

During the 1970's Lay Readers Richard Brugger and John Shelton assisted our clergymen at the services.

An important "first" in the life of All Saints' Church was its' Lenten Parish Mission, conducted by Brother William Sibley of the Order of the Holy Cross, from March 21 through March 26, 1971. Sister Columba of the Order of St. Helena, assisted Br. William evenings, and instructed our children each afternoon. The theme of the Mission was — "The Church: Revolution and Renewal". The Mission ended with a celebration of the Holy Communion, using Rite 3 of the new Trial Liturgy, an uplifting experience as those present dedicated their efforts to be a servant church and a thankful community of Believers.

A "Festival of Sacred Music" was presented by our organist and choir on March 28, 1971. Besides the lovely selections sung by the choir, — Choir Director and Organist John Buzby treated us with four organ solos.

On May 19, 1971, three members of All Saints' Choir were honored for serving for 15 years in the same choir, and were the first from our parish to be admitted to St. Dunstan's Choir Guild. The recipients of this honor were Mrs. George Hahm, Sr., Mrs. William Schubert, and the Rev. Carl B. Gracely.

In October, 1971, the 8th and 9th grade classes of the Church School, through the Christian Children's Fund, adopted Paula, a 12 year old Bolivian girl, and asked parish support in collecting aluminum, glass and newspapers for recycling. The money raised from the sale of these products would go to help Paula, and also our environment! The response was heartwarming. We, as a parish family, are proud of the Christian work our 8th and 9th graders are doing to help Paula.

Herbert Wilkinson Buckley, baptised and confirmed in All Saints' and once an Acolyte and Chorister here, was ordained to the Order of Deacons on December 21, 1971 by the Bishop of Montana in the Cathedral in Helena, Montana.

The Centennial Committee was organized by Father Neilson in January, 1972, to prepare for the celebration of All Saints' 100 years of parish life in 1973. Joseph Guty and Richard M. Lea were appointed Co-chairman. Mr. Henry C. Hoffmann is the Financial Chairman of the Committee.

History was made in our parish at the Annual Meeting, January 24, 1972, when two of our women, Mrs. Kingsland Oakes and Mrs. John Rowland, were elected to serve on the Vestry.

In February, 1972, there was an urgent appeal for good, warm clothing and blankets to be sent to the Indian Mission at Fort Thompson, South Dakota. All Saints' parishioners brought in enough warm articles to fill five barrels and ten cartons, plus a contribution of "uncalled-for clothing" from a dry cleaning establishment, kindly provided by the proprietor when he heard of our clothing drive for the Indians. All of this was taken in a Jeep to the McGuire Air Force Base by two of our senior citizens, where Colonel James E. Young of the New Jersey National Guard, flew it directly to the Indian Mission. The plane was met by the Rt. Rev. Walter H. Jones, Bishop of South Dakota, who personally received the shipment. Bishop Jones is an Indian.

During Lent, 1972, programs were held to broaden our interest and knowledge in certain areas of religious concern which differed from our own. Brother Mark, S. S. F., presented a program on the Franciscan Order in the Episcopal Church, Mr. Raymond Baughan presented a program on Unitarianism, Mr. Reed Benson discussed the beliefs of the Mormons, or "Church of the Latter Day Saints", and Fr. Kalellis talked on the Greek Orthodox religion.

In February, 1972, the Rt. Rev. Alfred L. Banyard made a Visitation to All Saints' Church, and confirmed 18 young people.

An Episcopal Churchwomen's District Quiet Day was held in the church on May 23, 1972. The Rev. John Morrow of St. Luke's Church, Gladstone, was the conductor.

During Spring, 1972, the Centennial Committee decided to select as its "Outside Church" project for the Centennial year, the Migrant Ministry. Both Bishop Banyard and Canon Hall have endorsed this as a worth-while project. As the "Inside Church" project, the Committee decided on a free standing Altar as an ultimate goal. This would be a gift to the church and a lasting memorial for its centennial year.

All Saints' 12th Annual Antique Show and Sale was held in the Parish House on October 12, 13 and 14. Mrs. Charles Whedon and Mrs. Warren Ricker were Co-Chairmen, and many parishioners assisted in the work.