



# SAINTS ALIVE!

SAUGATUCK, MI

JULY 2019

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### Core Purpose

*All Saints Episcopal Church exists to receive and share the power of God's love to transform lives through Jesus Christ.*

### Vision Statement

*"We are All Saints Church, bringing the transforming power of God's love to all."*

*We are committed to transcend differences and unite as one in Christ. Our Spirit-filled worship calls us out of our historic sanctuary and into our communities to act faithfully bringing love, joy and peace to all. We are called to think, to believe, and to imagine.*

### 2019 Mission

*"Making a Difference"*

## FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR

Dear people of All Saints,

It's hard to believe it's July already! Lots of people ask me how I like it here since it's been four whole months since I officially began ministry at All Saints.

My current response is that I like it a lot since the snow has finally melted and I can actually see and appreciate the landscape of Saugatuck! I got my Oval Beach sticker and enjoy going down in the evening to just relax and watch the waves come in. I'm enjoying living in the former retreat house, now once again the rectory, especially as it has been cleaned and sorted out by the loving and caring hands of Mary Ryder, Steve Chase, and many others who have helped me convert it from a house to a home. The biggest surprise so far has been the number of wild turkeys that tear through the yard of the rectory when you least expect them! However, they all look pretty tough and do not appear to be candidates for Thanksgiving dinner.



What is most important here by far, however, is life in the All Saints community. You have continued to welcome me, to clue me in on local events and customs, and to watch out for me, to pray for me, and to support me in our shared ministry. I am quite aware that many times "interim rectors" are seen as a necessary evil and just a stepping stone to getting a "real rector" (working with this dynamic is part of "interim rector" ministry!) but here you have welcomed me as a real partner in helping sort out the past history of All Saints, in assessing where All Saints is at the moment, and dreaming about what God might be calling this community of faith to in the future. I am very grateful to be here in your midst and looking forward to discovering what God will do with us all in the months ahead.

Peace and joy,  
Becky M.+  
Interim Rector

## PARISH NEWS

### “Transition Times” Announcement

The month of July will see the launch of All Saints Episcopal Church’s “The Transition Times”. This will be the place to look to find out the latest on our journey with God through this transition that includes a change in rectors but just as importantly, a fresh look at God’s call to us regarding mission and ministry based here at All Saints. So far we have now held two Parish meetings – April 27 and June 1 – where the transition process was explained; our Canon Missioner, The Rev. Val Ambrose led our discussion on June 1. The document used for both of these meetings was Draft #1 of our Approximate Transition Timeline; since the document will continue to evolve there will be continuing drafts. The first edition of the Transition Times will include Draft #1.

As we begin this journey, what is most important to remember is that this entire process is one of prayerful discernment during which the various committees, Vestry, and parish-at-large surrender the process to God and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The adventure continues!

Blessings,

Bobbie Gaunt, Sr. Warden and Becky Michelfelder, Interim Rector



John Locke is in critical care in a San Francisco hospital. He is the brother of Rev. Russ Locke, Bob Wessman’s fellow seminarian who also served in the US Navy. Prayers from our Parish would touch John and his family. Cards are available in the Parish Hall. As you select a card with a message, and address, the Caring Corner Crew will provide the stamps, and give them to the Wessmans, who will send them on to John Locke.

Have you:

- Moved?
- Changed phone numbers?
- Changed email address?

Please contact the Parish Office to let us know of your updated information.

Update Your  
Contact Info



### Great Lakes Expert Roger Gauthier To Speak at All Saints Episcopal Church

#### *High Water Levels and Straits of Mackinac Line 5 Oil Pipeline Spill Risks*

We are pleased to announce that Roger Gauthier will be a guest speaker at All Saints Episcopal Church on July 19<sup>th</sup> at the All Saints Parish Hall. The meeting will be from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. Questions will be taken. The All Saint’s Stewardship Team is sponsoring this event as a service to help us understand the complexities of Lakes Michigan-Huron and the impacts on our natural world. Mr. Gauthier will address high interest topics including the historic high water levels, and concerns about Straits of Mackinac Line 5 oil spills.



Mr. Gauthier has worked since the 1970s on issues affecting the Great Lakes including Leadership positions with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Great Lakes Commission. He has authored more than 30 papers or articles dealing with Great Lakes hydraulics, hydrology, coastal processes, remote sensing and/or GIS. Roger has also been interviewed by numerous news sources and publications including NPR, National Geographic, NY Times, Chicago Tribune, and several other regional newspapers.

Gauthier currently has a leadership role in the Straits of Mackinac Alliance, a group focused on the pollution dangers of the Enbridge Line 5 Oil Pipeline.

# FROM THE SR. WARDEN

Submitted by: Bobbie Gaunt

At her first meeting with the Vestry in March (following her installation), Rev. Becky shared with the Vestry the “10 Rules for Respect”. When I first read them, I thought to myself “of course, that is how I/we behave” ... but as time has passed in this transition period, I have found them to be “easy to say, hard to do”.

Given how critically important communication is to our journey of faith with one another, and given the indisputable leadership role Rev. Becky plays in this time of healing for All Saints, as your Senior Warden I wanted to share The 10 Rules with you. It goes without saying (but I’ll say it anyway) that in any time of significant transition problems happen and when they do we need to deal with them with both honesty and timeliness in order to heal and grow ... following the 10 Rules for Respect has been helpful to me in doing this and I hope they will be for you.

## 10 Rules for Respect

1. If you have a problem with me, come to me (privately).
2. If I have a problem with you, I will come to you (privately).
3. If someone has a problem with me and comes to you, send them to me (I’ll do the same for you).
4. If someone consistently will not come to me, say, “Let’s go to Rev. Becky together. I am sure she will see us about this”. (I will do the same for you.)
5. Be careful how you interpret me – I’d rather do that. On matters that are unclear, do not feel pressured to interpret my feelings or thoughts. It is easy to misinterpret intentions.
6. I will be careful how I interpret you.
7. If it’s confidential, don’t tell. If you or anyone comes to me in confidence, I won’t tell unless
  - a. the person is going to harm him/herself,
  - b. the person is going to physically harm someone else,
  - c. a child has been physically or sexually abused.I expect the same from you.
8. I do not read unsigned letters or notes.
9. I do not manipulate; I will not be manipulated; do not let others manipulate you. Do not let others manipulate me through you. I will not preach “at you”. I will leave conviction to the Holy Spirit (he does it better anyway!).
10. When in doubt, just say it. The only dumb questions are those that do not get asked. Our relationships with one another, at the end of the day, are what is most important so if you have a concern, pray, and then (if led) speak up. If I can answer it without misrepresenting something, someone, or breaking a confidence, I will.

*The “Rules for Respect” have been making their rounds in the Episcopal church for some time and were first seen in an article by Church of the Nazarene pastor Charles Christian. I think they are quite helpful in framing our communication and life together. I vow to do my best to follow them and invite you to do the same. We will all fail, but through gentle challenge and loving encouragement these can become a foundation for healthy communication for us all. Blessings to you! Becky Michelfelder*

## FROM THE DEACON

Submitted by: Deacon Francis Berghuis

Starting out with a HUGE ‘shout-out’ to all the ‘saints’ that baked such a wonderful variety of cookies for the ‘First’ Annual PRIDE celebration at Beery Field in Douglas. When I arrived, I was met with thunderstorms, pouring rain, and nickel size hail! Anyone who had their canopy up saw them being lifted by the howling wind!! Once I stopped the cookies from floating away on the river of rain, I was given assistance on how to put the canopy up, hung the ‘new’ church banner, and got the cookies and suckers arranged on the table. By then, it was time to have fun! Thank you so much for all who came out and helped; Rev. Becky (super shopper of discounts), Fr. David & Margie Mason, Jane Underwood, Dennis Bales, Mary Ryder, and Don Olen-dorf (for delivering the canopy); blessings to ya all! We had close to 900 cookies and we shared all of them with everyone. There were smiles, hugs, handholding and kissing all around to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stonewall raid in New York City, 1969. This act sparked the LGBTQ drive for recognition and equality. Sadly, it is still an ongoing struggle, with many successes being taken away, but by showing up we show we have a caring and loving relationship with all God’s loving children!



Thanks also for all who came out for the Holland PRIDE Day on June 22. Special thanks to Fr. Mason & Margie, Bobbie Gaunt and Nancy Gamby. Thank you to Doug, Christi and Olivia Allen, and David Bouma & Steve Girod, for their generous contributions enabling All Saints to be part of this PRIDE celebration! While at the Douglas PRIDE event, a staff member from Grace of Douglas gave us a brochure announcing their BBQ and party coming July 19<sup>th</sup>. Margie and I thought it would be a good ‘community’ idea to go and talk with them about what we (All Saints) could do to help. Turns out they need folding tables and possibly some chairs. I have talked with John Foote, Director of Admissions, and they will come to the church, pick-up and return everything they get from us! So, mark your calendars July 19, Grace of Douglas, for what sounds like a feast for all! Plus remember, on July 19, or any other day, if you’re out by Grace of Douglas, stop by and say ‘hello’ to Pam Matteson, an All Saints member for close to 60 years. Ninety-four years young and loves an audience!

On the evening of June 17, I had just returned from a retreat and noticed on Facebook, another bulletin on Anti-Semitism. As always, I was hurt by reading this and decided to go up to Grand Rapids and search out a Temple and hopefully talk to someone about how All Saints could help our Jewish brothers and sisters. On Tuesday morning I drove up to Temple Emmanuel on Fulton St. Sadly, the first thing I noticed (besides all the children) was it was very hard to find a door, where I was able to get access. I talked with their program manager who was touched by my coming up there. As we were speaking, Rabbi Schadick, walked by and I was introduced. He also was pleased that I came from Saugatuck just hoping to talk with someone. He and I talked for quite a while. He told me about a place called Kaufman Interfaith Institute at GVSU that works with all faith on many topics. They also, have a Lakeshore partner ‘Holland Interfaith Allies’ and I will be touching base with them soon as part of outreach for All Saints. We ended our conversation with Rabbi Schadick, inviting us to come up on a Friday evening for ‘Kabbalat Shabbat’ (see below). It was a wonderful, holy spirit filled adventure for me!

*\* In Reformed Jewish congregations, Friday evening services often include Kabbalat Shabbat (Receiving the Sabbath), which comprises a selection of six psalms and the poem L’cha Dodi (focused on meeting the Sabbath Bride), combined with the evening (ma’ariv) service. Prayers that highlight the themes of God’s creation of the world and God’s redemption of the Jewish people from Egypt are the focus of the Shabbat liturgy.*

# AN AERIAL VIEW OF A DEACON

SUBMITTED BY DEACON FRANCIS

The who, what, why, of a person, who serves, yet is not paid, but dedicates their whole being; to the service of Christ, through serving, caring and loving all of God's great creation, BAR NONE!

I will turn 70 years old next February and I still look in the mirror and laugh at this fact! Why? Because this man in the mirror, looking at himself through God's eyes, is the 'truly happiest' he has ever been! Because I am alive in Christ! Sounds simple, yet it is a hard-fought journey! Yes, I still get angry and frustrated at times; I am not a robot nor would God want me to be; but those situations come around less, and are quick to be corrected so that love may continue. Of course, some will laugh, sneer, doubt and put me off as naïve, or go as far as to say I am mentally ill! Other's will clasp their hands and shout, 'Glory be to God', and go about their business. Both are expected, and both are accepted, with silent compassion. By not doing this I would be taking myself away of being 'alive in Christ', and loving my neighbor as myself. These two examples are just two of many that one runs into when called to a 'spiritual life' and attests this journey as being hard.

It took almost 45 years of my life to truly (and yes, at times, begrudgingly) place my foot on this holy of paths toward the never-ending search for God.

It states in the prolog to the "Rule of St. Benedict",

*And the Lord, seeking his workman among the multitudes to whom he did cry, said again: What man is he that desires life and would want to see good days? And if hearing him you said, 'I am he,' God said to you: If you will have true and everlasting life, keep your tongue from evil and your lips that they speak no evil. And when you have done these things, my eyes will be upon you and my ears open unto your prayer. And before you call upon me, I shall say to you, "Lo, here I am."*

This was in 1994, on my first visit to St. Gregory's Abbey, In Three Rivers, MI. At this monastery, I truly believe that God had called me there to become a contemplative and lead a life of 'God search'. After many years there I found that was the true meaning of being a part of the community, as all come there in search for God.

The next four years I read all I could find on 'The Rule' and monastic living. A great desire of mine was to live this type of life. I could not become a monk, because I was too old, married and in debt. This is when I decided to become an oblate, meaning studying with Abbot Andrew as my spiritual director for the next four years, and to become an accepted by the community of St. Gregory. An oblate is one who takes public vows to live in the world being guided by the Rule of St. Benedict, living in stability, obedience and conversion of life.

I became an oblate in 2004 choosing the name 'Francis', in deep respect for St. Francis and 'tongue in cheek', for my favorite character on the TV show 'M.A.S.H.', Fr. Francis Mulcahy.

In 2011 after my mom died, I returned to my Episcopal faith joining All Saints. During the next several years I experienced what I can only believe were mystical experiences. One, a dream being at All Saints hearing the priest tell me to 'follow Christ', the other during Ash Wednesday services. These helped fuel my desire to continue my Jacob style wrestling match with God!

I struggled then and continue to struggle with being called to a vocation that I felt I was resisting to do. It has taken me many years to figure out, when God calls, don't fight, it's worthless!

In 2014, at Fr. Cory Stopples suggestion, I formed a discernment committee and began my journey to become a Deacon. Much hard work, study, spiritual direction, assessments, and travel was what my life was to be until June 23, 2018. I graduated from the Academy and the following week, along with two classmates, was ordained into the Sacred Order of the Diaconate at St. Marks, Grand Rapids.

My diaconate responsibilities were now set. To be assigned to my home church, All Saints to start. This period could last for two years or more. It is at the Bishop's discretion.

Having ended my first year at All Saints, I want to start explaining the who, what and why of my being All Saints' deacon. Along with articles on other aspects of church life, I will be writing short discovery pieces on what it means to have a deacon in your parish. Hopefully, it will become clearer on why I am here and what I am here to do.

For the next issue, I will write about the two main activities and reasons behind a deacon being at a parish. Stay tuned!

# TREASURERS REPORT

11:25 AM  
06/25/19  
Accrual Basis

## All Saints Episcopal Church Operating Income & Expense Report May 2019

	May 19	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Jan - May 19	YTD Budget	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
4000 - Contributions	17,387.79	17,291.66	76.13	68,159.79	66,458.38	(18,298.59)	207,500.00
4020 - Open Plate	284.71	333.33	(48.62)	1,098.32	1,666.69	(570.37)	4,000.00
4030 - Fund Contributions	4,569.14	0.00	4,569.14	17,700.88	0.00	17,700.88	0.00
4100 - Special Services	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	0.00	416.69	(416.69)	1,000.00
4200 - Gifts	121.90	833.33	(711.43)	6,636.90	4,166.69	2,470.21	10,000.00
4310 - Investment Income	9.86	8.33	1.53	54.31	41.69	12.62	100.00
4400 - Misc. Income	1,328.00	1,674.16	(346.16)	7,437.03	8,420.88	(983.85)	20,140.00
4920 - Rector's Discr. Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	186.50	0.00	186.50	0.00
4925 - Deacon's Discr. Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.00	0.00	27.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>23,681.40</b>	<b>20,224.14</b>	<b>3,457.26</b>	<b>101,298.53</b>	<b>101,171.02</b>	<b>127.51</b>	<b>242,740.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>23,681.40</b>	<b>20,224.14</b>	<b>3,457.26</b>	<b>101,298.53</b>	<b>101,171.02</b>	<b>127.51</b>	<b>242,740.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>							
6015 - Outreach Ministry Team Expense	1,024.07	1,000.00	24.07	3,778.01	5,000.00	(1,221.99)	12,000.00
6020 - Rector's Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	186.50	0.00	186.50	0.00
6025 - Deacon's Discretionary Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.00	0.00	27.00	0.00
6100 - Diocese	1,661.00	1,661.00	0.00	8,305.00	8,305.00	0.00	19,932.00
6300 - Personnel Costs	14,345.55	13,487.46	858.09	53,703.17	67,437.78	(13,734.61)	161,850.00
6700 - Building & Grounds	7,725.01	2,090.80	5,634.21	29,877.15	10,454.40	19,422.75	25,790.00
7000 - Office	1,015.64	1,592.04	(576.40)	4,611.79	7,980.72	(3,348.93)	19,105.00
7300 - Parish Operations	955.30	999.97	(44.67)	22,907.02	5,000.21	17,906.81	12,000.00
8000 - Church & RH Apartments	0.00	91.66	(91.66)	0.00	458.38	(458.38)	1,100.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>26,726.57</b>	<b>20,922.93</b>	<b>5,803.64</b>	<b>123,396.64</b>	<b>104,616.49</b>	<b>18,779.15</b>	<b>251,777.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>(3,045.17)</b>	<b>(698.79)</b>	<b>(2,346.38)</b>	<b>(22,097.11)</b>	<b>(3,445.47)</b>	<b>(18,651.64)</b>	<b>(9,037.00)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(3,045.17)</b>	<b>(698.79)</b>	<b>(2,346.38)</b>	<b>(22,097.11)</b>	<b>(3,445.47)</b>	<b>(18,651.64)</b>	<b>(9,037.00)</b>

### Mark your Calendar!

The summer All Saints Episcopal Church Special Parish Meeting and Sesquicentennial Celebration will be held on **Sunday, July 21 in our Parish Hall**. We will have one service at 9:00 am followed by a brunch, Parish business, and the dedication of the Historical Society of Michigan Plaque honoring the 150th anniversary of our Church, truly "Built to Last". Additionally, we will also commemorate and dedicate stonework lovingly crafted by Parish Member John Fulenwider with the inscription – *"LET US GO FORTH IN THE NAME OF CHRIST"*. Both the Historical Marker and Steppingstone will be placed adjacent to the Parish Hall entrance.



# JULY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 7:00 pm - Women's AA	3 12:30 pm - AA	4 Office is closed 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al- Anon	5	6
7 8:00 am - Rite I 10:00 am - Rite II 1:30 pm - AA	8	9 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 7:00 pm - Women's AA 7:00 pm - All Saints Book Club	10 12:30 pm - AA	11 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al- Anon	12	13
14 8:00 am - Rite I 10:00 am - Rite II 1:30 pm - AA	15	16 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 7:00 pm - Women's AA	17 12:30 pm - AA 3:00 pm - En- dowment Team meeting	18 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al- Anon 7:00 pm Vestry meeting	19 3:00 pm Great Lakes speaker in the Parish Hall	20 9:00 am - Brotherhood of St. Andrew
21 9:00 am - Single Service 10:00 am - Parish Meeting and Celebration 1:30 pm - AA	22	23 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 7:00 pm - Women's AA	24 12:30 pm - AA	25 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al- Anon	26	27
28 8:00 am - Rite I 10:00 am - Rite II 1:30 pm - AA	29	30 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 7:00 pm - Women's AA	31 12:30 pm - AA			

## Birthdays:

7/5 Rich Forbes  
7/15 Dick Kotik  
7/16 Wilma Schock  
7/21 Pam Los  
7/21 Linda McRoy  
7/23 Rose Meengs  
7/24 Stephen Baker  
7/24 Kay Collins

7/25 Vicki Berghuis  
7/26 Cynthia Sorensen  
7/30 Larry Cain

## Anniversaries:

7/8 Jim & Julia Lamb  
7/12 John & Pat Paris  
7/20 Dutch & Marsha Mueller  
7/20 Ted & Dorothy Steadman  
7/23 James & Jessica Sampson  
7/24 Dn. Francis & Vicki Berghuis





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