

The Outlook



Saint Asaph Episcopal Church
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2018 Winter Edition

From Fr. Barry

“...renew a right spirit within me....”

Renewal. Here is a word that is used with some frequency in our modern culture. Who doesn't want some? The easing of some long bothering back pain, the ability to walk up some stairs without a knee aching, the renewing of one's skin to some youthful state, the first signs of spring with daffodils and crocus popping up through the grass, maybe it is just the chance to catch our breath, maybe it is again feeling a sense of deep devotion and faith.



Our sanctuary is currently getting some renewal. Your staff is always hard at work to maintain and renew our space. Often, you all just don't see the work. The scaffolding in the sanctuary and the pointing in the tower which was supposed to take only a week, ended up taking three weeks. The on going renewal of our sanctuary allows for us to have a holy place to find the renewal we need for the days ahead.

Lent is a season of renewal, the renewing of one's spirit. This renewal happens when we journey together. This renewal happens because we have a God who promises to continually work renewal in us through the power and presence of God's Holy Spirit.

There are many opportunities to be renewed this Lenten Season here at the Church of Saint Asaph. Join us, please. Know that I am renewed by your presence and your prayers and your participation. Thank you for all you do here and in your walk of faith.

Peace,

Barry+



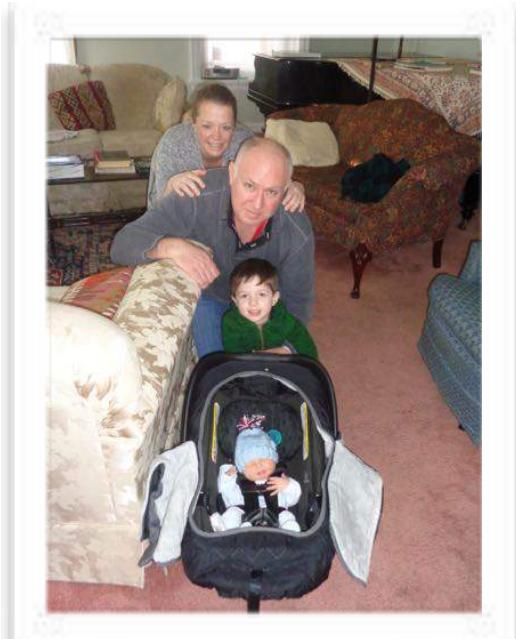
Wednesdays: *A Holy Lent*... On Wednesdays (during Lent), we gather at 6:15pm for a potluck supper- vegetarian dishes will be available - as we attempt to simplify our lives this season of the year. Our conversation will be a time of teaching and conversation. At the heart of our conversation will be the words of scripture accompanied by the words of Sara Miles and a book that has been around for a few years now- jesus freak. Don't let the title scare you- but rather I hope that it intrigues you! We will be including pieces of the catechism as well and all in the hour we have before we shift to a quiet celebration of the eucharist. In our conversations, we will be looking at the discipline of our faith through the invitations of Jesus found in the Gospels: feeding, healing, forgiving, raising the dead and the constant invitation to follow.

Tools for a Holy Lent - In the bowls in the window sills of the church, you will find slips of paper. One bowl has prayers that can be used at any time and the other suggestions of spiritual exercises and activities. Look through them and take one (or more) and use them as book marks or place them on your refrigerator - any place where you would be reminded to keep a Holy Lent. Happy Lent from your Pastoral Care Team.

Night Prayer - A brief sung liturgy of Night Prayer will be held on the Second Thursday of each month at 9:00pm. You are invited to attend, to listen, to sing and to pray. Night Prayer is the liturgy of prayers for the end of the day. This particular liturgy takes its form from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer, – along with additional resources. Please share the word. The West Entrance (new steps) will be open - park wherever you prefer of course, but I am hoping the convenience of the west entrance doors being open will allow you to park in the front circle. Be quietly cordial, or cordially quiet; the intent of this prayer is to allow us to gather quickly and quietly and depart in a similar fashion. Hope you will join us!

News About Our Members

From Births to Baptisms, and New Members, Saint Asaph's Welcomes...



Congratulations to Marianna and Adrian Ecker on the birth of their son, Alec Ecker, born Sunday, January 14th, 2018, at 6:16pm, weighing 8 lbs, 3 oz. Everyone including Mary and Roger Allen, the proud grandparents, are ecstatic and doing well!



Meet Mary Beth Hughes and Jeff Lynch. Mary Beth is an artist and designer and Jeff is the head horticulturalist at Chanticleer and Mary Beth is an artist and designer. They are looking forward to getting to know everyone in the St. Asaph community!



We were happy to share in the baptism of Ethan Jarvis on Sunday, January 7, 2017. As spoken best by Mary Allen, "Congratulations, dear Ethan! Welcome to the fold to which you add so much generosity, warmth, and joy!"



If you are a new member and would like to be listed in the newsletter, please email to office@saintasaphs.org a picture and brief information about yourself and/or family so that we can get to know you better!

Recent Events at Saint Asaph's

Kate Harte-McCormick



“Space For Change - No Room for Hate” an event held at St. Asaph’s, that arranged and led by Kate Harte-McCormick “Space For Change” was curated in response to the events in Charlottesville, Virginia, by high school senior Kate Harte-McCormick, with the intent of creating a place for people to respond to the current state of our country. Around 100 people gathered at the Church of Saint Asaph on September 10th to come together and express their thoughts on the issue of racism. The event consisted of various artistic performances, including Aaron Asher (Sabali Creations), and Kingsley Ibeneche, Seraiah Nicole, Maya Simone, Natalie Picardo, and Dancefusion's Fusion2. Quaker meeting style discussion, and free-will donations to both the Southern Poverty Law Center and Black Lives Matter Organization were accepted. People responded beautifully to this event, appreciative of the inclusive environment that welcomed every individual story and ideology. Free-will donations totaling \$820.00 were accepted and distributed to both organizations.



Allyson Cohen

In January, 2018 a benefit concert to raise funds for Alzheimer's Research was held at St. Asaph's. The concert consisted of Ally's Quartet, which is a Settlement Music School Advanced Study Quartet and is the premiere quartet in the city; Ally performed with guest appearances by Dara Morales, Assistant Principal Second Violinist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, and The Braverman Quartet, AaSettlement Music School Advanced Study Quartet. The concert was a huge success and raised almost \$2000 for the Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter.



Roger Allen and Roy Harker

On Sunday, January 14th due to weather, there was a power outage on Saint Asaph's campus. Nevertheless, despite the chilled air, church services must and did go on! Our 8 & 10 am liturgy were held in the Parish Hall. Roy Harker and Roger Allen, our two talented musicians provided beautiful music for our worship even though the power was out.

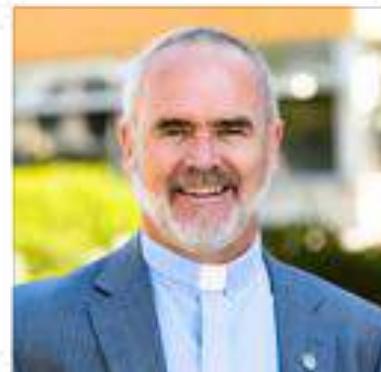


Upcoming Events at Saint Asaph's

The Rev. Tim Gavin

Our good friend, The Rev. Tim Gavin, will be with us on Sunday, March 11th, to preach and present news from St. Mark's School in Haiti.

Now Head Chaplain at The Episcopal Academy in Newtown Square, PA, Tim directs the spiritual program and offers pastoral care to the community. He also leads the partnership program for St. Marc's School in Haiti, and has developed a partnership between Episcopal Academy's fifth grade and the fifth grade at St. James School in Philadelphia. In the past, he has held several positions at Episcopal Academy: Media Specialist in the library, Dean of Students, Form Dean, English and Religion teacher, and Lower School Chaplain.



Rev. Gavin will discuss in greater depth a partnership program which is built around a relationship with a village named Cerca in the Central Plateau of Haiti. So far, the project has successfully built a new, modern school, brought solar power to the village, and built a water purification system. The project is now focused on building a farm to help the people in Cerca battle malnutrition and be self-efficient.

Outreach

Martin Luther King Day

Article submitted by: Janet Barrett

On Monday, 1/15/18, we joined forces with ConKerr again. This organization creates unique pillowcases for children and teens who are hospitalized at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia. These fun pillowcases really help to make a very difficult time a little easier, and they hopefully put a smile on the faces of sick children. Diana Moro and Shivanee Raj are the two women who spearhead this project and they do an outstanding job! They arrive on the scene with sewing machines, materials cut & ready to go, and they provide instruction and assistance throughout the day. Everyone who completes a pillowcase also makes a card to accompany the gift.

This year we were joined with several members from Adath Israel as well as several different local High Schools, including Lower Merion High School, and Harriton High School, as well as several families from Bala House. It was a wonderful variety of ages, and boys and girls!

A huge thank you to the many individuals who lent us their sewing machines, without which I'm sure we would not have been able to create so many of these wonderful pillowcases!! Thank you also to Steve Sheeran who helped to coordinate the setup of the machines and electrical cords. This event was truly a labor of love!!



Feast Incarnate

On February 6th, a group of St. Asaph's members served a lasagna dinner complete with salad and brownies at University Lutheran's Feast Incarnate. The Feast Incarnate diners are living with HIV/AIDS and are always appreciative of St. A's hospitality. Many thanks to Father Barry, Diana Post, Mary Allen, Emily Cronin, Mary McGowen, Steve Chawaga and Laura Brennan for serving the dinner and for all the St. A's members who contributed funds and brownies. What a great group effort!

Winter Clothing Drive

From November 5th through February 28th, St. Asaph's and Bala House partnered together to collect winter clothing to benefit an elementary school (K-4th grade) in need. Many thanks for the kindness and generosity of all those who donated during the coat drive as we collected tons of coats, ski pants, hats, gloves, scarves or snowsuits that were distributed to schools in the Philadelphia Community. Thank you to our Outreach Team, Alexais Morgan and Janet Barrett for leading the project, and Andi Gray for helping to distribute the clothing that was collected of which the coats went to Mitchell School and Taggart School, and thank you to Chris Baker who organized a coat drive in cooperation with the Masons. Those coats went to Mitchell School and to J.Rhodes School.

Court of Honor Ceremony

Congratulations to Boy Scout Troop Bala One and the Parents of Joseph Glen Bittenbender, Marchant Taliek Wiggins and Alexander Wu who through hard work and dedication have achieved the Rank of Eagle Scout. Their Court of Honor Ceremony was held on Sunday, February 25, 2018 at 4pm, here at Saint Asaph's.



Est. 1908:

America's First Boy Scout troop. Activities and advancement opportunities for boys 11-18. Scouting offers unique experiences, including outdoor sports and building practical skills. Troop Bala One is America's First Boy Scout troop. Our smaller size means more attention for each boy. We have shaped boys into young men and leaders longer than any other troop.

The Boy Scouts meet at St. Asaph's meet at St. Asaph's Church, Bala Cynwyd, PA., Wednesdays at 7:30 pm from September through June. For more information about joining, please contact (610) 667-3641 or our Facebook page: [facebook.com/troopbalaone](https://www.facebook.com/troopbalaone)

AmazonSmile Purchases Donates to St. A's

Submitted by: Andrew MacDonald

I discovered that St. Asaph's Church is set up to receive 0.5% of purchases made through AmazonSmile. What a great and easy way to make a donation to Saint Asaph's since you're already making a purchase anyway. So let me explain how it works.



What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as at Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. Once you sign in using your usual email and Amazon password the next screen will allow you to select "Church of St Asaph" as your organization to receive the donated percentage of your purchase.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. The site will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

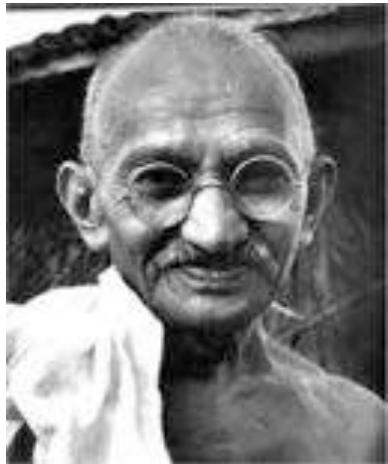
How much of my purchase does Amazon donate?

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases. The purchase price is the amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges. From time to time, they may offer special, limited time promotions that increase the donation amount on one or more products or services or provide for additional donations to charitable organizations. Special terms and restrictions may apply. Please see the relevant promotion for complete details. **Remember, only purchases made at smile.amazon.com, (not www.amazon.com or the mobile app,) generate AmazonSmile donations.**

In Light of Peace

Let the Children Speak

Submitted by: Lynda Staton



Virginia Powell who leads the “Peace” classes several times each week, invited her student to my office to share her words of wisdom with me. As she stood with her beautiful dress and bows in her hair, she began to recite “the peace poem” to me.

“I offer you peace.
I offer you love.
I offer you friendship.
I see your beauty.
I hear your need.
I feel your feelings.
My wisdom flows from the highest Source.
I salute that Source in you.
Let us work together. For unity and peace.”

- Mahatma Gandhi

With a gentle smile and hand gestures, she recited the poem that she had proudly memorized and was able to share. It’s interesting how something so simple and sweet can have such a “peaceful” and calming effect when heard. If only its message could be shared from one person to the next, the difference it might make, even if it’s temporary.

I must admit, I find Virginia’s Peace classroom such a welcoming space to visit, which I do often. The many exquisite, artfully decorated gift boxes filled with fun and creative learning aids to reinforce her lesson plan and the interesting multi-cultural display of dolls all gathered in a circle as if to share some wonderful news promote such a friendly environment. Sitting in my office, I overhear Virginia teaching her class, and the way she engages the children and their responses to her lessons is so interesting. Virginia has a true talent and gift for teaching and connecting with the children, in order to bring out their best efforts and understanding of peace, and how they can find and share peace, in their own way, with those around them! - Lynda Staton, Church office

Peace Classes

If you would like more information on the Peace Classes, please contact Virginia Powell via email: vpowellmontessori@gmail.com.

The next three lessons are:

- Peace Requires Self Control
- Peace Requires Patience
- Peace Requires Comfort With Diversity

Adult & Youth Formation News

Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday

Submitted by: Steve Sheeran

On Sunday, February 4th our Youth Formation kids ended their soup can collection and hosted the 10AM coffee hour and served soup as a thank you to all who donated canned soup. We collected over 250 cans for ElderNet's food cupboard and also collected \$125.00 for Hospital Albert Schweitzer, in Haiti.



Save the Date: Rice and Tea Coffee Hour

"Rice & Tea" Coffee Hour will be on Sunday, March 11th, following the 10AM service. This Lent our youth will focus on the Haiti Initiative. The project is run by the Reverend Tim Gavin, of The Episcopal Academy, and is built around a relationship with. The project has successfully built a new and modern school, brought solar power to the village, and built a water purification system. The project is now focused on building a farm to help the people in Cerca, a village in the Central Plateau of Haiti, in hopes to battle malnutrition while still being self-efficient. Our youth will be collecting free will offerings in support of this initiative.



Notes

Christian Formation for all ages will resume beginning September 10th at 9AM. If you would like more information about our youth programs, please contact Steve Sheeran at: <pjssjs@aol.com>

Easter Candy Donations Needed – Easter is quickly approaching so let's get ready for the kids. We are asking for donations of Easter candy (nut free please), Easter eggs, baskets, and people to volunteer to help fill the eggs in time for Easter. We will gather on March 31 from 10 till noon to dye real eggs and stuff plastic ones for the egg hunt, ending with a pizza lunch. If you are available, or need further details, please contact Steve Sheeran at pjssjs@aol.com

Dining In!

This has become a very popular St. Asaph's fund raiser. What is better than going to a friend's house for dinner with other guests, some of whom you know well, others whom you would like to know better? How it works:

A host (or two) choose a date convenient for them, post a menu, specify the number of guests, and assign a price per person. Guests sign up, knowing the money they pay goes entirely to St. A's. The host(s) foot the bill for food and drink! Hosts and guests assemble at the hosts' address and have a great time.



Watch for the next posting for more dinners in the works! We are always looking for more hosts. If you'd like to volunteer or for more information, contact Zabeth

zabetht@gmail.com, Mary marydallen@gmail.com, or Virginia vpowellmontessori@gmail.com.

Altar Guild

Altar Guild Easter Cleanup Day - On Saturday, March 24, 2018 (day before Palm Sunday) from 10am- noon, we will have a cleanup/prep for Holy Week. It will be the usual dusting, polishing, black drapes prep., etc. Coffee and donuts for sustenance will be provided. Contact Bob Ranando rjranando@aol.com if you have interest in joining.

Flower Guild

Palm Stripping - Please join other members of the congregation on Thursday, March 22, 2018, starting at 9:30 am in the church, to help strip palms in preparation for Palm Sunday. Coffee, juice and coffee cake await you. For those who would like to help decorate the sanctuary for Palm Sunday, please join us on Saturday March 24th, at 9:30 am. All are welcome.



Celebrate Easter—The oldest Christian holiday and the most important day of the church year.

Think about memorials for your loved ones in the way of Easter Lilies and flowers that will decorate the church beginning Saturday at the Easter Vigil service. As we have done in the past, we will place envelopes on the piano for you to record your memorial names and enclose your donation. The donation is whatever you can afford. We want to display memorial names in the Easter Sunday bulletin; therefore, we need to receive your envelopes by **Friday, March 23, 2017** in the office, in the alms basin or just left in the basket on the piano.

For those who wish to join the flower guild to decorate the church for Easter, please join us on Saturday morning, March 31 at 9:30 am. There will be lilies to place around the church and various stations where flower arrangements will be needed.

News from the Diocese of Pennsylvania

Bishop Gutiérrez's Office Hours in the Diocese



As part of Bishop Gutiérrez's pledge to serve the churches of the Diocese, he made a commitment to have office hours in the Deaneries. On Thursday, February 22nd, St. Asaph's, hosted and facilitated office hours from 9 a.m. to noon for the Merion Deanery.

SAVE THE DATE...Bishop Visitation - Church of St. Asaph, Bala Cynwyd (Bishop Gutierrez) on Sunday, April 22, 2018 from 10:00am - 12:00pm

2018 Merion Deanery Devotional

Submitted by David Romanik, Associate Rector
Church of the Redeemer

Please click this link [**2018 Merion Deanery Devotional**](#) to access a .pdf version of our Deanery's Lenten devotional. A few copies have been printed and are located in the Sacristy area. In addition to this version, the devotional will be available at [**Merion Deanery Lenten Devotional**](#). On each day of Lent, the corresponding entry will be posted on the blog. (Enter your email address where prompted to receive daily devotionals.)

A graphic for the Diocesan Convention. It features the logo of the Office of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, the address 3717 Chestnut Street, Suite 300, Philadelphia, PA 19104, the phone number 215-627-6464, and the website www.dopa.org. The text "SAVE THE DATE!" is in red. Below it is a photograph of the interior of a cathedral with many people seated at tables. The text "Diocesan Convention" and "Friday, November 9 and Saturday, November 10, 2018 at the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral" is displayed. At the bottom, there are hashtags #dopaconvention and #dopalive, and a link "Visit our website: www.dopa.org".

Property - Campus

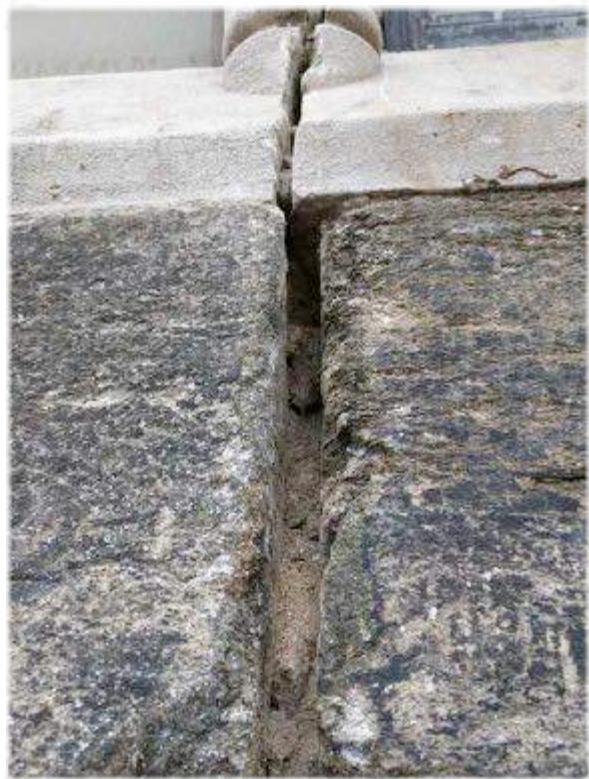
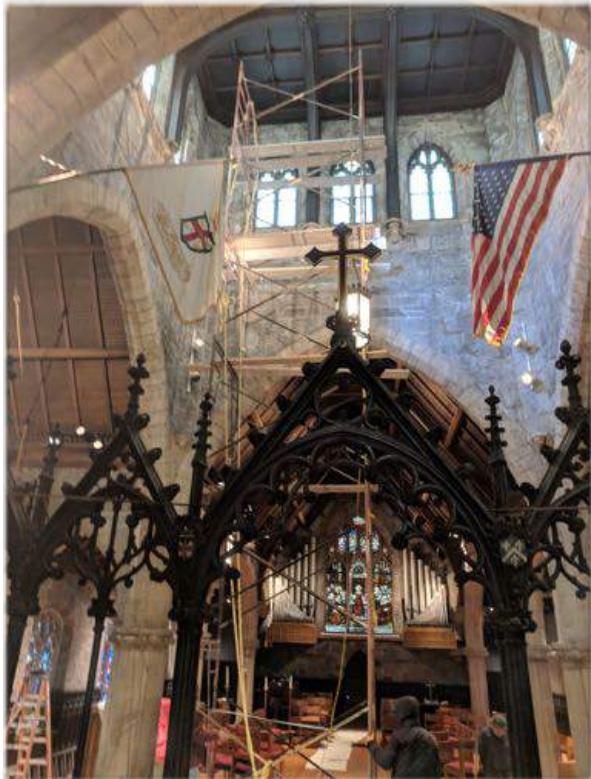
Church Repairs

Submitted by: Steve Sheeran

Ethan Jarvis approached me at coffee hour about 10 weeks ago and told me that a handful of sand had fallen on him while he was standing for Communion. Our mason, Wally Waldron, and I used binoculars to determine what was the problem with the stone and saw that there was some deteriorating grout, probably caused by water damage. Wally and I initially thought it would be a three to four day project but after setting up the 40 feet scaffolding, Wally could see that there was much more deterioration in need of immediate repairs. So four days of work turned into twelve.

All of the loose and missing grout was repointed. Holes were also found between some of the stones and they were repacked and regROUTed. There was also a lot of repointing around the high tower windows but the windows themselves are in good shape. Although this work has repaired the inside of the tower, there is a need to repair the exterior of the tower which has yet to be done. Other miscellaneous repointing included the outside of the south transept window and repair work to the exterior wall of Carol Wisker's lower level studio.

Thank you to those who have made generous contributions towards the cost of \$7500.



Stewardship

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Submitted by Mary Allen (for the Stewardship Committee)

This year we have 74 pledging units, including 25 couples, so we could say 100 individuals. The total amount pledged for 2018 is \$269,650.00. I am lucky to participate on the “asking” end, but I’m assured that most of us are conscientious about paying the amount we have promised. It is obvious that the parish depends on pledges being met, and I’m also told that several folks even give extra, so thanks to you all!

I feel very privileged to be trusted with many of your intimate stories about your finances, and I am very aware of the diversity of incomes represented in St. Asaph’s. We all value diversity of all kinds; it is one of the most appealing aspects of our congregation. The amounts of individual pledges vary widely, but I can assure you they all show an admirable generosity. The continuation of our parish program depends on our willingness to continue to give as much as we can.

When Roger and I first joined St. A’s in 2000, we heard reports at the annual meeting that showed deficit budgets. At that time, St. A’s had several millions in investments, and the bullish stock market was able to keep pace with our expenditures. Unfortunately the market collapsed just after we (wisely, I think) invested in the expansion of the Parish Hall to better accommodate the Bala House Montessori School, which in turn has increased the rent that keeps us afloat now. We continue to have deficit budgets, and we keep drawing down our invested funds to pay for the unanticipated costs of our beautiful buildings and grounds; however, my personal conviction is that we are following the path intended for us or we would have been broke long ago! So thank you for your faithful commitment of funds. Giving generously enables us to be here, to support one another and our community.

List of Pledgers

<i>Uju Akaniru</i>	<i>Kathleen Hanniford</i>	<i>Christie and Rafael Porrata-Doria</i>
<i>Mary and Roger Allen</i>	<i>Gwen Hauser</i>	<i>Diana Post and LiLy Milroy</i>
<i>Jeannine Alvare</i>	<i>Roy Harker and Bob Ranando</i>	<i>Virginia and Bob Powell</i>
<i>Jeff Bacher</i>	<i>Barry Harte and Mark McCormick</i>	<i>Frances Quinn</i>
<i>Chris Baker</i>	<i>Peter, Francie, and Bentley Hubbard</i>	<i>Carolyn Ramsey</i>
<i>Janet and John Barrett</i>	<i>Kath Hubbard and Smith Ragsdale</i>	<i>Kay and Wayne Renneisen</i>
<i>Catherine Beck</i>	<i>Margaret Hunting</i>	<i>Joan Roberts</i>
<i>Joanne Behm</i>	<i>Ethan Jarvis</i>	<i>Becky Sassi and Kirk Berlenbach</i>
<i>Laura and Bill Brennan</i>	<i>Saeeda King</i>	<i>Frank Schmieder and Nasreen Malik</i>
<i>Linda Callans</i>	<i>Mabel Kollin</i>	<i>Erika Shea</i>
<i>Jane Carton</i>	<i>Katherine Kurtz</i>	<i>Pam and Steve Sheeran</i>
<i>Erin and Dan Cassar</i>	<i>Mary Chris and Steve Lindsay</i>	<i>Keith Shively</i>
<i>Steve Chawaga and Laurie Novo</i>	<i>Carol Linfoot</i>	<i>Stephanie Shore</i>
<i>John Chou and Teresa Wallace</i>	<i>Jay and Susan Love</i>	<i>Jacqueline Smith</i>
<i>Bill Clayton</i>	<i>Karen Love</i>	<i>Connie and Bernie Stelzenmuller</i>
<i>Carolyn Cohen</i>	<i>Andrew MacDonald</i>	<i>Linda Sterthous</i>
<i>Emily Cronin</i>	<i>Marlene and George Milner</i>	<i>Zabeth Teelucksingh</i>
<i>Andrea Dawkins</i>	<i>Jack and Tresh Moore</i>	<i>Doris Weimar</i>
<i>Audrey Dempster</i>	<i>Alexais Morgan</i>	<i>Lori Wernersbach</i>
<i>Neil Desnoyers and Andi Gray</i>	<i>Trish Morris and Sue Thompson</i>	<i>Geraldine Williams</i>
<i>Wendy Flegal</i>	<i>Allene Murphrey</i>	<i>Tamra Williams</i>
<i>Joan Frank</i>	<i>Linda and Chuck Nelsen</i>	<i>Shelley Williamson</i>
<i>Adelle Graves</i>	<i>Sally Pearne</i>	<i>Fred Wolfe</i>
<i>Stevie and George Graves</i>	<i>Aruna and Daniel Poonamali</i>	
<i>Alexandra Guisinger and David Nickerson</i>		



Save The Date: MESG next at Saint Asaph's on April 18th, 2018 at 7:30 pm. For more information, contact Mary Allen at marydallen@gmail.com.

Music & Fine Arts

The Gallery at St. Asaph's Upcoming Exhibits

Submitted by: Roy Harker, Director of Music and the Arts



Elysian Camerata

2018 Dates: Mark your Calendars!

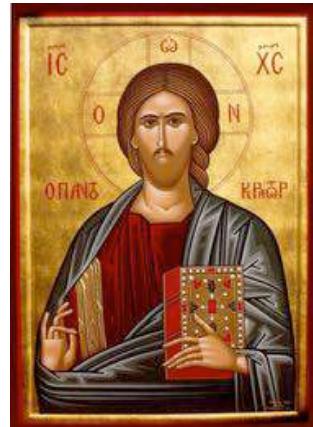
Sunday, March 25, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Icon Exhibit at St. Asaph's Gallery

An Exhibit of icons owned by Parish members

During Lent, the Gallery at St. Asaph's is inviting parish members and friends to contribute to an exhibit of icons of the Christian faith. Many of us have collected over the years one or more of these symbolic representations of the Christ, Mary, saints, or angels. Icons have been called windows to heaven or doorways to the sacred. Though especially associated with "portrait" style images concentrating on one or two main figures, the term also covers most religious images in a variety of artistic media produced by Eastern Christianity, including narrative scenes. Icons may also be cast in metal, carved in stone, embroidered on cloth, painted on wood, done in mosaic, or fresco work, printed on paper or metal, etc. When you are standing in front of an icon, it is as if you are looking through a window into the heavenly world of the mystery. But this is a two-way window. As you look through the window, you are also being seen with the eyes of love by those in the icon. It's like you become a part of the mystery that the icon seeks to express. During Lent, it is my hope that the display and interaction with this exhibit will contribute to your Lenten journey. Icons will remain on exhibit until Sunday, March 25 (Palm Sunday). - Roy H.



Holy Week Liturgy Schedule

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion, March 25, at 8:00 am our quieter, more reflective liturgy with Eucharist Blessing of the Palms and Holy Eucharist 10:00 am We will gather outside on the Labyrinth, weather permitting, for the blessing of the Palms and then process into the sanctuary for our celebration of the Eucharist.



Wednesday March 28, there is a quiet service of Tenebrae at **7:00 pm**.

Maundy Thursday, March 29, we will gather for a lasagna dinner at **6:00 pm** with conversation around the telling of the Exodus. Our liturgy continues at 7:00 pm with the washing of feet, the celebration of the Eucharist, the stripping of the Altar and the official beginning of the Triduum, the Great Three Days.

Good Friday, March 30, we will gather at **12:00 pm** for a brief liturgy- 40 minutes or so - with the sanctuary open for prayer. At **7:00 pm** there will be a full liturgy with the reading of the Passion according to John.

Please remember that your Good Friday offering will go to assist the work of the Episcopal Diocese in Jerusalem. Special envelopes will be available at the door throughout Holy Week.

Holy Saturday, March 31, there will be a brief morning prayer at **8:00 am** before the decorating and pre-Easter activities and preparation begin. The flower guild will begin immediately after the liturgy. **10:00 am** to noon, all are invited to bring your eggs to decorate, candy to stuff the eggs for the egg hunt or to just enjoy the fellowship. Please come!

Saturday evening, The Great Vigil of Easter begins at the bride's door at **7:00 pm** for the building of the fire. This liturgy allows us to hear the great story of God's saving acts and concludes with the first Mass of Easter. Plan on about two hours of your time.

Sunday, April 1, the Day of the Feast of the Resurrection, begins with the **8:00 am** liturgy outside for the first part of the service, hopefully in the warmth of the morning sun. The Festival Eucharist begins at **10:00 am**, with full choir. Easter Brunch and our popular egg hunt in the graveyard will follow the **10:00 am** liturgy.

Come Celebrate Easter With Us

*Please Join Us
Sunday, April 1st
at the Church of Saint Asaph
to Celebrate the Resurrection
of Our Lord*



EASTER MORNING

8:00 am Spoken Liturgy with Eucharist
beginning outside the front door of the Church

10:00 am Festival Eucharist
with choir and your favorite Easter hymns



Brunch
*with our annual Easter Egg Hunt
following the 10:00 am liturgy*

Campus Activities

Gentle Yoga Classes

Classes are Tuesdays 9:30 am, Wednesdays 12 noon, and Fridays 10 am. Yoga is a mind/body/spirit practice that will enable you to contact your own inner wisdom in order to relieve stress, increase flexibility, enhance well-being, and find serenity. Classes will include stretching, breathing, basic yoga postures, and meditative silence in an atmosphere of comfort and acceptance. For more information, please contact Georgette by calling 484-995-3619 or email Georgette at: yogageorgette@gmail.com.



Karate with Sifu TerryAnn

Youth Martial Arts Program - *Ving Tsun Kung Fu* Classes at St. Asaph's. The practice of Kung Fu helps children build strong bodies and sharp minds. It cultivates self-confidence, discipline, respect, awareness of one's body and surroundings, as well as the ability to center and calm oneself. (All Levels) Thursdays @ 5- 6pm For more information contact Sifu Terryann at 267-254-7668 or email to: terryann@sifuterryann.com



Bridge Classes

Bridge classes are on Mondays at 9:30 am in the conference room. For more information contact Bobbi Gomer at 215-830-8881.



Need Event Space?



Birthdays, Graduations, Receptions, Meetings

Did you know you can rent space at St. Asaph's?

St Asaph's has comfortable and affordable spaces to rent for an evening or on weekends. We rent space for events, parties, receptions, meetings, classes, musical performances, etc. We rent to individuals, nonprofit organizations, and businesses.

The Sanctuary is available for both church members and non-members who wish to mark life's passages, baptism, confirmation, weddings and funerals, before God in a Christian context. Our lovely Parish Hall serves as a gallery and a reception area. The conference room offers a quiet space for meetings, yoga or classes. Call the Parish Office for details, (610) 664-0966.



Remembrances

Birthdays In March



Bailah Yeatts, Joan Roberts, Yvonne Bartman, Chuck Nelsen, Pam Sheeran, Teresa Wallace, Renee Benson, Ndozi Okolo, Wayne Renneisen, Shelley Owen Williamson, Becki Barrett, Will Sonneborn and George Graves.

Birthdays In April

Susan Love Stevie Graves Margaret Hunting Bernie Stelzenmuller, Tim Peterson, Laura Brennan, Chris Nelsen, Peter Chawaga, Kay Renneisen, Ken Teelucksingh, and Bob Ranando.



Those Who Need Our Prayers

We pray for John Barrett, Marti Barrett, Christopher Browne, Judy Campbell, Chris Carey, Ward Carey, Constance Gallagher, Jennifer Hero, John Ross, Fabricia Luna, Maritza Mueller, Kathleen Murphey, Patricia Poisson, Pam Sheeran, Bernie Stelzenmuller, Doris Weimar, and Tom Williams.



For Those Recently Departed

Dee-Dee Gallagher (Emily Cronin), Patricia Harker (Roy Harker), Jacques Poisson (Ken and Zabeth Teelucksingh), Mary Ann Harshbarger (The Love Family).

Come Worship With Us



Sunday Schedule - Lent and Easter Seasons

- 8 am, Contemplative Communion
- 9 am, Christian Formation - All Ages
- 10 am, Parish Eucharist

Prefer to receive a paper copy of *The Outlook*? Email the church office at office@saintasaphs.org
You can also pick one up from the rack on the Gallery door or at the front door of the church.

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Vision & Mission

The Church of St Asaph is called to be a progressive Christian community.

- We welcome everyone to God's table.
- We stand with those in need and advocate for the poor, the sick, the friendless and the marginalized.
- We make children central to our life as a community.
- We celebrate the presence of God with joyful, engaging and inviting worship.

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Dear Friends,

Would you like to help during the 8AM or 10 AM liturgy by being a Reader, Chalicer, Verger, Pastoral Care Team, Greeter, Counter or Assisting Minister? Maybe you have interest in the Bread Guild, Altar Guild or Flower Guild committees? We also have a need for drivers on Sunday for those who may need a ride to church.

We are always grateful to have new volunteers for all the above mentioned ministries. Please email or call the Church Office to add or subtract your name.

Thank you,

*Lynda Staton, Parish Administrator
Church Office*