

# *Saints Alive!*

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## **Saints Alive! - November 2017**

*The Rev. Virginia "Gini" DiStanislao, Priest in Charge*

*"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with all of you"*  
*2 Thessalonians 3:16*

I have never been very good about saying good-bye. I prefer to say, "see you later" as a way of holding on to hope of a future encounter. As a child, whenever we parted from a family member we always said "Good-bye, I love you" making sure to express our love before parting.

Saying good-bye correctly is very important for proper closure especially when a specific relationship is coming to an end. There is a time for grieving and a time for celebrating. You have helped Phil and me do both in a healthy way. Thank you for the many ways you have expressed your gratitude and appreciation for our time together. Your gracious gestures have touched us deeply.

They say that time flies when you are having fun. These past nine years have flown by for me. As I reflect on the years they were packed full. There were joyous and sad times, good and bad, but overall some of the best in my life and I thank you for that.

Going forward, I pray that you will continue to grow in your knowledge and love of God. I hope that you will continue to gather together as a family and support one another. You are in the best possible position for calling a new rector. Please embrace the process and trust that God will send the right person to serve you. Your support and service to the church is as important now as ever.

November 5<sup>th</sup> will be our last Sunday in Kenbridge. This is the annual All Saints' Youth Service. I cannot think of a better way to see the future than through the wonderful youth in our church. We will be able to leave in peace knowing that you are in good hands.

Good-bye, I love you. Gini+

### ***November - Worship Assistants Schedule***

<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Godly Play</u>
11/5 Vyta & Peter	Wiyot & Emma	All Saints Srvc-Nikki
11/12 Steve & Nikki	Emily & Jackson	Vicky
11/19 Eileen & Kathleen	Kyle	Mary Lou
11/26 Vyta & Sallie Ann	Ann Turner & Bobby	Sallie Manson

\*If you cannot serve on the day assigned, please secure a substitute to cover.

### **Sunday Schedule**

9:30 AM Second Sunday  
Forum  
10:30 AM Godly Play &  
Church School  
10:30 AM Worship – Holy  
Eucharist  
Refreshments and fellowship  
following the service



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**Vestry and Staff**  
Sallie Ann Buchanan, Sr  
Warden  
Jim Duffy, Jr Warden  
Nikki Amos, Registrar  
Mary Lou Daniel  
Mike Prather  
John Stugart  
Steve Israel  
Janice Puleo

*Treasurer:* Margie Nevins  
*Music Director:* Eileen Duffy  
*Pianist:* Cristyl Word

### ***Reception Honoring Gini and Phil – November 5<sup>th</sup>***

Bagley Reid is hosting a reception at his home (13551 Plank Road) this Sunday to honor Gini and Phil. Everyone is invited to enjoy the fellowship immediately after the church service!

His home is located about 1.5 miles from church (after passing the water filtration plant on the right).

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### ***Godly Play – Assistance Needed for this Important Ministry!***

Nikki is asking for volunteers to help **co-facilitate** the children's Sunday School program. Happily the number of children attending Godly Play is rising and the current teachers could really use some help. A co-facilitator would not be the "teacher"; they would be the second set of hands to help keep activities organized. If you can help with this, please let Nikki know and she will pair you up with a teacher.

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### ***New Church Alcohol Policy***

Please see the enclosed Alcohol Policy adopted by the vestry on June 25, 2017. This policy now conforms to the Diocesan policy and that of The Episcopal Church adopted by General Convention. Our church must model to others and to our youth appropriate behavior and guidelines for the consumption of alcohol. The church should be a safe haven for those suffering from addiction. Please note that whenever alcohol is served anywhere on the premises, approval must be obtained from the priest or the vestry. If alcohol is served an adult who is not consuming alcohol is to be appointed to oversee the serving of beverages. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please see a member of the vestry or Gini.

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### ***Operation Christmas Child – November 19<sup>th</sup>***

Please join us on November 19<sup>th</sup> to stock boxes for The Operation Christmas Child project that ships gift packages to children all over the world. Operation Christmas Child has reached nearly 70 million children in over 140 countries – that's about three-quarters of all the countries in the world and this year we will be helping too! Donated gifts and/or money for shipping are greatly appreciated.

Suggestion Items:

**TOYS:** Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**NON-LIQUID HYGIENE PRODUCTS:** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

**ACCESSORIES:** t-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights, (with extra batteries), etc.

**A PERSONAL NOTE:** You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

**Please DO NOT INCLUDE:** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

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### ***Pledge Cards Due!***

By now everyone should have received pledge cards. Please be sure to complete yours and submit to Margie by Nov. 5 for the new budget process!

If you have any questions, please see Steve A. or Margie.

### *ECW – Upcoming Events*

The annual ECW stew will be held on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The price will be \$7/quart. Contact Vicky Hall to place your orders.

The ECW Christmas party will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at the home of Sallie Ann Buchanan.

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### *Prayer List*

- Please keep the following parishioners and friends in your daily prayers for healing in mind, body or spirit:

Alice	Paul	Neil
Teresa	Billy	Erin
Amandalynn	Tom	Charlie
Grace	Harry Lee	Carol
Janice	Merrill	Shelli
Joe	Larry	Kalina
Alicia	Jerry	Doris
Bobby	David	Lou
Tyler	Jimmy	Randy
Paul	Isaiah	Tiffnie
Anthony	Tyler	Mark
Margaret	Barry	Gayle
Joan	Jim	Reggie
Beneatha	Ed	Jay
Hunter	Shirley	Karen
Hailey	Linda	
Betty	Libby	
Anna	John	

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you would like for someone to be on the list, please fill out a prayer request card found in the pews. All names currently on the list will be removed and only those with a prayer request card will remain on for the time designated on the card. Thank you for your help and input with this new process.

We commit to God’s gracious care and keeping all the men and women of the armed forces at home and abroad, especially Joe, Aaron, Rodger, and Jody. We pray that their courage and sacrifice may bring lasting peace wherever they may serve.

### *Communication*

Facebook Link:  Find us on Facebook

Website: <http://www.stpaulandstandrew.com/>

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### **MISSION STATEMENT of The Episcopal Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew**

It is the mission of the Parish to be present in our community as living examples of Christ's love; to be good stewards of God's creation, to seek out the needy, and to bring others to know Christ.