

The Blessing of Saints Hall

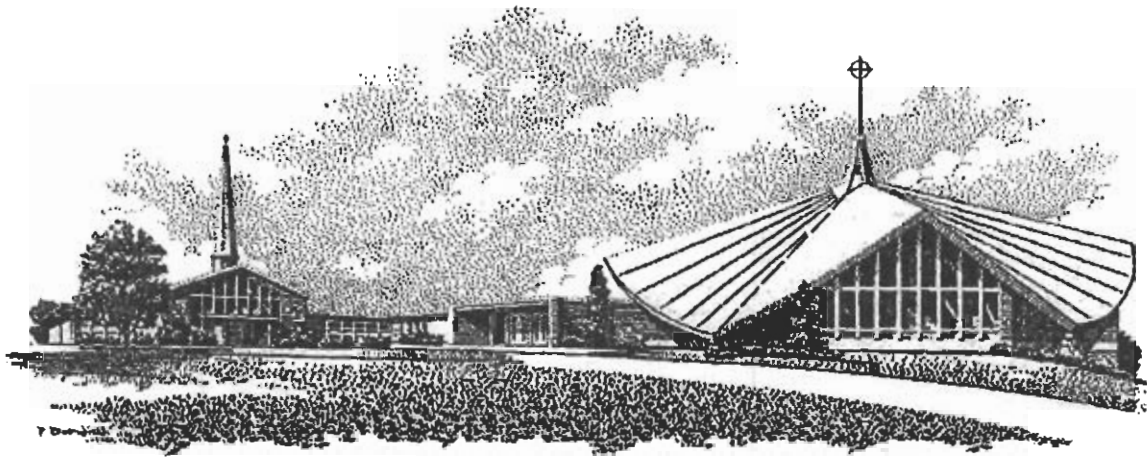
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St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

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Annual Dinner
and
Blessing of Saints Hall

Friday the twenty-sixth of January
at half after six in the evening

Child care will be available

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ST. MATTHEW'S ANNUAL DINNER
AND THE BLESSING OF SAINTS HALL

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Welcome!

One of our talented parishioners, Bob Clark, will be playing the piano between 6:30 and 7:00. We hope you enjoy this as social time, seeing friends, perhaps relaxing with a glass of wine (wine is on each table). Please be seated at your table by 7:00 p.m. Seating is open; tables are not reserved.

6:30 Gathering

7:00 Prayer for *Building the Spirit*

Gracious God, giver of life, of all that we have and all that we are, build the spirit of St. Matthew's and guide us in our effort to grow as a caring, welcoming community, that we may ever more fully reach out as Christ's hands to the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Introduction of Bishop Gulick and Blessing of Saints Hall

7:15 Dinner

Please help yourselves. Salad, main course, and coffee are in three different areas - go in any order you like!

8:15 Program

- ✦ Remarks from the Rector and Senior Warden
- ✦ Goodbye and thanks to retiring Vestry members
- ✦ Introduction of special guests, including our "mystery guest"
- ✦ Announcement of the 2006 "Unsung Hero"

8:40 Dessert and coffee (or seconds!)

We hope you will stay as long as you like! However, parents who have children or in child care are asked to get them no later than 9:00 p.m.

The Blessing of Saints Hall

Bishop Gulick We have come together to celebrate the gift of this place
and to ask God's blessing on it;
to renew friendship and to make festival together;
to dedicate ourselves and this place
to the pursuit of peace, justice and wholeness
and to the care of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

Bishop Gulick Unless the Lord builds the house
ALL They labor in vain who build it.
Unless the Lord protects the city
The Watchers guard it in vain.
Our hope is found in Jesus Christ
God's stumbling block and corner stone.

Let us now bless this place in the name of God and with our love and prayers.
Silence is kept while we offer our own prayers.

Bishop Gulick May God give blessing
ALL **To this place and all who come here.**
May all who come here give blessing
to this place and all who come here.
Both man and woman
Both parent and child.
Both young and old
Both wisdom and youth.
Both guest and host
Both stranger and friend.

Peace on each window that lets in light
Peace on each corner of the room.
Peace of the Father, Peace of the Son
Peace of the Spirit, Peace of the One.

Concluding Prayer and Blessing

Bishop Gulick Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.
ALL **Stay with us, for the day is ending.**
Be with friend, with stranger,
With neighbor and the well known ones.
ALL **For the doors of this place we open,**
and the doors of our hearts we leave ajar.

Bishop Gulick will give a final blessing and grace.

(Prayers from the Iona Community)