

Two of our former rectors died in the year 1965, the Rev. William F. Bassill died in Savannah Beach, Georgia after serving churches in the Diocese of Georgia. A memorial service was held here and a plaque was placed on the wall of the Parish House "in memory of his devoted work and leadership in having made the erection of the Parish House possible".

The Rev. George A. Ernst, rector here from 1952 to 1962, died in Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia. One of the new rooms in the Educational Wing of the Parish House was named in his honor, — his devoted work and leadership having made the erection of this addition to the Parish House possible.

In Lent 1965, a panel discussion of "The Present Ecumenical Situation" was held. Guest panelists were the Rev. Dr. George Hunt, Secretary of the Consultation for Church Union, and the Rev. Fr. Francis Cassidy, Professor of Theology, Seton Hall University. Fr. Hand joined in the panel discussion, and there were questions from the floor afterwards. The following week, Dr. Hunt, pastor of Fanwood Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Fr. Francis J. Nead, Chairman of the Dept. of Theology, Seton Hall University, joined our rector in discussing "The Meaning of Authority in Christendom". The last one of the panel discussions was on "The Church and Society" (Holy Matrimony, Family Living, and other social concerns). Fr. Nead, Fr. Hand and the Rev. Willard A. Bicket, minister of the United Church of Christ, discussed this subject with many questions from the floor.

The Rev. Chester C. Hand, Jr. resigned in October, 1965. The late Rev. Canon Edward W. Tucker conducted the services for us until the Rev. Joseph T. Hammond accepted our Call, and came to us from St. Paul's Church, Camden, N.J. Fr. Hammond, his wife Elouise, and their children Melinda and Joe, arrived on January 15, 1966.

During Lent, 1967, the Rev. Mother Virginia, Mother Superior of All Saints' Convent, Cantonsville, Maryland, conducted a Quiet Day in our parish.

In the year 1966, All Saints' Church adopted the Rev. George H. Lewis and his parish Church of St. James the Apostle, Layou, St. Vincent, in the British West Indies. The monies our parish sent to them made possible a badly needed new roof for the church, and the purchasing of much needed food and medical supplies. It was through Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Gracely that our church family learned of the great need of this American priest and his parish in the Windward Isles. The Gracelys had visited the Island of St. Vincent and seen for themselves the need for help. It was during this visit that Carl B. Gracely was motivated in his study for Holy Orders.

On our 95th Anniversary, November 1, 1967, we had as our guest, the Rev. Canon George H. Lewis. Who of those present, will ever forget this priest in his white robes, his touching gratitude for what the people of All Saints' had made possible for his parish church and its parishioners. He showed us slides of St. James the Apostle, its beautiful Black Christ statue, and his parishioners. We even saw a picture of the church's new roof!

A stained glass window was installed on the north wall of the church in 1966. It is a memorial gift from Mr. George Chambers in memory of his wife Flora, long a devoted member of the Altar Guild. Assassinations of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, April 4, 1968 and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, June 5, 1968 All Saints celebrated the Holy Eucharist in memory of these great Americans.

All Saints' had its first assistant priest in 1968, when the Rev. Wiley Merryman came weekends to assist our rector with the youth work. He did much to organize our young people, and took them on interesting trips. On one Saturday they attended Evensong at the General Theological Seminary and then went to the Duke Ellington Concert at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

During this same year there was another "first" in our history, when Carl B. Gracely, Lay Reader, received permission from Bishop Banyard to administer the Chalice at the Holy Eucharist.

Five of our Acolytes were admitted to the Guild of St. Peter and St. John in 1968. This guild is for acolytes who have reached the age of 14.

There was a vestry action passed in 1968 which granted payment of \$50.00 per month, renewable each year, to the widow of a former rector, the Rev. George A. Ernst, of our parish. Counterpart funds are being provided by the Diocese of New Jersey.

A beautiful Chalice and Paten was used for the first time on All Saints' Day, 1968. A memorial to Mr. Howard Morecraft, and blessed by Bishop Banyard in his private Chapel, it was presented to the church by Howard's family and friends.