

Saints Alive!

The Episcopal Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew

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Saints Alive! - February 2017

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

For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:9-11

At our Annual Meeting we discussed our plans for the upcoming 100th Anniversary year. Sallie Ann noted that the plans for our celebration year actually began many years ago as we have prepared our building and grounds for these events. More than that, we have repaired and fixed many needed areas over the past few years so that our church building will be around good for use in the next 100 years.

Some of the things that have been done – The under crawl space was cleared and stabilized. A new roof has been put on the church. Extensive brick pointing was done to repair the old mortar. The Memorial Garden has been laid out and the Ash Garden plans are well under way. New curtain panels were put behind the altar and the brass items are ready to be sent away for repair and cleaning. A lot has been done to maintain the beauty of this wonderful church building.

I wonder if the gentlemen who hauled the bricks by a mule drawn cart from the "Old St. John's" church, north of Victoria in early 1917 could have imagined the beauty of this church and grounds today. When the cornerstone was laid on May 14, 1917 there were seventeen confirmed members of the church, including the Rev. and Mrs. Young. Bishop Tucker then confirmed twelve additional members bringing the total of the first congregation to twenty-nine. These first parishioners have given us a great church. May we continue to be good stewards of this property for future generations to have a place to worship and to know God through his son, our foundation, Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your continued support that allows us to do the work that we are called to do here.

Blessings, Gini+

February - Worship Assistants Schedule

Lay Readers

Acolytes

2/5 Larry & Tucker	Emma & Jackson
2/12 Vyta & Luke	Jakob & Emily
2/19 Peter & Eileen	Jeb & Ann Turner
2/26 Nikki	Jackson & Emma

*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



Rev. Gini DiStanislao

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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

February - Godly Play Schedule

2/5 – Sallie Manson

2/12 – Nikki Amos

2/19 - Vicky Hall

2/26 - Nellie Smyth

Annual Council – Williamsburg – Feb. 10 – 11

Please keep our diocese, delegates and church in your prayers during this time. We give thanks to Jim Duffy, our delegate, for his time given to serve us in this way. We also thank Jim and Eileen who will be singing during the opening worship of the 125th Anniversary service.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes are underway for Bishop Hollerith's visit on May 21st. If you are interested in learning more about our church or becoming a member, it is not too late to join us. Please see Gini+ for more information.



Valentine's Dinner, Sat., Feb. 18th

Plans are underway for this special event! More information will follow but mark your calendars to attend this fun-filled dinner with your special sweetheart or friend or neighbor! The atmosphere and the meal have always been quite enjoyable!



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Tues., Feb. 28th - 5:00 pm

Please join us for our famous pancakes prior to beginning our fasts on Ash Wednesday. Please invite your neighbors, family and friends to join us! Proceeds from this supper to outreach in our community.

Planning Ahead! – Soup and Study Program

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. Each Wednesday during Lent we will have our Soup and Study program. Please see Vicky to sign up to bring soup or dessert. Our program will be based on Adam Hamilton's study of the Gospel of John. Your participation and input makes it a better program for everyone! Please join us.

Outreach

Our new outreach project will do well in helping those in need from a catastrophe. Our hope is to collect items such as toiletries, towels, socks or anything you might find that would help those who have had their house destroyed or condemned by natural disasters or other misfortunes. Of course we will continue to collect food items for the Food Pantry and items for Madeline's House, which provides comprehensive services for individuals and families experiencing domestic and sexual abuse. There will be a list of needs for Madeline's House in the parish hall.

We will host and provide the main meal for the Free Community Supper on March 31st. The menu has not been decided but we will let everyone know when the time comes for help with preparing the meal and helping out that night. When we do the meals it seems that everyone in the kitchen always has a good time feeding the crowd and making to-go deliveries to those who can't attend. Another nice addition to our meals is being able to enjoy nice music through our new sound system elevating everyone's spirits. Please do come and enjoy the meal with the community.

Vestry Update

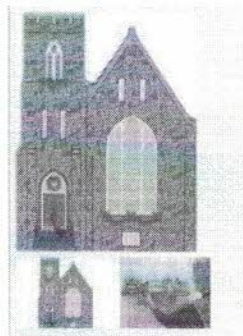
We thank Sallie Ann Buchanan, Jim Duffy, Nikki Amos and Margie Nevins who will be serving this year as our Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Registrar and Treasurer. We are in good hands for the coming year with this group and our vestry leading the way.

Centennial Information Needed

There's a lot of "busy-ness" in the parish hall after services as different groups gather to plan for various parts of our centennial celebration.

Church Picture and History (wooden block display) – Margaret asks that anyone interested in purchasing one of these displays should get in touch with her, Burt or Susan Mackenzie. The order needs to be placed as soon as possible.

The price is \$12.00. If you would like to see an example, get in touch with Margaret at work (696-3252) or at home (676-8746).



The example shown here is a church in the Shenandoah Valley. This is roughly 4.5" by 6". Notice on the bottom right picture the display of various items on a shelf to get an idea of the size. They are perfect for a book shelf, mantle or table. The picture is on wood (approx. 3/4 to 1 inch thick) and a brief church history will be printed on the back.

Centennial Afghan – Please let Margaret or Susan Mackenzie know if you are interested in purchasing an afghan. There is a minimum number of 25 needed to order them.

Invitation Information Needed – Please contact Sid Smyth or Susan Mackenzie if you have names/addresses of people you think would like an invitation to the Centennial service on May 21. Susan's home #: 676-2627.

Prayer List

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

Alice	Beneatha	Jimmy
Teresa	Hunter	Isaiah
Amandalynn	Hailey	Tyler
Grace	Betty	Barry
Janice	Anna	Jim
Joe	Paul	Ed
Alicia	Don	Shirley
Buck	Billy	Ginny
Bobby	Tom	Linda
Tyler	Harry Lee	Libby
Paul	Merrill	John
Anthony	Larry	Neil
Margaret	Jerry	Lou
Joan	David	

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.