

The All Souls Message

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100 Years of Strong-Mindedness: A Bit of Family History

WHEN I FIRST CAME TO ALL SOULS, I THOUGHT I KNEW OUR BASIC HISTORY — until I found myself at a reception at St. Alban's Parish Church, making small talk with one of the parishioners

"All Souls is my favorite of the St. Alban's missions," he said. Mission? I was confused, so I said to him, "I'm curious; in what way were we ever a 'mission' of St. Alban's?" He looked at me as if I'd asked a very stupid question and said, "Well, All Souls was a mission — until it broke away. In fact, your parish shield is in the floor of St. Alban's, along with our other missions."

The very next day, I went to see our mosaic shield on the floor of St. Alban's. Soon thereafter, I started trying to sort out how All Souls had really begun.

To summarize, it seems that Dr. Sterrett (our founding rector) believed that he and Dr. Bratenahl (rector of St. Alban's and later dean of the Cathedral) both shared the view that All Souls Mission should one day be an independent congregation. But soon after Dr. Sterrett had begun meeting with a group in Woodley Park, Dr. Bratenahl left for another position. The vestry and new rector of St. Alban's did not share Dr. Sterrett's vision. Letters were exchanged. The Bishop was consulted, and the matter eventually went before the next Diocesan Convention. In 1913, both sides made their best case. A vote was taken, and All Souls became its own parish.

By 1917, All Souls described itself as having been founded as an independent mission and did not mention St. Alban's. This early claim of independence would continue to be an important aspect to All Souls' self-understanding. The 1929 history of St. Alban's Parish likewise gives short shrift to the unhappy parting of ways. It simply reports that "All Souls Mission, under the Rev. J. McBride [sic] Sterrett, grew very rapidly. Early in 1913 it was placed under the direct Diocesan authority of the

Bishop, and at the Diocesan Convention of 1913 it was made a separate parish."

I find it significant that our parish was born out of a struggle. That struggle required strong-mindedness and courage for All Souls to make its case in the midst of St. Alban's and the other missions of that parish: St. Columba's and St. George's born in 1875, St. David's in 1901, and St. Patrick's (also founded in 1911). Out of them all, All Souls seems to have been the "precocious child" — quick to assert its independence from the parent; opinionated, forthright, and devout.

Through the years, All Souls has lived out this independence in different ways. In its formative years, it was intellectual and pious. Later the congregation gathered around strong preaching and tended to take more conservative social positions. After the membership dwindled in the 1980s, the dedicated remnant began to open itself more to people of other races, other sexualities, and other family configurations. The parish also began to combine this openness with a more developed and formal liturgical style.

In Dr. Sterrett's first sermon after that momentous Diocesan Convention in 1913, he outlined his vision of a parish that was "neither a broad church nor a narrow church, neither a high church nor a low church, but a church of All Souls." Perhaps because his own background included time in both the Presbyterian and the Unitarian churches, Dr. Sterrett went out of his way to welcome people of different faith backgrounds and beliefs.

Our founding rector would probably be surprised with the ways in which we live into his vision for All Souls, but if he were to talk with us, to pray with us, and to hear some of our passion and faith, I think he'd be pleased with the way we continue to grow. ✦

John Beddingfield

All Souls Centennial Events
Featuring our Centennial Photo Exhibit



CELEBRATING
 ALL SOULS
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8
 THROUGH
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Ongoing
 through Easter 2012
 PICTURING ALL SOULS
 Photographs from the
 Parish Archives
 (currently on display in the
 administrative wing hallway)

Sunday, September 25
 SPEAKING UP FOR ALL SOULS

- Low Mass 8:30 a.m., sermon by the Rector
- High Mass 11 a.m., sermon by the Rt. Rev. Christopher Senyonjo, retired bishop of West Buganda, Uganda (*outspoken advocate for human rights in Uganda*)
- Reception and discussion forum in the undercroft follow the worship service.

Saturday, October 8
 ALL SOULS OPEN HOUSE
 Front yard and church
 Noon to 3 p.m.

- Featuring clowns, balloons, face-painting, food, tours of the stained glass windows at the church, and much more.
- Blessing of the Animals for St. Francis' Day, 3 p.m.

Sunday, October 9
 FATHER VAN DOOREN
 PREACHING

- Low Mass, 8:30 a.m.
 - High Mass, 11 a.m.
- At both services the sermon is by the Rev. John David van Dooren, rector of the Church of the Atonement, Chicago, IL (*sixth rector of All Souls*)

Saturday, October 15
 1911 PARISH DINNER

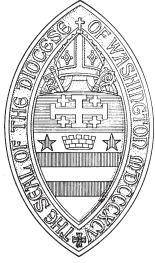
- Hors d'oeuvres, 6:30 p.m.; Dinner, 7 p.m.
- Featuring food from the turn of the century. Feel free to dress in period costume.

Sunday, October 16
 GUEST PREACHERS

- Low Mass, 8:30 a.m.; sermon by the rector
- High Mass 11 a.m.; sermon by the Rt. Rev. John Bryson Chane, eighth bishop of Washington
- Choral Evensong 4 p.m.; the Rev. Dr. Deborah Meister, rector of St. Alban's Parish, Washington, D.C.
- Afternoon Tea follows Evensong.

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DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

The Right Reverend John Bryson Chane
Bishop of Washington

October 2011

The Rev. John Beddingfield, rector
All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church
2300 Cathedral Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20008-1505

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the good people of All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church upon the occasion of your hundred anniversary as a parish. This is an extraordinary milestone and a blessing for us all to rejoice in and celebrate.

Early in your history, The Rev. Dr. James MacBride Sterrett proclaimed this new mission of St. Alban's Parish would "be neither a broad church nor a narrow church, neither a high church nor a low church, but a church of All Souls." Through the years, the laity and clergy have held fast to this vision of diversity and welcome. This bone-deep hospitality, this generosity of spirit remains alive and flourishing today and is what makes All Souls both a sanctuary and a thriving, warm community.

The All Souls community does not, however, simply open its doors and wait for the world to enter. No, yours is not a passive congregation, but one rich with a history of outreach and ministry both local and international. From your efforts on behalf of the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys to your homeless and housing initiatives in Washington, DC to your support of mission ventures in Jerusalem, South Africa and Central America, the people of All Souls act on Dr. Sterrett's initial vision by getting out and doing.

Thank you. Thanks to each person in the All Souls community for walking the path of radical hospitality in Jesus' name. You are true Disciples of Christ and you are beloved by God.

In Christ's Peace, Power, and Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Bryson Chane" with a small cross symbol to the left.

The Rt. Rev. John Bryson Chane, D.D.
Bishop of Washington

I actually don't intend to spend a lot of time in this article on the Centennial. I do want to offer profuse thanks the people who have invested a lot of time in getting ready for the Centennial events. I want to encourage all of you to attend those events. Mindful of the words of the writer of Hebrews—*"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."* (13:2),—please go out of your way to welcome people who visit during the Centennial (and see our second goal below).

It's wonderful to look back at where this church has gone in the past 100 years, but I'm very much in the mode of looking forward. At the Vestry Retreat in August, our Vestry decided to focus on four key goals over the next year:

Implement Accessibility Projects

Since I am writing well before the presentation from our architect on September 18, I can't speak to how that went; but we are intent on making as much progress toward accessibility as quickly as we can, while ensuring that we do this correctly and well. If we are truly going to be a church for All Souls, we have to be accessible: it's just that simple.

Evangelism

We'll focus on growing the congregation to include improving external communications. In a time when most mainline churches are losing members, we've been holding our own or, perhaps, growing a bit. All Souls has a lot to offer: we can grow.

Improve Christian Education

This includes, but isn't limited to, improving our Sunday School program.



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Hebrews 13:2

Establish a More Effective Governance Structure

While the recent Parish survey indicates that a lot of things are going well, sometimes the organization behind them isn't what it could be. Let me give you a simple example. At a Newcomers' event, a visitor who was interested in charitable outreach asked what we were doing in that arena. The best I could manage was, "Well so-in-so is doing this, and this other is doing that, and the Endowment supports a lot of things..." It wasn't exactly an answer that was going to engage someone in the life of All Souls. At the Vestry Retreat we grouped our ministries into seven areas headed by a Vestry member or with a Vestry member serving as a liaison the ministry leader:

- Worship (headed by the Rector)
- Building and Grounds
- Communications and Outreach
- Finance/Stewardship/Endowment
- Education and Christian Formation
- Missions/Faith in Action
- Parish Life

So when the next person asks me what we do for charitable outreach, my answer is going to be, "Oh, you need to talk to Melissa Barrett; she's heading up Missions/Faith in Action: she'll get you plugged in." That's a whole lot better of an answer than I gave before.

We are going to stick to our goals for the next year and I'll be talking to you about how we are doing. I'll be asking the Vestry ministry leads and liaisons to plan discuss progress and challenges in their ministry areas at every Vestry meeting.

To continue looking forward, I want to say a few things about the upcoming Stewardship Campaign. The Episcopal Church website offers the following definition of stewardship: "Using the gifts God has given us, to do the work God is calling us to do." I'm asking you to pray about how that definition applies to you and your support of this parish. I firmly believe that the day-to-day work of All Souls as augmented by the goals above form a very solid understanding of the work God is calling All Souls to do.

There are two things that I hope you will notice about our Stewardship Campaign. First, we will be very open about our budget, what things cost, and how we are doing in the campaign. If you don't believe that you are getting all of the information that you want, please don't hesitate to talk to me, the Treasurer, or any Vestry member. Secondly, we are going to be more intentional about asking for your time and talent in specific areas related to our ministry areas and our goals.

We have a lot to look forward to in our second hundred years. I'll look forward to your engagement in that journey! ✚

Dale Lewis

In January, Brooklyn Dodgers' president Charles Ebbets purchased ground to build a new concrete and steel stadium, and Richard Strauss' opera *Der Rosenkavalier* premiered in Dresden. February saw the premier of Victor Herbert's opera 'Natoma' in NYC and later in Philadelphia. The Winter Garden Theatre opened in New York City in March, and in May the New York Public Library was dedicated by President Taft and the first Indianapolis 500 was run.

IBM was founded in June, Hiram Bingham rediscovered Machu Picchu in Peru in July, and in August Proctor & Gamble unveiled Crisco shortening—leading to a spate of recipes using Crisco. The year ended with the Delhi Durbar, which was held to mark the coronation of George V and Queen Mary of the United Kingdom as Emperor and Empress of India: Indian food became quite popular! And in December, Roald Amundsen's expedition reached the South Pole.

Actors Jean-Pierre Aumont, Butterfly McQueen, Jean Harlow, Merle Oberon, Phil Silvers, Maureen O'Sullivan, Vincent Price, Ginger Rogers, Hume Cronyn, George Liberace, Roy Rogers, Lee J. Cobb, Lucille Ball, and Ruth Hussey were born in 1911; Politicians Hubert Humphrey and Ronald Reagan also made their debut into the world that year, as did American playwright Tennessee Williams.

Al Jolson starred in *La Belle Parée* at the Winter Garden Theater in NYC, Fanny Brice was appearing in the *Ziegfeld Follies*, and vaudeville artist Sophie Tucker was strutting her stuff on the stage. And All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church was founded. We have so much to celebrate—and part of the celebration will be one of our church's famous Themed Potluck Sup-



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pers with Entertainment. Do I sound like Mrs. Bucket (pronounced Bouquet)?

On Saturday October 15 everyone is invited to the Centennial Celebration Dinner. And everyone is invited to contribute whatever they want: wine, cocktails, food, decorations, talent—or just come.

The dress can reflect the 1910–11 fashions: think bow ties and boaters, hobble skirts, head bands with feathers—and why not flapper dresses—even though they came in a few years later!

Bring your own special cocktail fixings—such as the gin or vodka martini, invented by a bartender by the name of Martini at the Knickerbocker Hotel in NYC in 1911; Ramos Gin Fizzes; Black Russians; etc.

The main course will be provided—as with the Thanksgiving Dinner—but we welcome your own special Waldorf Salad (also invented in 1911, at the Waldorf Hotel), chicken and fruit salads, molded salads (you know, Jello molds containing nuts, fruit, cream cheese, etc.), or just plain fruit salad; and vegetables and other desserts culled from your grandmother's Cookery Book.

Help us turn the undercroft at All Souls into a Supper Club at the Knickerbocker Hotel: black and white, all chrome and silver, with feathers and etched glass.

And it would be great if someone could work up a selection of music of that period so it could be played on an iPod.

And finally—the entertainment... . 1911 was the time for vaudeville—think Fanny Brice—so stop hiding your talent under a bushel, and come forth with your own interpretation of those old, very old favorites! Any ukulele players around? ✦

Jennifer Crier Johnston

All Saints and All Souls

*A Time to Celebrate
and to Remember.*

Traditionally the Church celebrates November 1 as All Saints Day, but because Nov. 1 falls on a Tuesday, and it has been the custom in this parish to celebrate All Saints in a big way on a Sunday, we will anticipate the feast by celebrating on Sunday, October 30.

All Saints is a day of high celebration, a day to remember all the great heroes of the church and to give thanks that we, too, are called to live in God's family of saints in eternal life.



ON ALL SAINTS' DAY, Tuesday, November 1, we will offer Matins at 7:15 a.m. and a Low Mass for All Saints at 7:30 a.m.



ON ALL SOULS' DAY, Wednesday, November 2, we remember the saints we have known and loved—those who have died and joined the Communion of Saints. The mood is more reflective and introspective. We will offer a Sung Mass in the evening at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, we will follow the old custom of including the names of our beloved who have died. *If you would like to have a name remembered, please send it to the parish office or drop it in the collection plate.* ✚

John Beddingfield

Looking for a New Coordinator

*The time has come for
a change in leadership!*

After many years as coordinator, I have decided to stop leading the foyer dinner program. In order to continue the program, I am looking for someone to volunteer as the coordinator. Sign-up will begin in December, and I will work with the new coordinator to learn the process of assigning folks to groups. After that, the program mostly runs itself. E-mail me at barrybutch@aol.com if you want to volunteer.

Foyer dinners, one of All Souls' oldest ministries, are a popular way to get acquainted with the diverse community who attend All Souls. Under the direction of dinner captains, small groups of about ten share potluck dinners in their homes or other informal settings. Generally, several dinners are held by each group during the church year. You may join the groups any time during the year. ✚

Butch Bradburn

Tree-Planting Day Along the Anacostia

*Saturday, October 15,
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

Join us for a tree-planting day organized for All Souls by the Anacostia Watershed Society. Trees play an essential role in protecting the Anacostia River. Trees provide shade to cool the water, prevent soil erosion, and help rain water seep into the ground, as well as providing habitat for native wildlife. Please let us know if you can join us, since we will need a head count before the date of the event. 202-494-7128 or mlb707@gmail.com. ✚

Melissa Barrett

Flu & Pneumonia Vaccinations Coming

*Vaccinations:
Saturday, October 8*

Once again this year, Maxim Health Systems will offer flu and pneumonia shots in the Undercroft on Saturday, October 8, from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m.

Maxim will bill Medicare Part B or participating health plans for those with valid Medicare coverage and proper documentation. For those without Medicare Part B, the cost of the flu shot is \$30 and \$60 for the pneumonia shot. The flu shot this year will include some protection for the H1N1 virus, which will therefore not require a separate injection.

Our very own Dr. Al Muller is responsible for setting up this worthwhile service at All Souls. Please contact Al directly if you have questions or need more information (301/657-1671). ✚

Scream-Free Parenting

*Saturday, November 19,
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Child care provided.*

Sometimes parents and children become locked in a battle of will-power. Are there ways that parents can think about their communication and behavior toward children so as to lower the volume and create a more harmonic family? Join other parents and friends of All Souls for an afternoon seminar with Elaine Boomer, a licensed Clinical Social Worker with a private psychotherapy and coaching practice in Vienna, Virginia. RSVP to the parish office at allsouls1@aol.com or 202-232-4244 if you can come. A \$10 donation is requested, to help pay for the speaker and the childcare. ✚

Activities Calendar for 2011

All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church

October

As of September 21, 2011

Sunday*	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 Pentecost 16 & Healing Rite (at both Masses) • Adult Forum, 10 a.m.</p>	<p>3 • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>4 • Matins, 7:15 a.m.</p>	<p>5 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Christ House breakfast, 7 a.m. • Low Mass & Healing Rite, noon • Christ House dinner, 4 p.m. • Capital Hearings rehearsal, undercroft, 7–10 p.m.</p>	<p>6 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m.</p>	<p>7 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>1 • Farmer's Market, parking lot, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. every Sat. until mid-December • Garden Guild meets from time to time, 9 am–Noon</p>
9 Pentecost 20						
<p>• Adult Forum, 10 a.m. • Centennial week begins with guest preacher Fr. van Dooren</p>	<p>10—Columbus Day</p>		<p>11 • Matins, 7:15 a.m.</p>	<p>12 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Christ House breakfast, 7 a.m. • Low Mass & Healing Rite, noon</p>	<p>13 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m. • St. Mary's Court, 3 p.m.</p>	<p>14 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.</p>
16 Centennial Celebration ends 17						
<p>• Adult Forum, 10 a.m. • High Mass with Bishop Chane, 11 a.m. • Choral Evensong with the Rev. Dr. Deborah Meister, St. Albans Parish, 4 p.m. • Afternoon Tea, undercroft</p>	<p>18—St. Luke the Evangelist</p>	<p>19 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Parish administrator lunch/meeting, undercroft, 12:30–2 p.m. • Mass & Vestry meeting, conference room, 7 p.m.</p>	<p>20 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m. • St. Mary's Court, 3 p.m.</p>	<p>21 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m.</p>	<p>22 • Tree-Planting Day along the Anacostia, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. • 1911 Parish Dinner party, undercroft, hors d'oeuvres 6:30 p.m., dinner 7 p.m.</p>	<p>15 • All Souls' Open House, front yard & church, Noon–3 p.m. • Flu Shots, undercroft, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. • Blessing of the Animals for St. Francis' Day, front lawn, 3–4 p.m.</p>
23 Pentecost 19						
<p>• Adult Forum, 10 a.m.</p>	<p>24—St. James of Jerusalem</p>	<p>25 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m. • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>26 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Christ House breakfast, 7 a.m. • Low Mass & Healing Rite, noon • Capital Hearings rehearsal, undercroft, 7–10 p.m.</p>	<p>27 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m.</p>	<p>28—St. Simon & St. Jude Apostles • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>29 • Halloween Party for family and friends, undercroft, 6 p.m.</p>
30 All Saints' Sunday						
<p>• Adult Forum, 10 a.m. • Marine Corps Marathon • Copy deadline for the Dec 2011/jan 2012 parish newsletter</p>	<p>31—Halloween • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>* Regular Sunday Activities — Check dates for additions or exceptions</p> <p>Holy Eucharist, 8:30 & 11 a.m. Healing Rite, first Sunday of the month — both services</p> <p>Breakfast, after early Mass Child care, 8:15 a.m.–1 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, 9:15–10:45 a.m.</p> <p>Adult Forum, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. Coffee Hour, after 11 a.m. Mass</p> <p>AA Meeting, 3 p.m., conference room</p>				

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	Sunday*	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 Pentecost 21—All Saints' Sunday & Healing Rite (at both Misses)	7	8 —Election Day	9	10	11 —Veterans Day	12	
• Daylight Saving Time ends, "fall back—gain one hour"	• AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	• Matins, 7:15 a.m.	• Christ House breakfast, 7 a.m.	• Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m.	• Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m.	• Matins, 7:15 a.m.	• Farmer's Market, parking lot, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. every Sat. until mid-December
• Adult Forum, 10 a.m.		• Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Healing Rite, noon	• Christ House dinner, 4 p.m.	• St. Mary's Court, 3 p.m.	• AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	• Garden Guild meets from time to time, 9 am–Noon	• Confirmation Service, National Cathedral, 10 a.m.
13 Pentecost 22	14	15	16	17	18	19	
• Adult Forum, 10 a.m.	• Christ House dinner, 4 p.m.	• Matins, 7:15 a.m.	• Christ House breakfast, 7 a.m.	• Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m.	• Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m.	• Matins, 7:15 a.m.	• Screen-Free Parenting seminar, conference room, 3–5 p.m.
• AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	• AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	• Parish administrator lunch/meeting, undercroft, 12:30–2 p.m.	• Matins, 7:15 a.m.	• St. Mary's Court, 3 p.m.	• AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	• AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	
20 The Last Sunday after Pentecost—Christ the King	21	22	23	24 —Thanksgiving Day	25	26	
• Adult Forum, 10 a.m.	• AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	• Matins, 7:15 a.m.	• Christ House breakfast, 7 a.m.	• No Morning Prayer & Matins	• Matins, 7:15 a.m.	• Matins, 7:15 a.m.	
		• Mass & Vestry meeting, conference room, 7 p.m.	• Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Healing Rite, noon	• Thanksgiving dinner, Mass at 10 a.m., followed by fellowship, and dinner	• AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	• Parish office closed	
27 The First Sunday of Advent	28	29	30 —St. Andrew the Apostle				
• Adult Forum, 10 a.m.	• AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	• Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m.	• Christ House breakfast, 7 a.m.				
• Holiday Bazaar during breakfast & coffee hour			• Matins, 7:15 a.m.				
			• Low Mass & Healing Rite, noon				

*** Regular Sunday Activities — Check dates for additions or exceptions**

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 & 11 a.m.	Breakfast, after early Mass	Adult Forum, 10 a.m.	AA Meeting, 3 p.m., conference room
Healing Rite, first Sunday of the month	Child care, 8:15 a.m.–1 p.m.	Sunday School, 11 a.m.	
—both services	Choir Rehearsal, 9:15–10:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour, after 11 a.m. Mass	

Halloween Party! for Families and Friends

All parishioners are welcome Saturday, October 29, at 6 p.m.



Families of the Sunday school, as well as all other parishioners who might enjoy the occasion, are once again invited to come in costume and enjoy food and games to celebrate the fall season. ✦

Marcia Anderson

All Souls' Annual Thanksgiving Dinner



You're invited to an All Souls tradition

Come join parishioners of All Souls, our families, friends, and neighbors on November 25 for our annual Thanksgiving Day dinner in the undercroft. Our tradition on this national day of thanks is to reach out and draw others into the warmth of our parish family and our kitchen.

We encourage you to spend as much of the day at All Souls as you like. Some of us will arrive by 8 a.m. to begin cooking, and we enjoy having extra hands and enthusiastic onlookers in the kitchen to knead dough, prepare dressing, and set the tables. The turkeys go into the oven at 9 a.m.

We will celebrate Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m., and invite those at the Mass to join us downstairs for cooking and fellowship through the early afternoon, fueled by light appetizers, wine, and soft drinks. Later we'll pop champagne corks and serve dinner.

Please join us for this day of camaraderie and appreciation for our many blessings. Look for details in upcoming bulletins. Contributions of food, beverages, and funds are most welcome, as are helping hands in the kitchen. 🦃

Annual Christmas Bazaar



Holiday Bazaar

2011

Starting in late November, we will be selling pecan halves (plain, cinnamon-glazed, chocolate-covered halves, and caramel-chocolate-covered clusters) for your holiday cooking, gifts, and eating enjoyment. In December we will have Colonial Candles of Cape Cod and All Souls note cards—as well as, this year, All Souls Christmas cards. These goodies are available during the breakfast between masses and during coffee hour and will continue until supplies are exhausted. Proceeds from the bazaar go to the Outreach Committee.

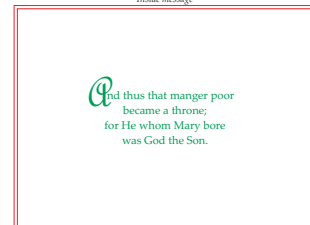
Butch Bradburn ✦

The All Souls 2011 Christmas Card



Front page

Inside message



And thus that manger poor became a throne; for He whom Mary bore was God the Son.

The Parish Register (as of September 1, 2011)

Baptisms

None

Burials, Interments & Memorials

Interment on August 19, 2011
Nancye T. Suggs

Confirmations & Receptions

None

Marriages & Blessings

None

Reaffirmations*

None

Transfers In

September 1, 2011
Jennifer Anne Crumlish

Transfers Out

None

* This category includes new members who join by providing the required information, and existing members who provide missing information, primarily a baptism date. The names are from May through September 1. In addition, some of these names are the result of updating our membership database. ✚

Baptism Dates (as of 09/01/11)

October

- 5 Tom Esch
- 7 Abby Quinn-Shores
- 8 Carlos Guerra
- John Matthews
- 9 Lillian Atdjian
- 10 Nancy Aherne
- Charles Petrosky
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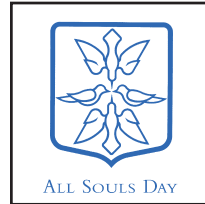
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All Souls will anticipate the Feast of All Saints by celebrating on Sunday, October 30, with a Low Mass at 8:30 a.m. and a High Mass at 11 a.m. On November 1 we will offer Matins at 7:15 a.m. and a low Mass for All Saints at 7:30 a.m.

We will celebrate All Souls' Day on Wednesday, November 2, with a Sung Mass in the evening at 7 p.m.



You're invited to an All Souls tradition

Come join parishioners of All Souls, our families, friends, and neighbors on November 24 for our annual Thanksgiving Day dinner in the undercroft.

Holy Eucharist is at 10 a.m., and we invite those at the Mass to join us in the undercroft for cooking and fellowship through the early afternoon.