



Vestry News

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All Saints' Episcopal Church

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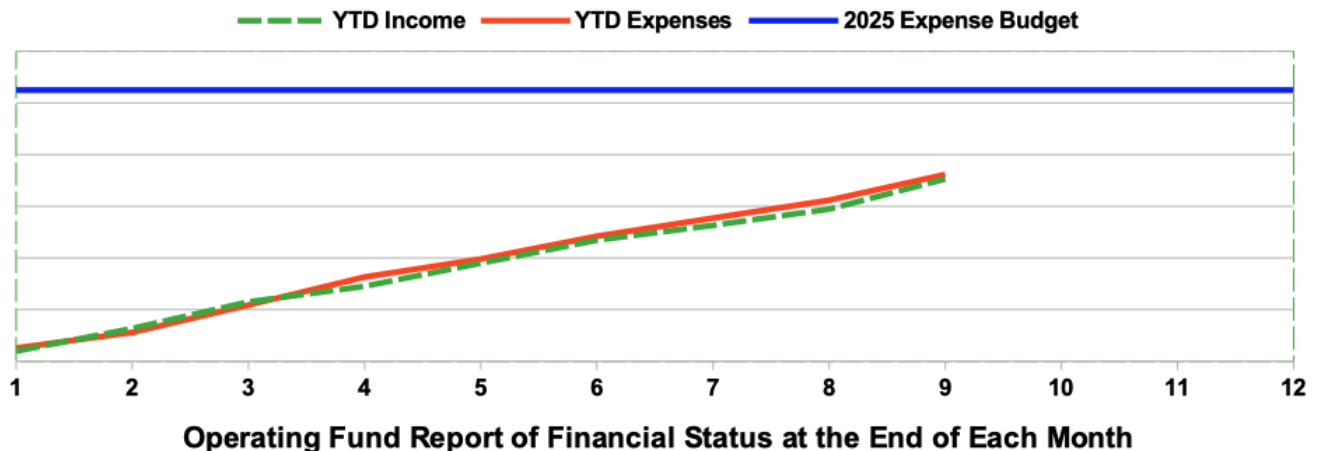
Welcome to All Saints' Vestry News, a seasonal newsletter written by the wardens to summarize the past actions and current plans discussed during Vestry meetings. For those members who are not familiar with the term, the Vestry is a committee elected to serve with the church wardens in managing the parish's affairs. Please feel free to ask questions and offer suggestions to Mother Ann, the Wardens and anyone on the Vestry. Alternatively, you can leave a message via the church office and the appropriate person will respond.

All Vestry meetings begin and end with prayer. Vestry members take turns offering the opening prayer for God's guidance to best serve our Christian community. Mother Ann closes with a mention of those known to the parish who need our prayers at the time, to thank God for the work of the Vestry, and to bless one and all. After the introductory approvals of the agenda and minutes, it is time for ...

Finances.

Parish Treasurer John Brewer presents the previous month's results from the Operating Fund (OF), and every quarter, the status of the Endowment Fund (Art Richardson, Treasurer). The Parish Treasurer ensures that pledge and open donations plus rentals and other income are deposited and that the bills such as salaries, benefits, utilities and supplies are paid. John reports to the Finance Committee and then to the Vestry each month on the health of our finances.

2025 Year-to-Date (YTD) Operating Income and Expenses



The Endowment Fund pays for improvement and repairs to the buildings and grounds; the EF interest and dividends are transferred to the OF if and when needed to meet daily expenses. The primary EF expenses through June, 2025, have been transfers to the Operating Account, the 2025 portion of rectory repairs, the 32 new Columbarium niches, and tree trimming.

Recent Action Highlights.

Capital Improvements: Warden Marie Fox is leading the Vestry in identifying and prioritizing maintenance investments. Suggestions so far have included (not in priority order) Lea Hall painting and reflooring, church windows restoration, and parking lot resurfacing. Fundraising for the improvements will be undertaken in the spring, 2026.

Rentals: A committee led by Mother Ann, the Wardens, Victoria Reed and John Brewer, created new Rental Contract Forms. The new rates are comparable to other venues, with discounts and even full waivers for parish members. Please feel free to forward the information to acquaintances who may be looking for a venue for banquets, theater, reunions, teaching and other meetings. For full information, see and share: allsaints-spnj.org/rentals

Contacts.

Wardens and Vestry members will serve as information conduits between All Saints' various ministries and the Vestry. Please feel free to bring ideas and concerns to the appropriate Vestry member. Or go straight to the top; speak to Mother Ann.

Altar Guild:	Michelle Smith-Crona
Buildings and Grounds:	Marie Fox
Choir:	Carol Blake
Christian Education:	Jessica Gonzalez
Communications:	Tommy Tressler-Gelok
Hospitality:	Arleen Preston
Outreach:	Todd Bouverot
Stewardship:	Jim Skidmore
Ushers and Online Streaming:	Gerry Shea
Worship:	Kimberly McAlindin

Gratitude: The vestry recognizes the key role of Joe Triola (the head of the Building and Grounds committee) who tirelessly worked to repair the rectory and our buildings. In 2024 and 2025, no one could have been more essential to the parish.

All in all, it takes a village to keep All Saints' Church alive and growing. We thank all of you for being a part of the All Saints' Family. God Bless.

Marie Fox

Gerry Shea

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