

Youths serve tea for Mother's Day

Youth group members at New All Saints, Liberty Heights, know what their moms want for Mother's Day - a little pampering. On May 13, the young people of New All Saints will hold their third annual Mother's Day Tea featuring a "Colors of the Rainbow" fashion show to honor the women who brought them into the world.

The traditional afternoon tea will start at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall, and it will be packed full of entertainment, dancing and great memories. The honored guests will relax in their seats as the men in suits and the ladies wearing white gloves bring around silver trays of delicious finger sandwiches, soothing tea and decadent desserts before watching models parade colorful, fashionable clothing down the runway.

"This has been a dream of one of the members (Tehra Williams) for a long time now," said Jacqueline Harding, youth advisor. "They are all so excited."

Ms. Harding said there will also be a hat vendor, a best hat contest and a Christian comedian. The youth dance ministry will entertain the expected crowd of some 200 people.

"This event is so important to the youth because they want to give back and be recognized," said Ms. Harding. "This is one activity that they can call their own."

The money raised from the tea will go to a charitable organization that the youths choose. Each member of the youth group is asked to sell 10 tickets, but the event has become such a success that the tickets are selling themselves. The people in the parish have been keeping an eye out for them, Ms. Harding said.

Tickets are \$20 a person, \$10 for children 6-12, \$15 for seniors and children under 5 are free.

The youths invite their mothers and grandmothers, parishioners and community members interested in attending the event. When Ms. Harding brought up the idea for the event three years ago she never dreamed the youths would become so involved. Each year they seem to add a few special touches of their own to the tea to

make it special, said Ms. Harding.

“It’s so wonderful,” said Ms. Harding. “It’s such a relaxing day.”