees, across the plains of northern Spain to the city of Santiago, it is the most popular route. The route is about 500 miles and usually takes about 33 days to complete. Having only two weeks to dedicate to it, and wanting to complete the final 100 kilometers to qualify for my *Compestella* (the document issued by the Catholic Church declaring me an official pilgrim), I had to take advantage of some modern transportation which was not available to the early pilgrims.

I started walking with my friend Pete, but he got sick and went home after three days. After he left, I met another friend in Leon, and we walked together, as well as with people we met. I can't say that it was any more than a walk in the beginning, but there is certainly an underlying feeling of spirituality to it. As the days and miles went by, together with the people I met, there was a growing camaraderie and a common bond.

When all the miles were totaled, I found I had walked over 220 miles in twelve days. I spent time in a few beautiful cities including Pamplona, Leon, Astorga, Ponferrada and Santiago. I walked through fields, across streams and rivers, along highways, through forests, over the Pyrenees, through alleys, tunnels and city squares. I walked through rain and fog and snow and hail. I sipped *café con leche* in dozens of cafes and had my share of *vino tinto*. I met dozens of fellow pilgrims from all over the world. We shared meals, hysterical stories, dormitory sleeping

quarters and epic symphonies of snoring. Everyone was there for a different reason, and no one left unaffected.

It's very hard to describe the feeling of walking into the square in front of the cathedral and then climbing the steps to get my *Compestella*. Along with the feeling of accomplishment, I was amongst hundreds of people sharing similar feelings. For some time I watched people arrive and witnessed their joy. I watched people greet other pilgrims that they had walked with weeks earlier and hadn't seen again until just then. It's really quite a site in the square, from people snapping pictures, to getting addresses, to telling stories or reliving a funny situation, or just sitting staring at the cathedral. I remember the feeling of not wanting to leave the square, and I went back there many times to just sit and think. What I thought then is what I think now, in trekking as in life, the journey is the destination.

For the next few days in Santiago, I had a general feeling of lightness. A little of this was from not having to get up at 6:00 in the morning and walk twenty miles, a little from not having to carry all of my belongings everywhere, and some probably because I actually did it! I plan on doing it again someday, and next time I'll walk the whole Camino.

I know it's not a trip for everyone, but for the life of me I can't think of why not!

By Russell Wells

HEAR MORE ABOUT CAMINO de SANTIAGO NOVEMBER 18

During Coffee Hour on this Sunday before Thanksgiving, **Russell Wells**, a newly-minted *Compestella*, will share more stories – and pictures -- from his fascinating trek along The Way in Spain. As he wrote, "...in trekking as in life, the journey is the destination," so enjoy hearing more about his journey, and how this latest trip fits with his other adventures.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH, IN CONCERT DECEMBER 2

It will be the second annual concert of this popular choral work, the Christmas Portion of "Messiah." Some of our choristers from the All Saints' Choir are lending their voices to the special chorus made of singers from various houses of worship in Fanwood and Scotch Plains. The Concert is at Fanwood Presbyterian Church, Martine and LaGrande avenues at 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$20 and may be reserved by calling 908-889-8891, ext. 17.

PLEASE SEND YOUR PLEDGE FOR 2013.

--The All Saints' Family --

Ruby Rose, the senior member of All Saints', passed away on October 12th, one month short of her 100th birthday. A Requiem Eucharist was celebrated at the parish on October 21st. A long-time member of the All Saints' Crafters, Mrs. Rose was known for her delicate and beautiful embroidery. Her husband, **Joseph**, predeceased her in 1998.

Hugh Coyne, who with his wife, **Miriam** was a long-term member of All Saints', passed away on October 16th at home in Pennsylvania where they had moved in 2000. The Funeral Service was at their parish in Lancaster, PA, and Hugh's ashes were interred in the All Saints' Columbarium on October 28th, with Miriam and son, Bill, among family members present

ALL SAINTS' ON CAMPUS

We send good wishes to our parishioners who are beginning or continuing their college careers.

Deborah Albert – Long Island University (C. W. Post)

Guillermo Brewer – The College of New Jersey

Sharon Burk – American University

Thurston Hamlette – Howard University Law School

Gigi Jawahir – Smith College

Kathleen Leeper – Hampshire College

Alexandra (Alex) Loop – Alfred Univ. (1099 Powell Campus Center, Alfred, NY 14802-1224)

Thomas Loop, III -- Stevens Institute of Technology

Erin O'Connor – Rutgers University

Liz Peach – The College of New Jersey

GET TO KNOW THE ALL SAINTS' CHOIR

At the beautiful Evensong on October 21st, we were privileged to hear these wonderful choristers, most of whom sing with us each Sunday.

Carol Albert

Charlie Beakes

Carol Buttke

Leo Campos

Rose Cubbon

Mark Douches

Don Kern

Robert Leeper

Marlenes Luvins

Mary O'Connor

Amelia Singh

Terron Singletary

Peggy Tristram

John Tucker

Juliana Valente

Kevin Walsh

Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Lamp

We invite you to keep fresh Flowers on the altar with a memorial or thanksgiving. The cost is **\$40.00**. You can keep the **Sanctuary Lamp** burning for a week, as a meaningful way to remember loved ones or offer thanksgiving. The lamp is **\$10.00**.

Make checks payable to the Altar Guild and put in the **memo** line that the check is for flowers or lamp. Sign up for specific dates in the narthex, or call the office.

Available Dates

Altar Flowers:
Nov. 18, 25

Sanctuary Lamp:
Nov. 11, 18, 25

Missionary Outreach

The second Sunday of each month is Sharing Sunday at All Saints' when we ask for donations to help local families through Heart for Humanity.

Nov.— Health & Beauty supplies (soap, deodorant, shampoo, toothbrushes & paste, floss, mouthwash, Q-Tips, cotton balls)

Dec. – Stocking Stuffers

Jan.. – Non-perishable snacks (juice boxes, raisins, dried fruit, granola bars, crackers, fruit snacks, etc.)

Please keep our Food Basket filled every Sunday with non-perishable items. This is also a way to help local families through Heart for Humanity.

The Rev. Jane Rockman, *Rector*

Andrew Kilkenny, Organist and Choirmaster

The Rev. John R. Neilson, *Rector Emeritus*

Irene Carlucci, *Secretary*

Wesley Jenkins, *Sexton*

Wardens

Don Kern

Jenine Williams

Vestry

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| Charlie Beakes | Todd Bouverot | Lauren DiSarno | Rich Johnson |
| Clark Landale | Patricia Ludewig | Mary O'Connor | Glen Robertson |
| Scott Smith | Sally Robinson | Liz Trimpin | Susan Winkler |

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