



All Saints' Episcopal Church | 40 Central Avenue | Glen Rock, NJ 07452

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Dear All Saints' community and friends,

Thank you to all who have been so supportive and understanding as we have navigated the ever-changing landscape since our Preschool closed in March.

As you may know, Governor Murphy recently issued reopening guidelines for childcare programs and preschools as we enter the next stage of the COVID-19 pandemic. Here at All Saints', we have reviewed these guidelines carefully. Additionally, we have gleaned further information from regular consultations with other Episcopal parishes with childcare and preschool ministries.

After careful consideration, prayer, and discernment, we have decided that we cannot reopen All Saints' Preschool in 2020. The COVID-19 state guidelines for daycares and preschools would require us to cut our enrollment and increase our staffing significantly. The resulting financial realities make our preschool program unfeasible at this time.

We've recently assembled a team to look at options for the future that will again best serve our community. We promise to keep you informed of our progress.

All Saints' Preschool has been a part of our parish and our borough for more than 30 years. So many of our children have grown and flourished here. So many of our church members began as All Saints' Preschool families. And the sound of children's voices has rung throughout our churchyard and our historic chapel building for many happy years. It saddens us that, at least for now, we cannot throw our doors open to welcome all of the children back.

Our teachers and staff have nurtured so many children over the years ~ and there are hundreds of Glen Rock young people who have them to thank for a great start in life. All of us at All Saints' thank them especially for their hard work and loving hearts.

We're so sorry to have to share this disappointing news with our community. Please continue to stay safe and remain resilient. There is much that we have all had to sacrifice in this pandemic and, doubtlessly, more sacrifices to come. But we remain strong in the belief that with God's help, All Saint's will survive these trials to thrive again in the days ahead.

Yours,

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