

All Saints' Episcopal Church

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Dear Fellow Parishioners:

Holiday and Stewardship Season Greetings to you all. We pray that this letter finds you safe, secure, and warm.

Our collective spirits are soaring once again not only because All Saints' continues to provide us with a strong foundation for our faith, but also because of the abundant blessings and unique possibilities that are in our future.

Three years ago, your Wardens wrote to you at this exact time of year not only with positive news of an All Saints' balanced budget, but with the promise of an expansion of our accomplishments as a parish, both internal and throughout the community. Rose and I write to you today confirming that we have all delivered on that promise. Our work together, however, is just beginning.

As you know, we substantially increased our outreach budget six years ago and have increased our presence in the surrounding community ever since. All Saints' continues to support and participate in multiple ministries, including: Habitat for Humanity, Loaves and Fish, Christmas Angels, Deacon Ann's Bedford Prison Ministry, and the Sleepy Hollow/Tarrytown Food Pantry.

We have seen and read heartfelt testimonials in the last two weeks from parishioners Ken Halajian and Jim Relyea commenting on why they support All Saints' financially, and what this parish means to them and their families. You will hear from additional parishioners in the coming weeks on these same issues.

Although it is true that we are collectively sad that Mother Yejide will be leading St. Chad's and St. Alkmund's in Shrewsbury while we continue our own spiritual journey here in Westchester County, it is also true that God has blessed her with the professional, spiritual, and personal opportunities that await her. We have done incredible things together as a parish in the last number of years, but we have also now reached an important moment in our life in Christ together. We are asking you to contemplate and pray on what being a part of the All Saints' community means in your life. We thank you for all of your past and future gifts as we chart new paths of ministry and outreach in our community.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Cavanaugh, Warden Rose Anderson, Warden