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CHRISTMAS 2025

Father Tony
and the All
Saints' family
celebrate the
Birth of Jesus
at the 9 a.m.
Eucharistic
Service on
Christmas
Morning.



WELCOME! Speak with a Greeter or an Usher any Sunday for information about All Saints' or contact Marilyn Mawhinney, our Welcome/Hospitality Host, at 772-334-4176. If you're visiting us for the first time, the Ushers will provide you with a welcome gift.

BAPTISMS and pre-baptism classes are offered throughout the year. A person of any age may receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE is a rite to be cherished in our historic church. We require a minimum of 120 days notice to our office, as well as premarital counseling. An initial meeting with Father Tony should be scheduled by the couple to review the process and any special circumstances before a date is scheduled. Please contact Jenny McDonald at the office, 772-334-0610, or via email, Jennifer@allsaintsjensenbeach.org

FUNERAL OR MEMORIAL SERVICES in our church may be arranged jointly with the Cemetery and Church Offices, and may include the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

To **TRANSFER YOUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP** to All Saints', please contact Joan Whitting, Membership Secretary, joanwhitting@gmail.com

Cover Photo: On January 6, we celebrate The Feast of the Epiphany. "Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.'" *Matthew 2:1-2*



A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

January 2026

My Dear Friends:

A blessed, joyful and healthy New Year to all!

The start of a new year speaks of birth and beginning. There's something powerful about a fresh start, a new beginning. God is about beginnings. The very first words of Scripture (Genesis 1:1) tell us, "In the beginning, God created." God transformed chaos into order, brought life out of nothing, and he continues to do so. God starts and does new things (Isaiah 43:19).

This is revealed in the stories of Adam and Noah, in which God created and re-created new beginnings for humanity. Again, it is revealed in the story of Abraham who went in search of a new beginning and identity as the father of nations. After being freed from slavery in Egypt, the people of Israel began the journey to their new homeland which God promised them... and the list of beginnings continued toward the Bible and to this present day.

The ultimate and greatest beginning of all came through Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul reminds us of this when he wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:17: "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see,

everything has become new!" Christ's presence on this earth was so that we may be transformed – not only by making a few modifications to ourselves, but by becoming a new creation. Our Lord offers us "new beginnings," "new mercies" every day despite our mistakes, regrets, challenges and failures. These beginnings are not based on having a clean slate of the past before we can receive them. They are about allowing God to re-make, shape, and re-shape us in the manner he knows is best suited for us. Therefore, our character, our identity, is no longer defined by what we have done in the past, but by what God has done and continues to do for us.



The Epiphany, the Wise Men's visit to Jesus with their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, which we celebrate on January 6 every year, offers a new beginning by revealing Christ to the Gentile world. The occasion invites us, particularly Christians, to a personal and spiritual journey of renewed growth, revelation, and a new beginning where the light of Christ symbolized by the star which guided the Wise Men, also guides us to the fresh starts our Lord prepares for us.

Often, we are fearful of new beginnings, fresh starts, changes in our lives, preferring to be comfortable and to stay where we are so. The reason for this is fear of failure, regret, or

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

making mistakes again. However, when God begins something new in and for us, they are not dependent on our strength or conviction, but on him and him alone. God is the one who is doing the new thing, not us... and he is not asking us if we are capable, he knows we are. His doing a new thing is what he plans to accomplish in us.

So, this year, let us realize in an even more tangible way that we need God... and be able to embrace and be open to his offering of a new beginning irrespective of the reason for a fresh start. God will prepare us for that new beginning in our lives and to make it work for our betterment. We also need each other because very often the people who pray, support, and encourage us are the ones who help us embark, realize, and bring to fruition, the fresh start or beginning in life God has in store for us.

Pray for one another, as I will continue to pray for you. Pray for me as well as I have marked my sixth anniversary as your priest. Let us also pray that we will be opened to listening to God and to embrace the incredible things he plans to continue doing among us, some of which may be new beginnings, fresh starts.

May this new year give us beginnings that will bring joy and fulfillment to our hearts and souls as we continue to improve our relationship with God.

With love and every blessing!

Father Tony



Happy New Year

ENDOWMENT

As we close 2025, hopefully a happy and healthy one for you, we welcome 2026 and the 20th Anniversary of the All Saints' Endowment. It all began years earlier in 1998 when a church member, Harriet Hubbard, left a substantial amount of money in her will to All Saints'. Some of that money was invested, not as an endowment, but as a directed brokerage account.

In 2006, Bob Taylor drafted the Endowment Charter and a permanent investment for the church was born. Over the years, 70 church members and families have donated to the Fund which allows the Board to allocate interest income to benefit the church and attract new members to the message of Jesus. So Happy Anniversary All Saints' Endowment!

But enough about the past. Let us look to the future of the All Saints' Endowment and Heritage Society. I hope you all have picked up your church calendars for 2026. The Heritage Society will, again, host a reception, this year on Friday, January 30th.

We are diverting from the usual financial speaker, although they have been great, and are featuring guest speakers who are literally doing God's work. **Come join us and feel the love!**
The reception is open to everyone.

As always, we will serve wine, soft drinks and substantial hors d' oeuvres donated by the Endowment Board. No endowment funds are used to finance this event.

On Saturday, March 14th, the Board will host an event for all of the Heritage Society Members, so mark your calendars!



In 2026, after twenty years in existence, the Board is looking into new ways to make the Endowment more relevant and open to giving by more people, one of whom I hope will be you! We will still have the Heritage Society which is made up of members who have contributed at least \$1,000 to the Endowment and in some cases much more. Their names are represented on the Tree of Life in Houg Hall.

Stay tuned to find out what we have in store for the congregation and the Endowment which will bring us into our third decade and second century of the church!

May God bless you and your family this year and always.

Elyta Watkins
Endowment Board Chairperson

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Women's Fellowship will meet on Saturday January 17th.

Two very important topics to be discussed:

- The Election of Women's Fellowship Officers for the 2026-2027 term and
- Plans for the High Tea.

The Nominating Committee (Iris Langran, chairlady) will present a slate of officers; and we will vote. Please be in attendance as these are both important topics for our Women's Fellowship!

High Tea

is set for **Saturday, February 7th**;

Tickets will go on sale soon.

Price will remain at \$30.00 per ticket.

See you on Jan. 17th; if not before then!

Happy New Year!

Marilyn Mazsa

President, Women's Fellowship

JANUARY

Anniversaries of Birth

- 3 Chris Scharbo
- 4 Holly Katz
- 10 Cynthia Smith Bredeck
- 21 Adrienne Sacco
- 26 Father Tony Holder
- 28 Russell Rothfeld
- 29 Tom Sinagra
- 31 Aleksi Holder



Anniversaries of Marriage

- 11 Margaret & Jason Cox



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Our Savior has been born. The church now celebrates the Epiphany of Jesus Christ as the Light of the world, first made known to the world through the visit of the Magi.



Epiphany

This sacred moment reminds us that the glory of God is powerful. Epiphany is about seeing; and being seen by God. Prayer leads us to be with God.

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you” (Isaiah 60:1).

Like the Magi who followed the star, the Daughters of the King (DOK) are called to seek Christ with the vows of Prayer, Service and Evangelism.

During Advent the DOK collected toiletries for the homeless and helped Niki O’Neal and her sister, Juliette Foster, both members of All

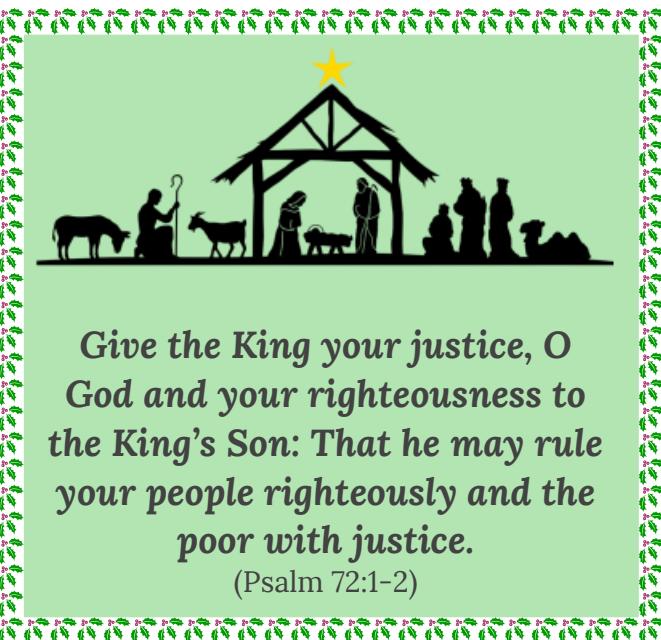
Saint’s Episcopal Church share the joy of Christmas at Brookdale of Stuart where their mother was a resident until her heavenly departure. Our chapter was happy to help them.

As the new year begins, the Daughters of the King have renewed hope and holy purpose. We will continue to life up our church with prayer and praise. We are strengthened by wisdom and guided by His light.

May your new year be blessed with faith, hope and peace.

FHS

Dorothy Bree
President



Give the King your justice, O God and your righteousness to the King’s Son: That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice.

(Psalm 72:1-2)

FUNDRAISING

The Christmas Card Tree was very successful with 26 cards put on the tree and \$705 raised for the church. Thanks to all who participated.

WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE

Next event will be the third annual weight loss competition. This year we will have a men's and women's division. It will cost \$20 to enter and the winners will receive a lottery ticket. You can enter after masses Dec. 28 and Jan 4 and 11. The contest will end Saturday March 21st for all entrants.



We have a Music Bingo scheduled for Friday Jan 23 from 3 - 5 pm so everyone can get home before dark.

Watch for this year's Lenten Bible challenge to start on Ash Wednesday. We will have a new format with readings assigned weekly. All who complete the challenge will receive a potentially valuable lottery ticket. Thanks to the Fundraising team who make all this possible.

George Mazsa
Coordinator

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next Men's Fellowship meeting is Monday January 5th at 6 p.m. in Houg Hall. All men of the parish are invited.



Thanks to all who volunteered to deliver Poinsettias to 7 of our fellow parishioners on Sunday Dec. 14th who have difficulty getting to mass in person regularly .

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



Our next big event is right around the corner. The 2026 Pancake Supper is on Tuesday February 17th.

George Mazsa
President



PEERING INTO THE PAST



Once the church was used as a navigational aid to those plying the waters of the Indian River.

For several decades people came by boat to All Saints' for worship. Even after the church was moved to its current location on the hill in the summer of 1963, the Indian River was still visible from our hilltop.

No longer will the Indian River be visible from our hilltop as construction began on a multi-level boat storage facility last year.

Photos of the view will be hanging on the walls of Coffey Hall and on our website and this will be the only memory we have.

So unfortunately, more history was made and yet our parish continues, regardless of the view.

Altar Guild

Altar Guild Gratitude!

What a whirlwind of help came after the 10 o'clock service on the 4th Sunday of Advent!

The Sunday School children were buzzing around decorating the Chrismon Tree and rehearsing for the Christmas Pageant under the supervision of Karen Neff.

There were so many people! Some are involved in other ministries like our Treasurer, Bill Winseman; Men's Fellowship President, George Mazsa; Cemetery Board Members, Elyta Watkins and Deb Scharbo; Landscape Leaders, Claire Northcutt and Russ Rothfeld; Daughters of the King President, Dorothy Bree; Video and Audio Tech, Therese Power; and our Rector, Father Tony.

Thanks goes to Dianne Pierce, Jim and Barbara

Vitale, Diana Loftiss and Josh Watson. If your name was left off this list it isn't because you weren't important, the list got lost in the wash!

The Nativity Scene continues to be re-created each year through the skill of Lee Smith. Thank you to all who made flower donations too.

It may have looked like chaos, but it always comes together. Altar Guild members, Paul and Karen Neff, Margaret Cox, Harry Kapple, Marilyn Mazsa, Sandy Miller and Joyce Fletcher -Menard were so happy to have so many people come and help us.

We hope our Christmas Guests and visiting family and friends enjoy the visual beauty supporting the liturgy.

Joyce Fletcher-Menard and Sandy Miller
Altar Guild Leaders

EVENTS IN JANUARY



ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

Annual Meeting with the Elections of
Members to serve on the Vestry,
Diocesan Convention Delegates and Alternate Delegates, and
Members to serve on the LeDuc Scholarship Board

Sunday, January 18, 2026

One Service at 9 a.m.
followed immediately by the meeting

All are invited to attend.



The Endowment Board

invites you to the

Heritage Society Reception

Friday, January 30, 2025

5:30 p.m.

Houg Hall

Come join us and feel the love!

The reception is open to everyone.



Friday Jan. 23 2026

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

\$15 per person. Includes bingo card,
beverages and snacks!

For more information & reservations

Please call 484-602-3594 or the

church office: 772-334-0610

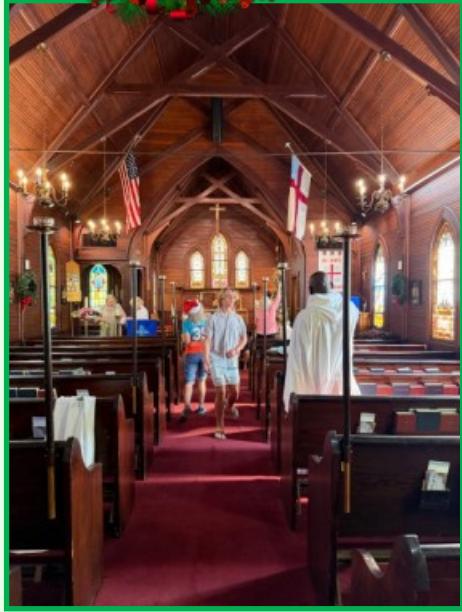


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Christmas AT ALL SAINTS'



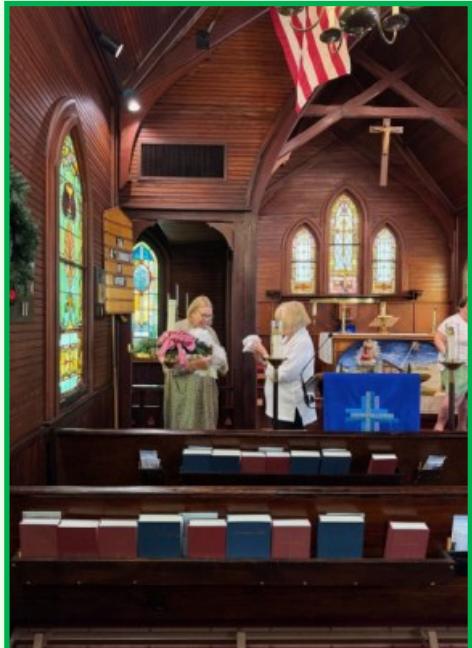
After the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, December 21, the Altar Guild and several volunteers of the All Saints' family, prepare our Church building for Christmas worship.

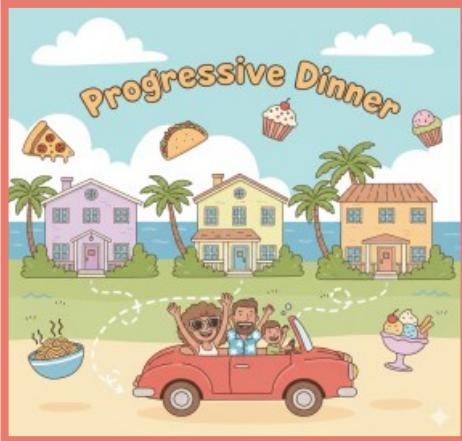
As Father Tony always says: "Many hands make light work."





Christmas AT ALL SAINTS'





On December 12, fifty-two of us gathered at the homes of members of our congregation for our Progressive Dinner. We had an amazing evening of fellowship, food and conversation in the spirit of Christmas.





GARDEN HAPPENINGS!

"Groggy, tonight is special because there are 2 services and we are celebrating. I do hope you will stay awake tonight. Can you promise me that? Groggy, are you already sleeping? Groggy! It is the middle of the day! What is up with this?"

"Oh Greta – let up some; I agree with Groggy – a nap sounds good since I'm sure there will be a late worship service tonight." Jackson was quick to reply to Greta's comments.

"Thank you Jackson, I often wonder why napping is not a perfectly good past time for some people... It is what I enjoy doing at anytime!" Groggy spoke in a jovial tone. Then turning toward Greta and commented: "I believe the one who needs a nap might be you, Greta."

Little One laughed at added to the conversation: "I remember hearing naps on the afternoon of Christmas Eve were man-da-tory. It may have been Miss Iris, or Mr. Jerry, or maybe Miss Dara—well I don't remember who said it; but someone did. They were talking about cleaning and sweeping, baking cookies and cinnamon buns and cooking roast beef; then they said: A nap on Christmas Eve afternoon is a must. That is what mandatory means – Ya have- ta do it!"

Greta laughed and so did the whole gathering of friends. "Well perhaps I was a bit cross. Thank you all for loving me anyway. "Greta continued: In a very real way that is the message of Christmas. John 3:16 tells us : "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish

but have eternal life". God's message is love; His love for all of the humans, then and now and into the future... for all of them. Because we are here in this garden and share The Word with each other we can emulate that love with each other.

Flora flew in to the area and landed with a quiet buzz – buzz. "Did anyone hear the news? Jesus, the Christ child is to be celebrated tonight! Why ... Why are you all laughing? This is news!"



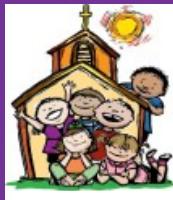
"Ah, my dear Flora, we just spent the last 10 or 15 minutes discussing why we should all take a nap." Groggy was quick to return to the issue of taking a nap. It would be in our best interest to catch some shut-eye now so we can stay awake for the late night mass here at All Saints' Episcopal Church. They will start the Christmas carols at 10:45

p.m. and then move into the celebration of the second Mass of Christmas. If Father Tony times it correctly, and he usually does; he will be raising the Communion Host at the stroke of midnight. I plan to be awake and check his timing..... And I plan to sing along with the Christmas music too! So scatter folks; it is officially nap time!"

"Well, I plan on wearing my Christmas dress again this year, so I agree it is nap time – getting into that dress takes effort." Hmm, Greta was now agreeing with Groggy. I guess they all took naps, because I saw them all awake in the garden well after 1:00 a.m. on Christmas Day.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The Garden Whisperer



SUNDAY SCHOOL



The children look on as Ms. Karen explains to Owen how the shepherd will be looking at the angel with raised arms during the pageant.

Happy New Year to everyone! December was a very busy month for us as we spent every Sunday learning about Advent, lighting our own Advent wreath and preparing for the celebration of Jesus' birth on Christmas Day.

Final preparations during the last week of Christmas ensured that the Chrismon Tree was decorated and ready inside the church building for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services and getting costumes assigned to children, checking on body sizes (they are all growing so quickly) for the Christmas Pageant was also a challenge!



Father Tony was delighted with this year's Chrismon Tree decorated by Graham, Cooper, Jesus, Bella, Magnolia, Jack, Andrew, Piper, and Lincoln.

We currently have 20 children attending All Saints', which also includes our three acolytes.

I was thinking we would actually have a chorus of angels and more than one shepherd this year! However, 12 children were going to be leaving to spend Christmas out of town with extended families. Must admit, that's important too!

As always though, our remaining 8 children rallied and presented a beautiful Christmas pageant with Cooper Black assuming the role of the centurion and madly changing into the role of one of the kings. Elise Neff played one of the kings too! Thank you so very much also to Jack Watson (Joseph), Piper Black (Mary), Magnolia Watson (Angel), Graham Johnson (king), Owen Johnson (shepherd) and Andrew Johnson (narrator).



All Saints' Christmas pageant performers. Elise Neff, Graham Johnson, Piper Black, Jack Watson, Magnolia Watson, Cooper Black, and Owen Johnson. Ms. Karen proudly stands with them! Narrator Andrew Johnson is not pictured because he was also serving as the acolyte during the Christmas Eve service.

It was a wonderful performance. Honestly, when their performance ended, and everyone was standing still holding their position as such important characters, I felt truly blessed for All Saints' to have these children! I hope you all had a very merry Christmas and again best wishes for the New Year!

Karen Neff
Children's Christian Education Director



SUNDAY SCHOOL

All Saints' Episcopal Church

Christmas Pageant 2026



Top Right: The three Kings walked down the aisle toward the baby Jesus.

Below: A Christmas Pageant view from the choir loft.





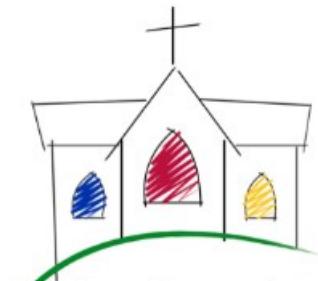
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BIBLE TRIVIA

What three gifts did the Magi present to Jesus?

Answers on next page!



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HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
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10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY

HOLY EUCHARIST AND HEALING
10:00 AM

10:00 AM SUN. AND WED. SERVICES
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