

# SAINTS ALIVE

MAY 2025



CELEBRATING AND SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST

All Saints Episcopal Church  
301 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
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Ministers: All Baptized Christians

Holy Eucharist Sunday 10:00 AM



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## MAY FEAST DAYS & EVENTS

*Feast of Saint Phillip & Saint James, Apostles*  
Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

*Parish Meeting*  
Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> (during Coffee Hour)

*Memorial Day*  
Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

*Ascension Day*  
Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

*Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>



# THE DEACON'S CORNER



Happy Easter! After another long Lent and Holy week, we have arrived at Eastertide, the 50 days that follow Easter and end on Pentecost Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Pentecost is the day the Holy Spirit was received and regardless of origin and native tongue all understood the message that Jesus Christ is our savior and Lord.

I hope that you and your families had a nice Easter holiday. Readings from the gospels and the Acts of the Apostles have special significance now that we have encountered the Resurrected Jesus. Pay close attention this Easter season and learn where we/you can meet Jesus. The noted theologian Behr tells us that it is in the scriptures and the breaking of the bread. Specifically, Behr is speaking of Old Testament scripture that prophesizes the coming and nature of the messiah.

Last year, All Saints ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in all the churches of the diocese in terms of average Sunday attendance. This is wonderful and surprising news. Sadly, we are not in the top twenty-five in terms of giving. Pledges were down this year, and costs inevitably go up with inflation every year. Stewardship needs to be a focus for the parish to help ensure our long-term health and well-being. This means giving and fund raising are important considerations moving forward. Have you left All Saints a gift in your will? Have you increased your pledge by the amount of inflation or the CPI each year? Our giving is an outward sign of our spiritual health.

The Episcopal Church Foundation tells us that giving increases a year or two before attendance follows suit. I am calling a Parish Meeting to be held at the coffee hour May 18<sup>th</sup>. We'll discuss our financial health, the vestry's vision for the parish in 2028, and an update on the property.

This is an important issue to consider if the All Saints is to live and grow.

I ask your prayers for the sick, the bereaved and those poor in spirit.

Blessings,

*Charlie +*

## 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.

### MAY DONATION: CEREAL



*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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month 5:30pm – 7pm.  
175 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Lehighton

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH SERVICE PRICE LIST FOR MEMORIALS & SPONSORSHIPS

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



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

## 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>



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

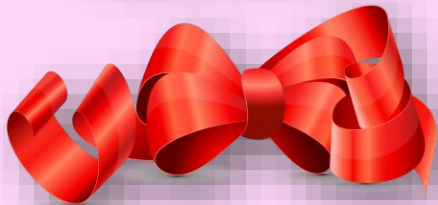
## SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

**If you would like to be a reader, greeter, offering assistant or usher, please let the office know!**



<b>Payton Costenbader</b>	<b>May 1</b>
<b>Aubrey Rossi</b>	<b>May 4</b>
<b>Jennifer Hofacker</b>	<b>May 11</b>
<b>Tori Everett</b>	<b>May 16</b>
<b>Amy Burkey</b>	<b>May 17</b>
<b>Joann Begel</b>	<b>May 18</b>
<b>Shannon Knappenberger</b>	<b>May 20</b>

Happy Anniversary



<b>Chris &amp; Amy Burkey</b>	<b>May 3</b>
<b>Louis Bugno &amp; Daniel Rawleigh</b>	<b>May 20</b>
<b>Susan &amp; Peter Stidham</b>	<b>May 30</b>

**Statement from Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe  
on the death of Pope Francis**

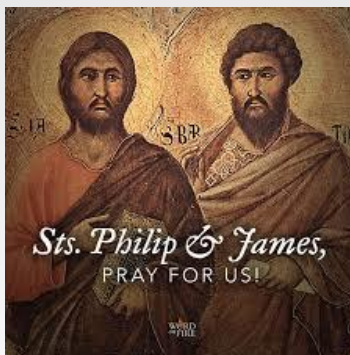
My heart is heavy at the death of our brother in Christ, Pope Francis. Throughout his life and ministry, he has been a witness for the Gospel and a champion for the poor and marginalized. Especially in this season, I give thanks for his powerful advocacy on behalf of migrants and refugees. Pope Francis, who was the first Latin American pope, understood these siblings in Christ are never at the edges, fearful and alone. As he once wrote, "In the faces of the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, strangers and prisoners, we are called to see the face of Christ who pleads with us to help."

In 12 years as the Roman Catholic pontiff, Pope Francis transformed our theology of the environment and recognized the need for LGBTQ+ people to feel heard, seen, and included in their church. We are likewise grateful for his emphasis on reconciliation and ecumenical dialogue, in which our church has participated through the Anglican-Roman Catholic Theological Consultation in the United States of America.

I thank God for the life of Pope Francis, and ask you to pray for him, for all who loved him, and for our Roman Catholic siblings in Christ. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

*The Feast of Saint Phillip & Saint James, Apostles*



*Click image to visit The Lectionary Page*

*The Collect:*

Almighty God, who gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth: Grant that we, being mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

*Ascension Day*



*Click image to visit The Lectionary Page*

*The Collect:*

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>  
*Memorial Day*



*The Collect:*

We give you thanks, O Lord, for all who have died that we may live, for all who endured pain that we might know joy, for all who made sacrifices that we might have plenty, for all who suffered imprisonment that we might know freedom.

Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>  
*Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



*Click image to visit [The Lectionary Page](#)*

*The Collect:*

Father in heaven, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping your word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

# 2025 Spring Basket Raffle & Bake Sale



**DOOR PRIZES!**

**PRIZE #1**  
Dooney & Bourke Bag

**PRIZE #2**  
Easter Décor Basket

**SPECIAL RAFFLE**

**TICKETS**

**\$5 for One Ticket**  
**\$10 for Three Tickets**

**PRIZE #1**  
Vacuum Cleaner

**PRIZE #2**  
Insignia TV

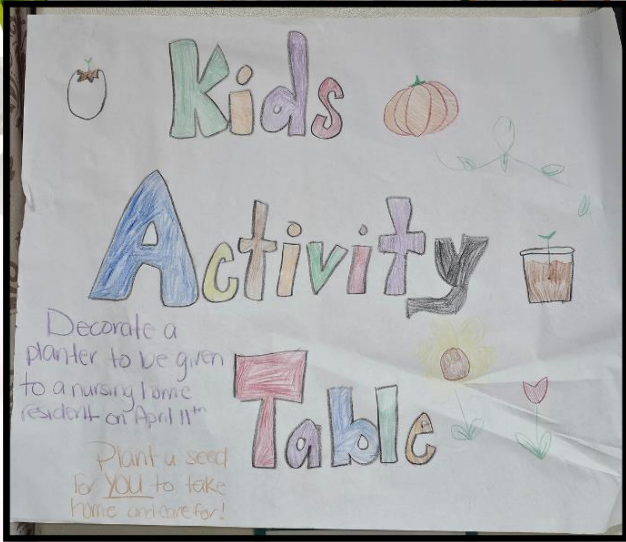
**PRIZE #3**  
DVD Player

**PRIZE #4**  
Homemade Quilt

**PRIZE #5**  
\$50 Giant Gift Card

**BankAmerica**  
BankAmerica Housing Services  
A Division of Bank of America, FSB





**All Saint's Episcopal Church would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations to our 2025 Spring Basket Raffle!**

Beaver Run Rod & Gun Club  
 Cousins II Restaurant  
 Dunkin Donuts, Lehighton  
 Giant Food Store, Lehighton  
 Mahoning Valley Bingo Pass  
 Walmart, Lehighton

*Thank You*



**Mattie was the winner of the Kid's Activity Table Rita's Gift Card!**

Thank you to all of our hard working volunteers!



Thank you to Sue & Peter Stidham for making and selling these beautiful crosses as part of the fundraiser.



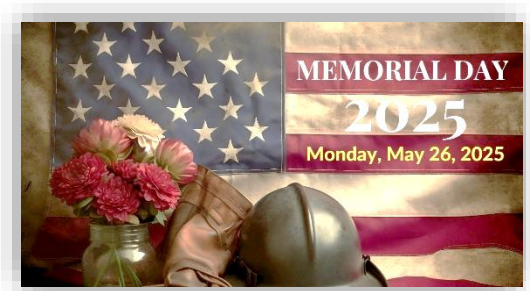
Thank You!


We appreciate your time helping make our basket raffle a success.

Hope to see you in November!



# MAY 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				01	02	03
				Holy Folders 9:30AM <i>St. Phillips &amp; St. James</i>		
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Holy Eucharist 10am *Finance Mtg Women's AA		Coiny Counters 9:30AM		Holy Folders 9:30AM		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Holy Eucharist 10am  Women's AA		Coiny Counters 9:30AM		Holy Folders 9:30AM		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Holy Eucharist 10am Parish Meeting Women's AA		Coiny Counters 9:30AM		Holy Folders 9:30AM		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Holy Eucharist 10am  Women's AA		Coiny Counters 9:30AM	Convocation Meeting at All Saints Church 2pm	Holy Folders 9:30AM  <i>Ascension Day</i>		<i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
May/June Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 22.				* On Sunday, May 4 <sup>th</sup> , Mike Bronko (Treasurer) will hold a Finance Meeting after coffee hour. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting.		

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

Congregation  
Meeting

**ALL SAINTS WILL HAVE A PARISH MEETING ON SUNDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DURING COFFEE HOUR.**

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. A financial update, as well as property and committee updates will be presented. Where do you see yourself with the church in 3 years? What can we all do as a congregation to help ensure that All Saints has a thriving future? We hope you can attend this meeting to take part in these discussions.



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## PRAYER FOR THE CLASS OF 2025

Heavenly Father,

Surround those who are graduating with your grace. Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts. Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education for the good of all mankind. Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties. As they commence with their lives, may they grow even more grateful and wise.

*Amen.*

Prayer from Guidepost.org





**CONGRATULATIONS,  
GRADUATES!**

**DANTE AULT**

High School Diploma  
Commonwealth Charter Academy  
Nephew of Cheryl Ann Ault & Bonnie Ault

**MATTHEW CONFER**

High School Diploma  
Jim Thorpe High School  
Grandson of Roberta Thompson

**TAYLOR FAIRCHILD**

Bachelor's in Ocean Engineering  
University of Rhode Island  
Grandson of Ginny Fairchild



**LEILA RHODES**

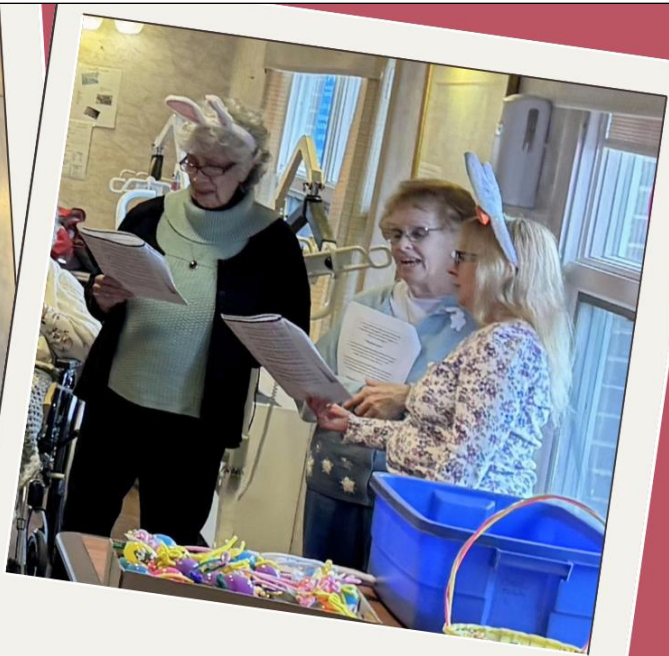
High School Diploma  
Souderton High School  
Granddaughter of Sue & Peter Stidham

**ALORA SERFASS**

Bachelor's in Special/Elementary Ed  
(Pre-K - 4<sup>th</sup> Grades)  
Summa Cum Laude  
Kutztown University  
Granddaughter of Milton & Darlene Serfass

**SADIE STRACK**

High School Diploma  
Jim Thorpe High School  
Granddaughter of Charlie & Dorothy Corrado



*On April 11, some of our congregation members visited The Summit Nursing Home in Lehighton.*

*They sang songs and hymns, and residents were given flowers that kids had planted during our Spring Basket Raffle & Bake Sale.*



# ALL SAINTS NEWS

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone for all of their help with our Spring Basket Raffle & Bake Sale that happened on April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

Our event made a profit of \$6, 230.25!

We could not have done this without the help of all who donated gift baskets, gift cards, money, food, baked goods, and especially their time!



Our Fall Basket Raffle & Bake Sale will be held in November.

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE:

The Outreach Committee will be collecting items from now until Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> for Care Net of Carbon County.

The Committee is asking for donations of baby diapers (preferably sizes 3,4,5) and/or baby wipes to help expectant mothers. You can bring your donation to church and place it by the baptismal font.

Baby bottles are also located in the back of the church. You may take one home and fill it with loose change, or any cash donation. All proceeds will be given to Care Net of Carbon County.

Please bring your donations to church by Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact Dorothy Corrado at [decrc52@gmail.com](mailto:decrc52@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

For more information on Care Net, please visit <https://carenetcarbon.org/>.



**ST. MARK'S & ST. JOHN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**FREE COMMUNITY DINNERS**



**MAY 18TH**

**PICNIC STYLE**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR FREE  
COMMUNITY DINNERS HELD AT  
ST. MARK'S & ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
21 RACE STREET, JIM THORPE**

**DINNERS ARE SERVED IN THE GREAT HALL FROM  
4PM - 6PM**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER  
PLEASE CALL: 570-325-2241 OR EMAIL:  
MARKJHN1@PTD.NET**

**EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**



*Welcomes You*

# VESTRY UPDATE

## Monthly Summary – March 2025

Total income for the month was \$7,195.62 of which \$3,685.00 was pledge income and \$736.19 from Barrington Fund. Expenses for the month totaled \$13,092.12 leaving a deficit for the month of \$5,896.50. The Building Fund Income for the month totaled \$160.00 and Debit Reduction donations were \$170.00.

This month's additional expenses included:

- Furnace                      \$1,813.00      *Sheehan Plumbing*
- Property Insurance      \$2,381.25

## Accounts Summary:

Checking Act	\$3,440.72
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>\$3,440.72</b>

## Year to Date Summary:

Total income year to date was \$29,644.68 with total expenses of \$30,797.00 leaving a **deficit** for the year of \$1,152.32.

March	Budget 2025	Pledged 2025	Pledges 2024
Rcvd YTD	\$11,957.00	\$11,957.00	\$11,957.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,600.00</b>	<b>\$10,097.00</b>	<b>\$12,658.00</b>
<b>Diff</b>	<b>(\$643.00)</b>	<b>\$1,860.00</b>	<b>(\$701.00)</b>

2024 total pledges: 22 members for a total of \$41,588.00

2025 total pledges: 21 members for a total of \$40,388.00

Your Brother in Christ,

*Mike Bronka*, Treasurer

## Vestry Highlights:

Parish Admin will print out quarterly pledge statements beginning after Easter.

Treasurer would like to have quarterly finance meetings after coffee hour.

Convocation Meeting for South Carbon County will be held on May 28 at All Saints Church at 2pm.

\$100 was collected by congregation for the JT Fire victims. Check will be mailed to the family.

The May/June Vestry Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

# DIOCESE REUNIFICATION APRIL 2025 UPDATE

On January 1, 2026, the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and the Diocese of Bethlehem will [reunify](#) to become the Diocese of the Susquehanna. As we approach this milestone, leaders from both dioceses are working diligently to plan how our ministries will merge and evolve to meet the needs of our new diocese. The [Transition Leadership Committee](#) meets monthly to review progress on our path to reunification.

Several working groups have been tasked with planning the future of specific administrative and ministry areas within the Diocese of the Susquehanna. These include:

- Branding and Shield
- Clergy Life and Ministry
- Constitution and Canons
- Diocesan Offices
- Finance
- Legal Process
- Ministry of the Episcopate and Staffing
- Mission Granting Process
- Ordination
- Social Justice
- Title IV

Each month, we will share highlights from a few of these working groups as they plan for our life together as the Diocese of the Susquehanna.

## **Constitution and Canons**

The Constitution and Canons is a document which contains the rules and regulations pertaining to the governance of the church. The Episcopal Church has a Constitution and Canons that applies to all within it, and each diocese also has a Constitution and Canons which provides additional, specific regulations for this portion of our church.

The Constitution and Canons working group is reviewing the Constitution and Canons from the dioceses of [Bethlehem](#) and [Central Pennsylvania](#), and proposing a new document to guide our life together in the Diocese of the Susquehanna. Some other working groups are collaborating with this team to draft sections relevant to their area of ministry. The Ordination working group has completed a draft of the Commission on Ministry portion, which will guide the process through which new deacons and priests are ordained in our diocese. The Title IV working group is also hard at work drafting how the clergy discipline process will be structured. [Title IV](#) refers to the portion of The Episcopal Church Canons that outlines steps for accountability, reconciliation, and pastoral response when a clergy person is accused of misconduct. The Title IV working group is deciding how to combine the disciplinary boards of both dioceses, and has proposed a model with intake officers assigned to each region of the Diocese of the Susquehanna – a new element for the Diocese of Bethlehem.

## **Branding and Shield**

The Branding and Shield working group is developing a new visual identity for the Diocese of the Susquehanna. This project includes creating a new logo, bishop's shield, and an official font and color scheme that represent our new diocese. The working group is currently in the brainstorming phase, and will soon begin work with a graphic designer to bring this vision to life. To share your thoughts with the working group, please fill out [this survey](#). The unveiling of the new visual identity will take place at the annual Diocesan Convention this October.

## **Clergy Life and Ministry**

One of the primary tasks of the Clergy Life and Ministry working group is to create a new clergy manual for the Diocese of the Susquehanna. Clergy manuals outline expectations and provide information on several aspects of ordained ministry including: clergy participation in diocesan life; guidelines for sacramental rites such as weddings, funerals, and baptisms; and financial responsibilities, such as the completion of annual parochial reports, church audits, and the use of discretionary funds. This working group is integrating policies and practices from the Diocese of Bethlehem and the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania to create a comprehensive clergy manual for the Diocese of the Susquehanna.

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**Deadline for June Newsletter:**

**May 26<sup>th</sup>**

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contact the office!**

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