

On November 1, 1972, a Thanksgiving service was held in the church at which Fr. Luis Arcacha was guest preacher. It was followed by the Centennial Kick-Off Parish Supper, at which Fr. Arcacha spoke to us about the Migrant Ministry work.

On November 12, 1972, Mr. John Buzby, Organist and Choir Director, presented an excellent Organ Recital as part of All Saints' 100th Anniversary celebration.

A special service of "Admission of New Acolytes" took place on February 25, 1973. Those admitted as Acolytes were: Philip Doldouras, Robert Hickman, John Peterson, Amy Rowland and Chuck Whedon. The Rowland sisters are the first girls to serve as acolytes in our parish.

During this year of 1973, we are taking an active part in the Key '73 Program by distribution of free scripture to homes in our townships, by holding morning and evening Bible Classes. A correspondence course has also been made available to those who wish to study their Bible at home. All Saints' Church is also supporting the organizing of the CONTACT Teleministry program in this area by Christian churches who are interested. Several meetings have been held, and All Saints' is being represented at them.

On Good Friday, April 20, 1973, the Rev. Bonnell Spencer of the Order of the Holy Cross, was guest preacher at the Passion Service in All Saints' Church.

A beautiful "Festival of Lights" service was held in the church on March 4, 1973 in which our young people took part.

The Rt. Rev. Albert W. Van Duzer, Bishop Coadjutor of New Jersey, made a Visitation to All Saints' on May 2, 1973. Bishop Van Duzer confirmed 18 young people, 5 adults, and received 2 adults.

As a Thanksgiving for All Saints' 100 Years, there was a Sung Evensong in the church on June 3, 1973, followed by a "Music Festival" presented by Mr. John Buzby, Organist, and the All Saints' Choir. Mrs. James Grimstead, soprano, was the soloist.

On June 18, 1973, the Altar Guild presented a gift to Mrs. William Brixius, in appreciation of her 10 years of faithful service as Altar Guild Directress.

On June 10, 1973, Father Luis Arcacha of the Diocesan Migrant Program was our guest preacher. He brought with him, two of the migrant families. Several cartons of children's books and clothing, and sports equipment, were ready for him to take back to the migrants. A few days after Fr. Arcacha's visit, an initial contribution of \$500 from the Centennial Fund, was approved by the Centennial Committee, and a check sent to the Rev. Canon Joseph H. Hall, III.

On Thursday, August 2, 1973, torrential rains came, — and came! Over seven inches fell between 7:30 a. m. and noon, causing the most devastating flood in central New Jersey's history! The field behind the church rapidly filled with water, and this cascaded down into the door-well at the back of the Educational Building and smashed the door at the bottom. Water filled the basement to a depth of at least 8 feet. There was considerable damage to classrooms, furnishings, walls, windows and stored materials.

A kind neighbor brought over his pumping equipment and pumped out the water. On Saturday, about 40 parishioners (men, women, teenagers and children) came to help in the extensive clean-up job.

Space does not permit naming all those in our church family, past and present, who have given so much of themselves, their time, talent and treasure, to carry on God's work here. It is hoped that all who read this historical sketch will understand in case names have been omitted that should have been included.

#### "AND EVER SHALL BE"

The value of history lies in the perspective it gives to us, and may it inspire us all to take up the problems of the present, and work and pray for the future.

All Saints' Church, Scotch Plains, was built of stone when many churches were being built of wood, as though in its very building God willed that this House stand for all time, if the men, women and children worshipping in it, would follow His Commandments and do His work, — carrying His message out into the world.

Respectfully submitted,

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