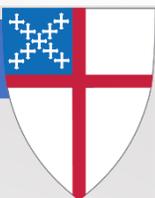


SAINTS ALIVE



DECEMBER 2024



CELEBRATING AND SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST

All Saints Episcopal Church
301 North 2nd Street
P.O. Box 147
Lehighton, PA 18235

The Rev. Charlie Barebo, Deacon

Ministers: All Baptized Christians

Holy Eucharist Sunday 10:00 AM



Church Office Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
(610) 377-2675

allsaint@ptd.net

www.allsaintslehighton.org



All Saints Church Lehighton

DECEMBER FEAST DAYS & EVENTS

The Season of Advent

Sunday, December 1st – Tuesday, December 24th

The Feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle

Saturday, December 21st

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th

The Feast of Saint Stephen, Deacon & Martyr

Thursday, December 26th

The Feast of Saint John the Apostle & Evangelist

Friday, December 27th

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Saturday, December 28th



The Deacon's Corner



Welcome to Advent, the start of the new year in the Church. We find ourselves in Luke's Gospel with John the Baptizer's birth and the angel Gabriel foretelling of John's role, to prepare the way for the Messiah. Our Advent bible study began this past Sunday, and we had a lively discussion with a group of ten people. We learned how the New Testament Gospels of Luke and Matthew fulfilled prophecies made in the Old Testament books of Malachi and Isaiah. We will have bible study every Sunday of Advent at 9:00am in the Packer Cummings room. All are welcome.

Our outreach, aka loving our neighbors as ourselves, in this season includes donations to the food pantry, a visit with sundries to the nursing home and our tree in the park. If you have warm clothes, coats, hats, gloves you no longer wear, think of the poor. If you do not have a place to donate them, I can take them to the Nativity thrift ship. Just leave them by the front door by the food donations and please let Heather know.

In your prayers and meditations this season think of the gift Mary will give the world. What gifts have you received from God this year? Have your hearts and eyes open for the Holy Spirit in action. Remember we are the hands and the feet of the Holy Spirit. Watch our brothers and sisters as they carry the light of Christ out into the world.

In His Service,

All Saints Contributions to the Food Pantry

Baskets to receive items for the Good Shepherd Food Pantry at Trinity Lutheran Church are located in the back of the church.

DECEMBER DONATION: SOUP



Please click image above, or see Joan & Rusty Miller for more information.

The Trinity Food Pantry welcomes those in need every Tuesday 10am – 3pm.

The 3rd Tuesday of the month 5:30pm – 7pm.

175 S. 3rd Street, Lehighton

ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICE PRICE LIST FOR MEMORIALS & DEVOTIONS

Altar Flowers	\$35
Baptismal Flowers	\$20
Sunday Booklet	\$10
Ambry Candle	\$10



Contact Darlene Serfass to sign up at
(610) 377-0134

**God loves you.
No exceptions.**



The Episcopal Church welcomes you.



Hunter Focht	12/1
Clark Miller	12/7
Peter Stidham	12/7
Marion Powell (Matz)	12/13
Cookie Kulp	12/15
Linda Kasperski	12/23
Kjellrun Altenburg	12/24
Chris Burkey	12/24
Mary Van Blargan	12/24
Jesus Christ	12/25
Jillian Miller-Mallory	12/27
Emily Steigerwalt	12/27
Jerry Ault	12/30

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

*Clark & Kathy Miller
December 11th*

Episcopal Church welcomes Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe in virtual churchwide ceremony

November 2, 2024

Office of Public Affairs

Episcopalians around the world and in various time zones gathered to welcome the Most Rev. Sean Rowe as the church's 28th presiding bishop in a first-of-its-kind virtual investiture service, livestreamed Nov. 2 from the Chapel of Christ the Lord at The Episcopal Church Center in New York City.

Find links to the [recorded service](#); [worship service booklet](#); [Bishop Rowe's sermon](#); and [event photos](#).

Rowe, formerly bishop of the Episcopal Dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York, was elected and confirmed as the next presiding bishop at the 81st General Convention on June 26.

Click [here](#) to read full article.



Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe receives the primatial staff from former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on Nov. 2, 2024. Photo by David Rider / The Episcopal Church

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
1 st Sunday of Advent 10am Service Women's AA 6pm		Coiny Counters 9:30am		Holy Folders 9:30am		
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
2 nd Sunday of Advent 10am Service Women's AA 6pm		Coiny Counters 9:30am		Holy Folders 9:30am		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
3 rd Sunday of Advent 10am Service Women's AA 6pm		Coiny Counters 9:30am		Holy Folders 9:30am		St. Thomas, Apostle
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
4 th Sunday of Advent 10am Service Women's AA 6pm	Coiny Counters 9:30am	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr	St. John, Apostle & Evangelist	Holy Innocents
29	30	31		Holy Folders 9:30am		
1 st Sunday after Christmas 10am Service Women's AA 6pm		Coiny Counters 9:30am				

Adult Bible Study: 12/1, 12/8, 12/15, 12/22 *Sign-up sheets available in the Sanctuary and Moyer Hall*
9:00am before the service
Downstairs in Moyer Hall

Saturday, December 21st

The Feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle



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The Collect:

Everliving God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve



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The Collect:

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Wednesday, December 25th

Christmas Day



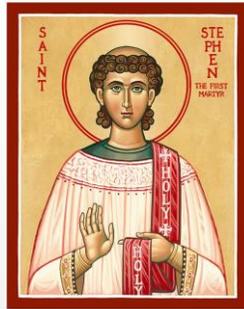
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The Collect:

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thursday, December 26th

The Feast of Saint Stephen, Deacon & Martyr



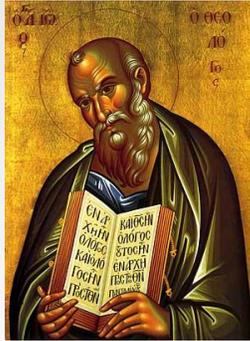
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The Collect:

We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of the first martyr Stephen, who looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors to your Son Jesus Christ, who stands at your right hand; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Friday, December 27th

The Feast of Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist



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The Collect:

Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light, that we, being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of your truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Saturday, December 28th

The Feast of the Holy Innocents



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The Collect:

We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by King Herod. Receive, we pray, into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims; and by your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



Christmas Eve Service

5:00pm

All Saints Episcopal Church

301 North 2nd Street

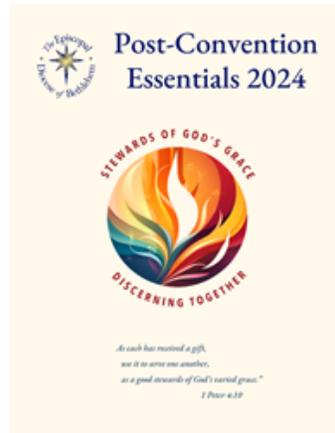
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DIOCESE NEWS

Post-Convention Essentials Now Available



The Post-Convention Essentials report is now available on the diocesan website: [click here](#).

This report contains information about our most recent Diocesan Convention that should be shared with your congregation. It includes resolutions, elections, and other helpful information about the upcoming year.

A printed copy of this report was additionally mailed to every parish.

Advent Open House at Diocesan House



Join Bishop Kevin and the diocesan staff for our Advent Open House at the diocesan office ([333 Wyandotte Street, Bethlehem](#)) on Friday, December 13, 2024, between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Take a tour of the building, chat with our staff, enjoy refreshments and fellowship. We hope to see you then!

There are many books at diocesan house that are looking for new homes. These books range from the Book of Common Prayer, hymnals, children's books, historical books, and more. Please plan to browse through our book collection during your visit.

2024 Basket Raffle & Bake Sale

November 15th & 16th







Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped during the event! And thank you to everyone who donated prizes, money, baked goods, as well as food and drinks for the kitchen!



UPCOMING ALL SAINTS EVENTS

*Thank
You*

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone who volunteered during and/or supported the Fall Basket Raffle & Bake Sale!

*The proceeds total:
\$6,632.75.*



The next Basket Raffle & Bake Sale will be in the Spring!



Our All Saints tree is located in the Upper Park.

Darlene Hagenbuch is looking for volunteers to help decorate the tree.

Decorating will take place on Saturday, 12/7 at 10:00am.

Thank you in advance for your help!



ALL SAINTS CAROLING AT THE SUMMIT NURSING HOME

12/13 at 2PM

The Outreach Committee is collecting monetary donations to purchase personal care items for the home residents for Christmas.

Envelopes for donations are located in the back of the church.

If you would like to participate in caroling at the home, please contact Sue Stidham (Sue55@ptd.net).

**The Summit Nursing Home
211 N. 12th Street
Lehighton, PA**

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The Vestry Committee will need two new members to join the committee in January 2025.

Darlene Hagenbuch and Slayton Altenburg terms are coming to an end.

To be eligible, you must be at least 18 years old, be regular attendants at the services of the parish, and be a regular contributor for the 6 months preceding the annual meeting to the support of the Parish.

“The basic responsibilities of the vestry are to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation; to support the church’s mission by word and deed, to select the rector, to ensure effective organization and planning, and to manage resources and finances.”

(Source: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/vestry/>)

Please notify the parish office or Deacon Charlie if you are interested. New members will be voted in at the start of 2025.

October 2024 FINANCE REPORT

Mike Bronko, Treasurer

Monthly Summary

Total income for the month was \$7,006.00 of which \$4,986.00 was pledge income. Expenses for the month totaled \$7,730.75 leaving a deficit for the month of \$724.75. The Building Fund Income for the month totaled \$100.00 and Debit Reduction donations were \$145.00.

This month’s additional expenses include:

- Xmas Tree in Park \$45.00
- Fed Payroll Tax \$1,384.80
- State Payroll Tax \$277.90
- Local EIT Tax \$90.51
- Local LST Tax \$14.00

Accounts Summary:

Checking Act	\$5,586.05
Savings Act	
Total Cash	\$5,586.05

Year to Date Summary

Total income year to date was \$89,519.08 with total expenses of \$90,837.00 leaving a **deficit** for the year of \$1,317.92.

VESTRY MEMBERS

Clare Fox '24 - Senior Warden, Worship, Fundraising

Slayton Altenburg '25 - Junior Warden, Finance & Property

Dorothy Corrado, '24 - Member

Darlene Hagenbuch '26 - Outreach & Fundraising

Jackie Wack '26 - Clerk of Vestry

Susan Stidham '26 - Property & Fundraising

Rita Marie Trucios '24 - Member

Mike Bronko (Treasurer) Email:

mwbronko@outlook.com

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Lehighton Band Presents:
 "Christmas: From Yesterday to Today"
Christmas Concert
 Sunday, December 8th 2024 at 2:00 PM

Boys and Girls Band Hall
 197 N. 6th St. (6th and Cypress)
 Lehighton, PA 18235

Tickets just \$5-00 each!

Available at Carbon County Music and More/ Boys and Girls Band, 197 N- 6th St, Lehighton or from any member of the Lehighton Band!

Hot and Cold Refreshments!
 Homemade Cookies!

See any member of fbla or kotch of Maurer

\$20 per ticket includes 20 games!

Pennsylvania FBLA

Lehighton Area High School

Basket raffle 50/50 Food & Bake sale

Holiday Cash BINGO
 December 7th, 2024
 12-4
 475 Orioles Dr
 Lehighton, PA 18235

FRANKLIN TWSP. VOL. FIRE CO.
 2440 Fairyland Rd., Lehighton
 --- COMING EVENTS ---

THANKSGIVING SALE 11/26
 ORDER DEADLINE 11/18

TASTY PA DUTCH POTATO
FILLING Only \$8/QT
 4-8 SERVINGS/QT.
 Call Chris 610-377-8573

UNBAKED PIZZA SALE - Dec. 2, 2024
 Order deadline Nov. 11
 Pick up Noon - 3PM
 Plain -- \$8
 Pepperoni -- \$9
 Xtra Cheese -- \$9

Call Pam at 484-464-0645 or Chris at 610-377-8573
 Do not leave orders on answering machine.
 Leave a phone number for a return call.

THURSDAY NIGHT BINGO
 Doors Open 4:30PM
 Kitchen 5PM, Games 6PM
 Fireball, Rob the Bank, Rip Opens, Quickie

December 14
 Variety of 3 dz. cookies beautifully wrapped, ready for gift giving or keeping \$14
Cookie Tray Sale
 (order deadline 12/7)
 Call Pat 570-778-9229
 Or
 Chris 610-377-8573
 (Limited number of trays available)

ADDITIONAL EVENTS
 11/2 Lehighton Rotary Craft Show 10A-3P
 11/15 Lifeline Screening
 (call 888-814-0466 for an appointment - promo HSCA001)

Kids Holiday Toy Bingo.
 @Parryville Vol Fire Co#2
Sun Dec 8, 2024
 Doors open at 12 pm
Bingo starts at 1 pm
 Advance tix \$25
 \$30 at the door
 FMI Jen K 610-390-3811

FREE HANDBELL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

BEN SALEM UCC
 1965 Church Hill Road
 Lehighton, PA 18235
DECEMBER 8, 2024
2:00 PM

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FREE CONCERT AND REFRESHMENTS

Click Image for more information.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

ALL ABOARD!
JOIN US FOR AN IN-HOUSE ADVENTURE ON THE
NORTH POLE Express

Saturday December 7th
8:30 & 10:30 am
Basket Raffle & Door Prizes

TICKETS \$7 PER PERSON

197 N 6TH ST, LEHIGHTON
CALL 570-657-7453 FOR TICKETS
MEET THE GRINCH, SANTA & MRS. CLAUS, LEO THE LION AND THE "CONDUCTOR"

Become a Sponsor
Polar Express \$1000 Shining star \$500
Conductor \$250 Bell ringer \$100

GRAND PRIZE 'LIONEL THE POLAR EXPRESS TRAIN SET' (VALUE \$350)

INCLUDES BREAKFAST, GIFT & STOCKING!

Dylan & Gavin's Rainbow Ministry **Snowflake 5K-1M RACE**



REGISTRATION FEE SCHEDULE

\$30.00-Until November 12th

\$33.00-November 13th thru December 5th

\$35.00-December 6th & Day of Race

Saturday-December 7, 2024-9:00 A.M.

At Lehigh Recreation Center

243 South 8th Street-Lehigh, Pa. 18235

Bake Sale of All Kinds of Home Baked Items
Gift Card & Themed Basket Raffle

On-Line Registration at www.pretzelcitysports.com

Questions: E-Mail dylanandgavinsrainbow@gmail.com

Telephone-610-377-1191

Pennsylvania Classical Ballet Academy Presents....
"The Nutcracker"
December 7th 2:00pm & 6:00pm & December 8th 2:00pm
At the Historic Roxy Theatre in Northampton, PA

or
www.paclassicalballetacademy.com
To purchase tickets

Click Image for more information.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SUNDAY DECEMBER, 15, 2024

NOON - 4PM

UKRAINIAN HOMESTEAD, OF CEC ODWU, INC.

1230 BEAVER RUN DR.

LEHIGHTON, PA 18235

610-377-4621 ~ oscliaodwu@gmail.com

www.ukrhomestead.com

HOMEMADE PASTRIES, COOKIES

POTATO and CHEESE PIEROGIES - \$7.00/dz
VUSHKA (small mushroom dumplings) - \$10.00/dz
HOLUBKI (with meat) \$4.00/piece; meatless \$3.00/piece
KOVBASA (kielbasa) - \$8.00/lb
KOVBASA DARK SMOKED - \$9.00/lb
KABANOSY(sticks) - \$9.00/lb
SLAB BACON - \$9.00/lb
LOAVES: Poppyseed, Nut - \$15.00

ARTS and CRAFT VENDORS

PRE-ORDERS DUE DECEMBER, 4

Please call 267-312-2309 or email

STAFF

Parish Administrator: Heather Reabold

Organist & Choir Director: Cindy Mack

Housekeeper: Virginia Fairchild

Treasurer: Mike Bronko

Coordinator of Card Ministry & Outreach Chair:

Darlene Hagenbuch

Choir Librarian: Patricia Cook

Hospitality Coordinator: Annette Muffley

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Presiding Bishop*



If you would like to host a coffee hour, please see Annette Muffley!

Trinity Lutheran Thrift Store

175 S. Third Street,
Lehighton

You are invited to shop
Wednesday

9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Thursday and Saturday

9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

For more information, call
(610) 377-4303

<https://www.tlclehighton.com/Thriftstore.php>

Have an idea for the newsletter, or would like to share a God Incident? Please let the office know!

Deadline for January Newsletter:

December 23rd

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