

# SAINTS ALIVE!

SAUGATUCK, MI

MARCH 2020

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## FROM THE PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

Dear Friends,

I want to begin by saying how delighted I am to be back at All Saints and to be your Priest-in-Charge until a new rector arrives in late spring or during the summer. While I enjoyed serving on the staff of Grace, Holland, it's wonderful to be home again.



I also want to issue an invitation. The wardens and I have been in conversation about how best to augment existing communication – both by speaking and listening – during this time of transition. It is an exciting time, and it is a time when there is bound to be anxiety. So, It's more important than it has been for a long time to communicate with you regularly and often.

As one means to accomplish this, beginning this Sunday, and on the first Sunday of each month, thereafter, I will lead “town hall” meetings and, as a way to hopefully maximize attendance:

- For those parishioners attending the 8:00 service, the meeting will be held after the service in the meeting room next to the kitchen; beverages and treats will be served;
- For those who attend the 10:00 service, the meeting will be held at the coffee hour in the parish hall following the service. We will still have time for informal conversation, during the coffee hour, before we begin the meetings.

The Wardens and I hope you will be able to attend the meeting following the service that you regularly attend. Again, the first meeting will be this Sunday, March 1!

Thank you for your on-going support,

Jim, Bobbie & Margie

### 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.*

### Mission

*“Making a Difference”*

## PARISH NEWS

Parish Life wants to thank the wonderful people of All Saints for welcoming our St. Augustine Alumni, Corey and Delores Bulluck to our church. Back in January, Bishop Curry asked all Episcopalians to support the two remaining African American Colleges established by the Episcopal Church. St. Augustine University in Raleigh, North Carolina said they had an alumni couple in Chicago who would like to visit Saugatuck and tell us about their university. Rev. Becky and Bobbie Gaunt were enthusiastic and Parish Life went into action. Julianne Fletcher offered housing; Fr. David & Margie Mason hosted a dinner party; Deacon Francis did local news articles and collected our donations; Baars & Margo Bultman put our church on the Episcopal News Service website. You can read the article by going to [episcopalnewsservice.org](http://episcopalnewsservice.org) and click "Press Releases". As a result of this weekend, St. Augustine will receive over \$6,000! \$3,000 from our parish family, and \$3000 from Delores and Corey! The Bullucks enjoyed our community and plan to return this summer.



## Winter Potluck



Our last winter potluck will be Thursday March 19, at 5:30 pm in our Parish Hall. Bring something Irish and wear something green!

All Saints Book Club selection for March is American Dialogue: The Founders and Us by Joseph J. Ellis. Please request a copy from the library at your earliest opportunity. The meeting will be on Tuesday, March



10, at the Clearbrook Grill Room. Diners should arrive by 6 p.m. and non-diners by 7:00 pm for the meeting. Jane Underwood will serve as our discussion leader.

The book for April has already been chosen as well: Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng.



In addition to calling us to the Lenten disciplines of prayer and fasting, Jesus calls us to give. Many congregations honor this commandment by collecting a Lenten offering and directing it to a charity whose mission is consistent with the gospel mandate to serve the vulnerable in the community. Please read the words below that describe the good work we will be supporting this Lent. Beginning this Sunday, Lenten offering envelopes will be available in the pews. Please make checks payable to All Saints.

At the dawn of 2020 it's hard to believe that there are many kids in our community who will struggle to graduate from school, grow up healthy, and make a positive impact on our community. To do something about this, the Boys & Girls Club of Holland, the Saugatuck-Douglas Rotary Club, and the Saugatuck Public Schools have formed an alliance.

In April, the staff will be in place for introducing these life-enhancing afterschool and summer programs at Douglas Elementary. The hope is to enroll over 75 students by the end of 2020 and 150 by the end of 2021. These students represent all of our community's ethnic backgrounds and income ranges.

Financial support allows for dependable, caring, and trained adults to help our young people realize and reach their full potential ... it provides safe, supervised places for youth to play and learn that are open and accessible to all ... life-enhancing programs will be offered that expose youth to new ideas and teach skills that will prepare them for their future.

Given the commitment of our parish to outreach into our lakeshore community and our commitment to the healthy and hopeful development of our children, we believe this is the right endeavor to which to dedicate our Lenten offering.

Jim Steen, Bobbie Gaunt, and Margie Mason

# OUR PARISH IN PICTURES

In honor of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's commitment to recognize the importance of supporting historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs), All Saints welcomed the participation of St. Augustine's University (Raleigh, NC) alumni, Delores and Corie Bullock in the worship services of February 16. Here are a few pictures of their time spent with us.



## DISCERNMENT TEAM RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

We have continued to meet weekly, and we are making progress!

The diocese recommended that we conduct mock interviews to not only practice the process, but also to evaluate and re-evaluate the phone interview questions that we have been working on. Accordingly, we interviewed Canon Ann Hallmark on February 17 and Fr. Michael Wernick on February 24. Each was able to give us valuable advice.

Our published application deadline was February 29, with an assumed week's extension. Therefore, by the end of the first week of March, Canon Val Ambrose will formally present the names of all the candidates to the entire Discernment Team for our review. If circumstances require it, we will consider any properly vetted late applicants. Following the presentation of the candidates' credentials, a letter will go out to all of them, asking for written responses to four essay questions. That same letter will outline the remaining schedule, which will include phone or skype interviews, submission of sermons (recorded or written), and visits to Saugatuck for the finalists. We are optimistic that this progress points toward extending a call by early June.

Thank you for your patience and your support.

Baars Bultman and Mary Ryder Co-chairs

*"Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen." (BCP p. 818)*

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## JOIN US IN A 'PLASTIC FAST' FOR LENT

Submitted by Deacon Francis

Since 2011, (yes, count them, just nine years) the plastics industry has cranked out **28 MILLION TONS** of plastics! **AGAIN --- 28 MILLION TONS!!** For a long time, people used to smile over the "smell of a new car," over bigger, cheaper plastic toys and the latest, greatest new health product. The list goes on and on and on, and it appears there is no end in sight. Well, maybe the end of God's green earth! And once it's gone.... well, I hope you get the picture of what comes next!

The raw material for plastics is itself the source of multiple environmental problems. Methane, extracted from deep underground reservoirs by a process known as hydraulic fracturing, is the raw material from which most plastics are created. Diversion of scarce water and wastewater disposal are some of the problems with this process. Leaked methane, which in turn accelerates global warming, is another. Could this be a problem, some ask? It has now become the time where concerned citizens are saying, "YES"! Durability is plastics' virtue and its bane. It enters our waterways, destroys our oceans, and is ingested by marine life. Far too many fish and mammals suffer a painful death, while others are harvested, and, well, you know where they end up -time for dinner, kids! Recycling is no longer seen as the great answer it once was. Do you know only 8% of plastics are recycled? Where do they go then? See the paragraph above.

This Lenten season is an opportunity for us to reflect on how we can help protect our fragile island home and help draw attention to the absurdity of single use plastic (single use anything). Lent is traditionally the season when good people of God's creation should be brave enough to give up something for Lent. This year, we are inviting all of us to embark on a "Plastic Fast." This is not a penance but is a way of clearing the mind and focusing on what God is calling us to be and do. We, your **Creation Care Team**, hope it will become such a good habit that you continue it after Lent is over.

All Saints has our very own reusable tote bags for you to use! Just by getting one or two, you can say, "No thanks, I don't need to use another plastic bag" when out shopping. You will be caring for creation and demonstrating that All Saints does, too!

Your **Creation Care Team** is working. Working for you, working for God's creation, and caring for our Mother Earth! Pitch in and ditch the plastic! Grab a tote bag, ask us questions, and join us as we become a church leader in solving environmental issues and problems.

# CLIMATE CHANGE REPORT

Submitted by: John Fulenwider PhD.

## **The Clock is Ticking on Climate Change**

During February 2020 I estimate that America has added more than 264 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> to the atmosphere. Other nations have added their proportionate share. This CO<sub>2</sub> has added a small amount to global warming. To stop global warming and climate change, nations must take draconian measures. We have got to stop the mining and use of fossil fuels, coal, oil and natural gas. That is easy to state but hard to make happen. Business and political obstacles exist. For businesses it would mean drastic changes in what they do: coal mining, oil drilling, fracking and other means of extracting those fuels from the earth. It would affect their shareholders. Of course Exxon, Mobil, BP, and others would resist vehemently. Yet all nations need fuel for heat, processing, and transportation. A replacement fuel must be found - something of value in return.

## **A Replacement Fuel**

Hydrogen is the ideal fuel to replace fossil fuels. It burns cleanly producing water, not CO<sub>2</sub>. It can be burned like natural gas in IC engine vehicles – each vehicle needing a storage tank for the hydrogen, plus piping and nozzle jets for the engine. There is no CO<sub>2</sub> in the exhaust.

Hydrogen is the fuel used in Fuel-Cell powered electric vehicles. Fuel cells were proven in the space program. Instead of burning hydrogen for heat it is combined with oxygen in the cell producing electricity directly. Each electric vehicle requires the fuel-cell pack, a storage tank for the hydrogen. There is no CO<sub>2</sub> in the exhaust.

## **A Perfect Marriage**

Making hydrogen fuel from water and using electricity from solar and wind power makes the ideal union: solar power is available during daylight hours, wind power is available when the wind blows but hydrogen gas can be produced when the electricity isn't available. It is captured, compressed, and stored until needed. We need massive quantities of hydrogen to replace fossil fuels everywhere. But we have massive amounts of hydrogen in water.

## **Hydrogen is a powerful source of energy**

Combusting one pound of hydrogen in an automobile engine one gets 61,400 BTUs, while one gets 21,000 BTUs from combusting one pound of gasoline. Combustion of hydrogen produces water vapor, while combustion of gasoline produces a litany of greenhouse gases. It requires 19 kilowatt hours of electricity to produce 1 pound of hydrogen by electrolysis of water. I estimate that a conventional electric power plant would produce 22 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> to produce 19 kilowatt hours of electricity. So it wouldn't make sense to use a conventional electric power source. Rather we would use solar power farms, and wind farms and that electricity would be FREE.

## **A Note About Electric Utilities**

Electric utilities prefer to have predictable sources of electric power that can be turned on or turned off as the need requires. Wind power farms produce copious amounts of electricity when the wind blows. And of course solar farms produce only during daylight hours. Utilities have turned to batteries to store electricity for use when windless and dark days decrease the outputs from wind and solar sources. Research and development laboratories are working to develop batteries with long life, and with thousands of recharging cycles. Electric Utilities will welcome huge capacity batteries to augment their solar and wind power farms. Hydrogen produced by electrolysis of water from wind and solar farms and can be stored, like natural gas, and will be used in hydrogen fueling stations for fuel-cell powered vehicles.

## **Call Your Congress Person**

Please call and urge your congressional representative, and U.S. senators to take action on the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act H.R.763. Make one call per week to each of them. Thank them for their work so far and respectfully urge them to take action on H.R.763. This Bill when made into law is the most effective way to reduce our use of fossil fuels thus putting climate change in retrograde.

Senator Debbie Stabenow (616) 975-0052

Senator Gary Peters (202) 224-6221

Representative Bill Huizenga (202) 225-4401

Representative Fred Upton (202) 225-3761

# TREASURERS REPORT

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

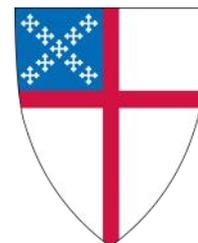
	Jan 20	Budget	\$ Over Budget	Jan 20	YTD Budget	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>							
<b>Income</b>							
4000 · Contributions							
4020 · Open Plate	251.00	250.00	1.00	251.00	250.00	1.00	3,000.00
4030 · Fund Contributions	0.00	3,708.34	(3,708.34)	0.00	3,708.34	(3,708.34)	44,500.00
4100 · Special Services	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	500.00
4200 · Gifts	0.00	1,666.67	(1,666.67)	0.00	1,666.67	(1,666.67)	20,000.00
4310 · Investment Income	0.55	0.00	0.55	0.55	0.00	0.55	0.00
4400 · Misc. Income							
4910 · Parish Outreach	25.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00
4920 · Rector's Discr. Fund	89.00	0.00	89.00	89.00	0.00	89.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>21,479.55</b>	<b>24,756.70</b>	<b>(3,277.15)</b>	<b>21,479.55</b>	<b>24,756.70</b>	<b>(3,277.15)</b>	<b>297,080.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>21,479.55</b>	<b>24,756.70</b>	<b>(3,277.15)</b>	<b>21,479.55</b>	<b>24,756.70</b>	<b>(3,277.15)</b>	<b>297,080.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>							
6015 · Outreach Ministry Team Expense	2,321.90	1,666.67	655.23	2,321.90	1,666.67	655.23	20,000.00
6017 · Misc. Outreach	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)	18,000.00
6020 · Rector's Discretionary Fund	89.00	0.00	89.00	89.00	0.00	89.00	0.00
6100 · Diocese	1,333.34	1,333.34	0.00	1,333.34	1,333.34	0.00	16,000.00
6300 · Personnel Costs	10,311.34	12,728.86	(2,417.52)	10,311.34	12,728.86	(2,417.52)	152,746.00
6700 · Building & Grounds	2,444.26	4,258.36	(1,814.10)	2,444.26	4,258.36	(1,814.10)	51,100.00
7000 · Office	3,081.36	1,264.23	1,817.13	3,081.36	1,264.23	1,817.13	15,170.00
7300 · Parish Operations	521.21	1,541.69	(1,020.48)	521.21	1,541.69	(1,020.48)	18,500.00
8000 · Church & RH Apartments	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	500.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>20,102.41</b>	<b>24,334.82</b>	<b>(4,232.41)</b>	<b>20,102.41</b>	<b>24,334.82</b>	<b>(4,232.41)</b>	<b>292,016.00</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>1,377.14</b>	<b>421.88</b>	<b>955.26</b>	<b>1,377.14</b>	<b>421.88</b>	<b>955.26</b>	<b>5,064.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,377.14</b>	<b>421.88</b>	<b>955.26</b>	<b>1,377.14</b>	<b>421.88</b>	<b>955.26</b>	<b>5,064.00</b>

## VESTRY CORNER

**You are invited!** We welcome your presence as a guest at any of the Vestry meetings. The next meeting is **March 19 at 3:45 pm** in the Vestry Office followed by the Parish Potluck Dinner at 5:30 pm.

**Did you know you** have access to the Vestry Meeting Minutes each month? The minutes are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary, in the acrylic wall folder by the bulletin boards in the hallway next to the sanctuary and parish hall, as well as available upon request from the office.

**Are you a Team Chair?** The Vestry would like monthly reports from each team the Friday before the meeting. Even if your group has nothing to report, just an acknowledgement that you are still meeting and active and what you might have coming up.



# MARCH 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:00 am - Rite I 9:00 Informal Parish Meeting 10:00 am - Rite II 11:00 am Informal Parish Meeting 1:30 pm - AA	2	3 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 6:00 Inquirers Class-Grace Holland 7:00 pm - Women's AA	4 12:30 pm - AA	5 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-Anon	6	7
8 8:00 am - Rite I 10:00 am - Rite II 1:30 pm - AA 	9	10 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 6:00 Inquirers Class-Grace Holland 7:00 pm - Women's AA 7:00 pm - All Saints Book Club	11 12:30 pm - AA	12 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-Anon	13	14
15 8:00 am - Rite I 10:00 am - Rite II 1:30 pm - AA	16 3:00 pm Pastoral Care Team meeting	17 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 6:00 Inquirers Class-Grace Holland 7:00 pm - Women's AA	18 12:30 pm - AA	19 3:45 pm Vestry meeting 5:30 pm Potluck 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-Anon	20	21 9:00 am - Brotherhood of St. Andrew
22 8:00 am - Rite I 10:00 am - Rite II 1:30 pm - AA	23	24 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 6:00 Inquirers Class-Grace Holland 7:00 pm - Women's AA	25 12:30 pm - AA	26 8:00 pm - AA 8:00 pm - Al-Anon	27	28
29 8:00 am - Rite I 10:00 am - Rite II 1:30 pm - AA	30	31 12:00 pm - AA Spirituality Group 6:00 Inquirers Class-Grace Holland 7:00 pm - Women's AA				

### Birthdays:

3/1 Joe Morse  
3/2 Jennifer Schock  
3/11 Marilyn Justus  
3/12 Joseph Madej  
3/15 Mary Ann McMahan  
3/19 Linda Lavender  
3/21 Marie Pena

3/22 Saoirse Randolph

3/25 John Collins  
3/25 McKenzie Jane Morse  
3/26 Cinnie Fulenwider  
3/27 Barrett Randolph

### Anniversaries:

3/2 Jim & Royetta Doe  
3/7 Steve & Lisa Baker





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