**FEBRUARY EPISTLE – 2018**

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**SUNDAY EUCHARIST SCHEDULE**

10:00 AM – Sung Holy Eucharist

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Classes begin at 9:45 am. All children are invited to attend. Anyone interested in helping with Sunday School is welcomed to join the teaching staff**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

The Church Office will be open Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. All calls will receive a response as soon as possible. Please leave very detailed messages.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Each Sunday at **9:00 am**, Canon Anthony leads us in Bible Study. We discuss the Gospel and related topics and relate them to our lives and our viewpoints. It is very enlightening and clarifying. Everyone is welcomed to join the group as we gain understanding of The Word.



**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone for working so hard to handle the day to day functioning of the church, especially **Wardens Bettie Brinson** and **Henry Grant** and **Treasurer St.Clair Downes**. Big thanks also to **Phyllis Dohn** for her consistently great Sunday bulletins.

Thank you to **Sharon Ball and Violet and Ted** **Tomlinson** for setting up and decorating the lovely Christmas tree in Wilson Hall and **Sharon,** **Jonathan Spooner, Alex Okocha and Obi Okocha** for taking it down. We also thank **Henry Grant** and assistants for hanging and removing the Christmas wreaths in the church.

Thanks to the Altar Guild for beautifying the church for the Christmas season – **D. Claire Wasner, Sybil Greenidge, Chimzy Ugbala, Mgbechi Ezekwe, Omayeli Ngwudo and Aretha Buckman**. It was absolutely beautiful.

Thanks to **Barbara Carrubba** and her helpers, **St.Clair Downes, D. Claire Wasner, Bettie Brinson, Sharon Ball, Joan Munzing, Joan Whiteside and Terri Mangum** (Editor) for collating and preparing the Epistles for mailing.

Thanks also to all of our faithful cleaners, who keep our church clean.

We thank **St.Clair Downes** for handling the church’s finances so well. He will be undertaking the Parochial Report that is due to the Diocese in March.

We thank **Dr. Claude Stuart** and **the choir** for their music ministry which is so important to our Sunday worship. We commend them for the solos, duets and group anthem presented for Christmas. The choir remains very dedicated to our music ministry.

Thank you to **Aretha Buckman** and **Deslyn Francis** for their efforts , along with **Sharon Ball** and **Barbara Carrubba,** to present goodies and clean up the kitchen after **Coffee Hour** each Sunday.

A big thank you to **Ashley Brinson** for shoveling snow when needed.

We thank **LABS** for the delicious Coffee Hour they sponsored for the Epiphany celebration.

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**Our Adopt-a- Family outreach**

We thank **everyone** who donated gifts for the family we adopted for Christmas. We thank **Lisa Kaplan** for coordinating the collection of money and gifts and delivering them. The mom and new baby received many lovely gifts.

We thank everyone for their kind generosity.

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Sunday School

The children are continuing to learn about the Bible. They demonstrate their understanding each Sunday by sharing their lessons with Canon Anthony and the congregation.

The children participated in two special events in December. They gave a wonderful Christmas Eve presentation of recitations and singing. Hugh Edwards accompanied the children on the bass guitar and Tim Ofuya on the drums. The children, Ezinne Ugbala, Kelechi Ugbala, Xavier Ugbala, Zoe Parkes, Jonathan Spooner, Obiora Okocha, and Jayden Buckman, were well prepared and showed a great deal of poise. Ezinne and Kelechi played the piano and guitar along with their singing. All of the children brought smiles to every face and we thank them.

On Sunday, December 17, the children of the Sunday School visited several members’ homes to sing Christmas Carols. Those who were visited truly enjoyed the singing.

On January 7, the children participated in Youth Sunday. They did the readings and sang two Epiphany songs, accompanied again by Tim Ofuya’s drumming. We thank Kerry-Ann and all of the children.

We extend again, a sincere thank you to the teachers, Sharon Ball, Kimberly Smith and Kerry- Ann Blake Parkes and a BIG thank you to our Sunday School children and their parents.

There is also the **Bowling with the Bishop event on Feb. 17 from 1-3:00 pm** in Mineola. This activity is open to 6th to 12th graders and costs $15. If you are interested, please let Kerry-Ann Blake Parkes (1-347-963-1720) know asap.

**Our First Watch Night Event**

on December 31st we held our first watch night event. Communion was celebrated for the last time in 2017.

The service began with singing several Christmas carols and then the communion service. Afterwards, everyone went to Wilson Hall, where there was a lovely array of foods, beverages and desserts.

Canon Anthony was the DJ. He played music and took requests. People were humming along and began dancing, laughing and having a great time. It came to an end at about 10:30 pm. After cleaning up, everyone went home to watch the ball drop bringing in the New Year!

Thanks to all organizers, food contributors, cleaner uppers and all who attended.

**Happy New Year – 2018!**

STEWARDSHIP

We would like to THANK the following who made a commitment and pledged to support All Saints’ Church for 2018…

J.Munzing, E. & J. Tinkhauser, H.&T. Grant, M/M I. Ofuya, B. J. Nicholson, T. Mangum, M/M R. Ball, P. Willie, D. Filandro, S. Greenidge, N. Abrams, J.& B. Carrubba, B. Stafford, L. West, M/M Horne, A. Stapleton, M/M Ngwudo, P. Clarke, J. Gencorelli, B. Brinson, St. Downes, J. Hartmann, Dr. J. Mitchell, A. Adlam, Stephanie Londonio, Ezekwe Family, M/M Dohn, M. Courtney, G. Bartholomew, M/M Grant, D. C. Wasner, M/M Edwards, L. Kaplan, K.A. Blake Parkes, M/M Ugbala, F. Ezekwe, Canon L. & W. Anthony, A. Buckman, O. Thomas, M. Taggart, C. & D. Francis, L. and M. Fredericks, M/M Cronin, M/M Fredericks, M/M Okocha, and J. Mason , V. Temple, G. Sylvester, V. Morris, V. Daly, D. McFarlane

Again thank you all very much for playing a very important part in our church life together. May God Bless you all.

If your name has been inadvertently omitted, please let me know. If you have not yet turned in a pledge card, please join us in the support of our church. We need the formal pledge card to plan our financial life accurately and provide envelopes.

Sharon Ball, Chair

“Beauty is not in the face; beauty is a light in the heart.”

Kahlil Gibran

**PANCAKE SUNDAY**

As our version of **Mardi Gras**, the Women of All Saints’ are sponsoring a Pancake Sunday Coffee Hour on

Sunday, February 11th .

Join us for a Pancake Breakfast following our 10 am Holy Eucharist.

We’ll eat pancakes and wear beads before the start of Lent.

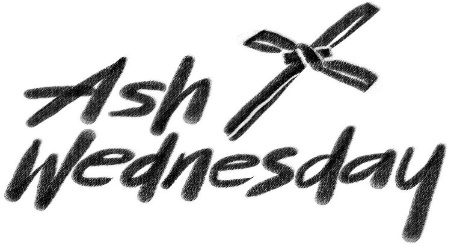
Everyone is invited to join us!

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**Love thy neighbor as thyself.**

**LENTEN PROGRAM**

**Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14th . We will have an Ash Wednesday service at 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.**

**We are working on the Wednesday Lenten Program that in the past has been a very rewarding experience for all attendees. It will take place on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm during Lent in Wilson Hall. We’ll begin with a light supper, Evening Prayer and then interesting discussions.**

**Everyone is invited to attend.**



February

2 Theresa Teurfs

5 Rose Minenna

6 Kandi Lynn

11 Peter Willie

12 Winston Luke

13 Terri Mangum

14 William Cohen

17 Audrey Stapleton

18 Brian Dohn

19 Diane McFarlane

19 Ikemefuna Ngwudo

22 Jason Horne

**LABS**

(Lunch for a Bunch of Seniors)

**The next meeting of LABS will be on February 14, Ash Wednesday. The Eucharist will be celebrated at 10 am. The morning will end with a simple lunch.**

**All are invited to join us.**

Bettie Brinson and Joan Munzing

PARISH NEWS

We are happy to announce the engagement of Simone Edwards and Omar Nelson, daughter of Hugh and Glenis Edwards.

The wedding is planned for September.

Best wishes to the happy couple!

In sorrow we announce the passing of Canon Anthony’s older brother, Hazzart Anthony, in Belize. May he rest in peace. We extend condolences to the family and keep them all in our prayers.

Bettie Brinson and her granddaughter, Emory, joined in a community service project making sandwiches for homeless shelters in Charlotte, NC. It was a special way to celebrate her 16th birthday. Happy Birthday Emory and thanks for your good works.

Temporary Job Opportunity-

**The Nassau County Board of Elections needs Election Day inspectors and Election Day Spanish Translators for the 2018 election. You must be at least 18 and a registered voter. Both require training and are paid positions. If you are interested in either one, please call 1-516-571-Vote and check out https//www.nassaucountyny.gov/2303/Election-information. Submitted by Kerry-Ann Blake Parkes**

Blood Pressure Screening

Our Florence Nightingale Ministry is available to check your blood pressure on the last Sunday of each month. Take advantage of this important service. Preserve your good health.

**THE BROTHERHOOD OF**

**ST. ANDREW**

**The officers and members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew thank all who donated to the support of Jorge Hernandez, the child that we sponsor. Your continued support is much appreciated. We were also able to send him a special gift of a remote controlled robo car and a World Atlas book for Christmas this year. We thank all who donated money and Terri Mangum for purchasing and shipping the gifts.**

St.Clair Downes

**BOOK SWAP SUNDAY**

**One Sunday a month All Saints’ holds a “Book Swap”. We invite you to look over our collection, select one or two books, and take them home to read. You can leave a book in its place if you have one, but you don’t have to leave one. Book Swap Sunday will be:**

**February 25**



**February is African American History Month…A good time to read a book about African American History!**



**A Proud Heritage**

**“Prejudices are rarely overcome by argument, not being founded in reason they cannot be destroyed by logic.” Tryon Edwards**

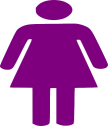
**In observance of African American History Month, we will have a special speaker on February 11th at our 10 am service, Dr. Claude Mangum, professor emeritus at Fordham University. Dr. Mangum taught African American History and American History for 43 years. He will share some insights with us as part of our observance.**

**Blessed Absalom Jones**

**The life and ministry of Absalom Jones, the first ordained African American priest and abolitionist, will be celebrated on Sunday, February 11th at 4:00 p.m. as part of our African American History celebration along with St. George’s Brooklyn,**

**as we have in the past. Canon Glenworth Miles will preach and their choir will sing, as will our choir. The service will be followed by a reception in Wilson Hall.**

**Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.**

**Saint Anne’s Guild **

**St Anne’s Guild held its Christmas Brunch at Alias Smith and Jones Restaurant on Sunday, December 10th. The women enjoyed the food and the fellowship. We thank Joan Munzing for making the arrangements.**

**Please be aware that as part of our Outreach Program we collect toiletries , other personal items, disposable diapers, and household cleaning products for the homeless and abused women and children of Bethany House. All items are appreciated. Please place them in the box in the back of the church.**

**We were able to deliver several containers of coats, toiletries, non-perishable food supplies and more to Bethany House before Christmas. The residents of the house appreciated the donations. They sent a letter of thanks to all.**

**We also collect non-perishable food items for the INN to help feed the hungry. Feel free to bring food and place in the box labelled “food collection” in the back of the church.**

**We thank all who have donated and all who will donate.**

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**“Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.”**

**Plato**

**ANNUAL** **PARISH MEETING and ELECTIONS**

**The Annual Parish Elections and Meeting will take place Sunday, March 4th, immediately following the 10:00 am Eucharist. This meeting will include the election of one Warden for a term of two years, three vestry persons for a term of three years, plus one delegate and one alternate to the Diocesan Convention. It is important for all church members. Please plan to attend.**

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**HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU KNOW?**

**Count the number of people that you really know to the extent that you understand and accept them and really can say you “know” them. I suspect your list, like mine, is dwindling fast.**

**It has been said that in our life time, we are fortunate indeed if we have three or four really close friends who truly know us and whom we know. St. Paul in Corinthians speaks of withholding judgment, leaving that to the Lord who truly does know us. We are so quick to rush to judgment, and we all have our lists of friends and enemies, but God is the one who has the degree of knowledge to really know a person.**

**To me one of the great joys and mysteries of the Christian Faith is this sense of acceptance by God of us. If God loves us, and accepts us, then why can’t we do the same for ourselves and others? Of course, every society must have laws and judges but there must always be the awareness that our judgments, serious or trivial, are partial and might be wrong.**

**In reflection there are very few people including myself that I truly know. The other thought that comes to mind is that every time I bother to try to get to know someone in a deeper manner, I discover a treasure. Life is a road down which we travel and along the way we come to discover more and more people and we are blessed for it. It is exhilarating to learn more about ourselves and others.**

I Corinthians 4:1-12

ADDRESS UPDATES

Please help us update our records by informing us of any change of address or telephone numbers. Please let us know of all birthdays and anniversaries so that we may recognize your special days.

We would also like to have your

e-mail address to help with our efforts to contact members and keep everyone informed.

Please place updated information in the collection plate or drop it off at the church office.

Let’s stay connected!

Thank you.

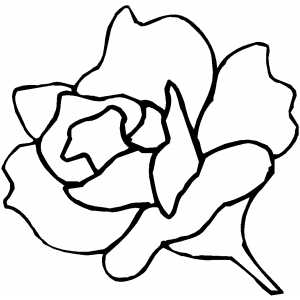
**Family Love**

**You don’t really understand human nature unless you know why a child on a merry-go-round will wave at his parents every time around – and why his parents will always wave back.**

William D. Tammeus

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**2018- Just believe that good things are on their way.**



**A PRAYER for ALL**

**May your home be blessed with the courage of compassionate hearts, seeing the greatness in every soul.**

**May the garden of your heart bloom with even the smallest of kind acts, giving your life the gift of divine purpose.**

**Things to Think about for 2018**

**A bad habit I’m going to break…**

**A new skill I’d like to learn…**

**A person I hope to be more like…**

**A good deed I’m going to do…**

**A place I’d like to visit…**

**A book I’d like to read…**

**A letter I’m going to write…**

**A new food I’m going to try…**

**I’m going to do better at \_\_\_\_\_**

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You can succeed with

God’s help.

February 2018 Calendar

2/3 – Choir rehearsal, 10 am

2/4 – Holy Eucharist, 10 am

Youth Sunday

2/5 – Vestry Meeting, 8 pm, Rectory

2/10 – Choir rehearsal, 10 am

2/11 – Holy Eucharist, 10 am

 African American

History Month Observance

Guest speaker- **Dr. Claude Mangum**

**Mardi Gras Pancake Coffee Hour**

Absalom Jones Service – 4:00 pm

**St. George’s Church**, Brooklyn will join us and their choir will sing.

**Canon Glenworth Miles** will preach.

Reception follows.

2/14 – **Ash Wednesday**

10 am – Service, Imposition of Ashes

LABS lunch to follow

8 pm – Evening Service, Imposition of

Ashes

2/17 – Bowling with the Bishop event

2/18 – Holy Eucharist, 10 am

2/21 – Wednesday Lenten Program, 7 pm

2/24 – Choir Rehearsal, 10 am

2/25 – Holy Eucharist, 10 am

Blood Pressure Check

Book Swap

2/28 – Wednesday Lenten Program, 7 pm

3 /4 **– Annual Parish Meeting,**

after 10 am service

**Everyone is encouraged**

**to attend.**