

The All Souls' Message

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From the Rector

Advent: A Season for Standing Still



*Don't just
do something.
Stand there.*

Every year about this time someone calls the church and asks, "Can you tell me if there will be special music this Sunday?" Once when I answered the phone and got such a question, I answered, "Yes, we have special music EVERY Sunday. We have a wonderful choir and a singing congregation and we celebrate every single Sunday like a "little Easter." The person was silent for a few seconds and then said, "I mean, are you doing Christmas music? I'm looking for a church with nice

Christmas music." I explained to the man that we observe Advent through December 23 and on the Eve of Christmas, we begin to sing Christmas carols and hear Christmas anthems, and we continue to celebrate Christmas until January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany. "Christmas after New Year's?" he asked. "Yes sir," I replied, "Christmas even after New Year's."

I don't know if the man ever visited our church. If he did, he didn't identify himself as having called. But I hope he came and got at least a small taste of how wonderful a season Advent can be. While the world around us seems to speed up after Thanksgiving, inside the church we slow down. The colors, the candles, the greens instead of flowers—all remind us that this is a special time. It is a time of waiting and a time of watching.

Many of us will continue to enjoy the Christmas carols in the stores or on the radio. Some might even have an early Christmas tree. But I hope that many will find our church to be a place of respite from a world that rushes on. In this season we are invited to pause and to pray, to listen and to look, and to be available for God to speak to us.


So many times the voices of our culture say to us, "Don't just stand there, do something." Some have pointed out that the great message of the Angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, the message that is practiced and lived through the season of Advent is just the opposite message. The season of Advent suggests, "Don't just do something. Stand there."

I invite you to choose one thing this season, and do it slower than usual. It might be washing the dishes, walking the dog, or simply sitting in your car for an extra minute after you have arrived at your destination. Let that "slowing down" or "standing still" be a part of your prayer for this season. May we all know God's deep peace this Advent and Christmastide.

John Beddingfield ✨

The graphic at the top of this article is composed of seven images representing the traditional Advent "O Antiphons" (from left to right): O Wisdom!—O Adonai!—O Root of Jesse!—O Key of David!—O Dayspring!—O Keystone!—O Emmanuel!
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*There are those
that see the stars
but never see
the light.*

Have you ever noticed how the concepts of “light” and “darkness” play a part in our culture and everyday life—in the way we perceive things?

In the old Westerns, the “good” guys wore white hats and the “bad” guys were clothed in black. In Star Wars, the Jedi knights possessed light sabers and Darth Vader was turned to the dark side of The Force. In music, the song “I’m Beginning to See the Light” refers to someone recognizing love—perhaps for the first time. When we talk about someone being “in the dark,” we usually mean they are clueless about what’s going on. Cartoons often depict people getting remarkable ideas by drawing a lightbulb over their heads. There are old adages: “It’s always darkest before the dawn”; “it’s better to light just one candle than to curse the darkness.” As children, we may have been afraid of the dark, so our par-

ents provided nightlights, just enough light to calm our fears so we could go to sleep. As we enter Christmas time and begin winter when daylight is minimal, we can still find light all around us—shining and twinkling, clear yet full of color. Light abounds as we decorate our homes, inside and out, with lights. The church is filled with candles, and we place candles in the windows of our homes. Part of some family traditions include riding around the neighborhood to see the decorations. We have large public parks that have extravagant light displays that you can view (for a small fee) from the comfort of your car.

My grandmother said that the lights all around symbolized Jesus—the “Light of the World,” and you couldn’t possibly have too many. She considered decorating for the Christmas holidays a religious duty—a way of saying, “Happy Birthday, Jesus,” complete with homemade fruit cake. Ours was beautiful, decorated with candied cherries in red and green and pecan halves arranged like stars on the top. Funny, I never saw anyone eating much of it. Nevertheless, there was a fresh one from Nanny’s oven every Christmas. (I believe the birds received it as a special treat in January when food was scarce.) My grandmother saw nothing commercial in the celebration of Christ’s birth. Gift-giving was a reflection of the actions of the Magi. By the time I was three years old, I was taught to recite “The Night Before Christmas” (a good Episcopalian poem). We all have Christmas stories: according to my Granny, the baby Jesus was crying in the manger. The lowing of the cattle, warmth

of the lambs, and the tender care of Mary and Joseph could not comfort the Child. The tabby cat came to the Baby’s side and began to purr, and soon the Child was quieted. Mary’s mark, the “M” found on all tabby cats’ foreheads was a gift from the Blessed Mother. Gifts, given freely, no matter how small or insignificant are graced by God.

And so, we tell our stories, carry on our traditions and remember the journey of the Wise Men to that lowly stable. It was a long journey for three so wise and wealthy; a journey made from a great distance, led by a shining star—a great light in the heavens. We believe that light led them to the Light. After leaving their gifts, they departed wiser and wealthier than before. When we come to the edge of all the light we have known, and we are about to step out into the darkness, faith is knowing that one of two things will happen: there will be something to stand on or we will be taught to fly. May we all “see the Light” as we make our own journey through this joyful Christmastide, may we come away wiser and wealthier from all of His gifts to us, and may we always step out in faith knowing that we will fly.

Merry Christmas, my friends.

Nancye Suggs ✨



It is my great pleasure to let you know that on Tuesday evening, October 20, the Vestry unanimously voted to enter into a contract with MTFA Architecture. This is our first tangible step toward starting a handicapped accessibility project. Over the next few months, MTFA will develop a master plan and a building program for our church.

We don't have firm timelines for anything yet, but I would anticipate the architect will begin examining existing conditions and preparing computer floor plans soon. MTFA would also typically have an engineering analysis done of our facility; however, the engineering analysis that was completed just over a year ago is sufficient (if you'd like to have a copy, just let me know)—we won't have to repeat that expense.

The first opportunity the congregation will have to actually engage with the architect will be when we conduct a Visioning Workshop with MTFA. We will need 20 "ambassadors" representing all aspects of the congregation to participate in the Visioning Workshop. The Visioning Workshop is intended to help both us and MTFA understand what we want. In MTFA's words, this workshop will focus on "issues as they affect budget, schedule, education, fellowship, worship, outreach, and liturgical design considerations." The time commitment for being an "ambassador" is to attend two days of the workshop and to be willing to help share the vision we develop with the congregation. If you're interested in being an "ambassador," please let me know.

Folks, I'm a realist (sometimes): 2009 is all over but the shouting (not to mention Thanksgiving and Christmas). Trying to sandwich the Visioning Workshop in before the end of the year probably isn't the best idea. Doing the workshop in January 2010 will give us the opportunity to slow ourselves down just a little, make sure we're really prepared, and do this well.

After the workshop, MTFA will draft a long-range program for what we might do with our facility to address

the vision that will come out of the Visioning Workshop. They'll review that draft program with us to make sure they've captured what we have in mind. Finally, based on the final version of the long-range program, they will prepare a master plan for our entire property, which will no doubt include multiple projects, some of which will be probably phased over several years.

MTFA will then present the Master Plan to the entire congregation. That should be something to look forward to!

So where does this Master Plan get us? Once we have it in hand, we have to decide what we want to do first—obviously, our primary focus is on handicapped accessibility—and how much money we need to raise for the first steps. At that point, we will be doing a capital campaign and you'll be hearing from me about a new set of steps that will follow.

We're finally moving forward and I'm excited about it! As I've asked before, please pray about this effort and what you can do to support it.


Dale Lewis ✨

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January 10–20, 2010



*My beginning
at All Souls
is an ending.*

When Fr. John invited me to write an introductory piece for *The Message*, I immediately began to think of ways I could seem profound in my prose. A first impression is, after all, a lasting impression. While I was writing, there was not a sign of profundity to be found, only a tauntingly persistent cursor flashing at me from the blank page. I wanted to talk about beginnings—the beginning of a new seminary year and the beginning of a wonderful relationship with the All Souls family. Upon reflection, I found an interesting selection on beginnings from T.S. Eliot (when lacking profundity, I often turn to T.S. Eliot). Eliot wrote, “What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from.”

I had never thought of my beginning at All Souls as an end or seminary as end for that matter. But it is. My return to Virginia Seminary was an end, or at the least a postponement of my life in Mississippi. Seminary was an end of my work in the banking industry. Seminary was the end of my trips to Oxford, MS, to watch my Ole Miss Rebels play football on Saturdays. However, Seminary was also a beginning. Seminary was the beginning of a new year with friends

and future colleagues. Seminary was the beginning of another year of prayer and study that will lead, God willing and his people consenting, to my ordination to the priesthood.

My beginning at All Souls is an ending. All Souls is an end to visiting new parishes. All Souls is an end to those occasional Sundays spent in the park rather than the pew. All Souls is an end to a certain level of freedom. However, with this end comes a great new beginning. For me, All Souls is the beginning of a new relationship with a new family in Christ. All Souls is the beginning of learning and formation that cannot be taught in the seminary classroom. All Souls is the beginning of faith, friendships, formation, and fun.

And so, I give thanks to God, for all the endings and beginnings that my field education at All Souls will bring. Thanks be to God for endings and beginnings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Seth Walley ✨

As you may know, the Diocesan Honduras trip was postponed from August 2009 to January 2010. We are hopeful that the political situation will be more stable in a couple months after the election. Of course we will not go if there is violence in the streets.

The intensive, individualized Spanish language training element of the trip has turned out to be an especially attractive component for many people. And for me, at least, the chance to get out of the Washington winter makes it doubly appealing.

Our trip is now scheduled for January 10–20, 2010. Five days of this trip will be in Copan, where participants will be enrolled in the Ixbalanque Language School for one-on-one intensive Spanish training. During their six days in Copan, they will stay with Honduran families and in the afternoons will visit Anglican church communities nearby. In the following five days, we will visit and work with rural Anglican communities in Santa Barbara. With airfares to Honduras now at very low prices, the total cost for the trip should be under \$1000. Interested people should contact Tom Cooke at 202/686-0261 or 202/669-0022
thomasmcooke@hotmail.com

Tom Cooke ✨


From the Endowment Fund Board
Endowment Grants for 2010

Due January 29, 2010

Applications for grants from the All Souls Endowment Fund for 2010 are available in the parish office. Grants may be made for projects in ministry or mission, as well as for capital improvements. All applications are due in the office by January

29, 2010, and will be acted upon by the Board and Vestry. If you have questions, please contact Pat Dresser or Mike McGee.

Pat Dresser,
Endowment Fund Board Chair ✨



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The adult forum this fall is discussing some of the various issues involved in interfaith dialogue. We have been asking why we as Christians should engage in it and what it can look like. "Interfaith" is a broad term that, as one of our speakers mentioned, really only constitutes the "who," leaving the question of "what" open for us to define. Inter-

faith dialogue can be as simple as saying "Shanah Tovah" to a Jewish friend on Rosh HaShanah, or "Eid Mubarak" to a Muslim colleague at the close of Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting. On another level, participating in a common project with neighbors of other faiths, such as Habitat for Humanity is a way of doing interfaith dialogue. Or, we might choose to sit down with a non-Christian partner to talk about our different traditions, but our common commitment to be people of faith. In these encounters, we hope to learn more about the rich traditions of other religious communities and strengthen our commitment to living together as good neighbors, informed, and not ignorant of those around us.

The most important message of our fall program, though, is that interfaith dialogue does not mean checking our Christian beliefs at the door! We can only participate in an interfaith conversation if we are people of faith, committed to our Christian

identity and to strengthening our Christian lives together. Interfaith dialogue should be a way we can strengthen our understanding of our own religious beliefs, by reflecting upon beliefs held by others. It creates a critical space to think about who we are. This semester we are being visited both by speakers trained to talk about interfaith dialogue and the Christian tradition and by those who come to us from other religious communities.

The following forum topics remain.

December 6, 2009

A Speaker from the Jewish Community—Amira Rosenberg

December 13, 2009

A Speaker from the Baha'I Community—Roya Bauman

December 20, 2009

A Speaker from the Hindu Community—D.C. Rao, Ph.D.

Laura Tomes ✨

From the Rector
Studying for the Doctor of Ministry Degree

In January 2010, I will begin part-time study for the Doctor of Ministry at Virginia Theological Seminary. Though I had not planned to continue studying in any formal way, several things about the D. Min. program at Virginia caught my eye. The first is that David Gortner is the director. I have enjoyed his book, "Transforming Evangelism," and find him to be one of the very few people in the church who watches the church growth movement in the

larger church, while always maintaining an appreciation for the Anglican Church. Second, the seminary is twelve miles from our church. And third, the bishop asked me and some others from the diocese to consider going through the four-to-five-year program together, with an eye toward strengthening our own parishes and offering energy, insight, and learning to the diocese. The program requires two weeks in January 2010, one week in January 2011, three

weeks in July 2011, and three weeks in July 2012. My hope is that this program will deepen my own reading and reflection about our ministry at All Souls, provide new opportunities for our reflection upon how God calls us to be engaged with our community and the world, and will help me to be a more faithful and creative priest for you, and for God.

John Beddingfield ✨

Wednesday Evenings, December 2, 9, & 16, at 7 p.m.

Join us on Wednesday evenings during Advent for a light dinner at 7 p.m., followed by a presentation and discussion led by the rector and Cameron Soulis on the music of the season. While neither the rector nor Ms. Soulis claim to be musicologists or music historians, both are avid lovers of the music of Advent. Different from Christmas music, Advent helps us to prepare for the coming of Jesus. The music of the season helps us to wait and give voice and image to our waiting. During the three nights we will discuss the traditional “O Antiphons”—the basis for the hymn “O come, O come Emmanuel”—(symbols representing these antiphons are shown at the top of the article on page 1.) We will also discuss music for the Virgin Mary, and hymns having to do with prophecy, kingship, and other

themes that the Advent scriptures lift up during this season.

During the four Sundays of Advent, our service music, hymns and anthems reflect the change in season. Each week, the Prelude will be based in some way on the hymn “Savior of the nations, come” and the Mass will contain some of the beautiful plain-song melodies associated with Advent. The congregation is invited to join in the singing of the Kyries, Sanctus and Agnus Dei from Schubert’s “German Mass,” which will be familiar to many.

Please join us on Wednesday nights and on Sundays as we observe Advent through silence and song.

John Beddingfield ✨

Sunday, December 6, at 4 p.m.

We will celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent with a special afternoon of prayer and music for the season. The choir will lead us in choral evensong, with musical settings of *Magnificat* and *Nunc dimittis*, psalms, an anthem, and sung responses. Father Beddingfield will be the officiant, and the Rev. William Hague, rector of Christ Church, Kensington, will be the preacher. The Evensong is open to all, and will be offered in particular thanksgiving for the work and ministry of the St. John Eye Hospital in East Jerusalem. An offering will be taken and a reception will follow in the undercroft.

John Beddingfield ✨



*Our shawls
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in time of distress.*

Grateful thanks to everyone who has supported the Prayer Shawl Ministry! Father John has given away 11 shawls in the name of All Souls and has received thank you letters and comments from everyone. Our knitted and crocheted shawls are gifts to All Souls families and friends when they mark a celebration or need comfort in time of distress.

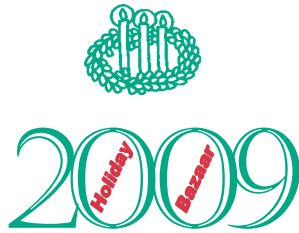
Shawls provide lightweight warmth during a chemo treatment, or cozy hopefulness on a cool day, or a sweet memory of a special occasion. In each case, the wearer is reminded of God’s abiding love and the friendship of All Souls’ knitters. In the Autumn, we delivered hats and scarves to SOME (So Others Might Eat). SOME is a well

known local charity that provides food, clothing, and other services to homeless people in DC, and their clients often need warm clothing.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry is uplifting on many levels. The visible gift is the shawl, blanket, hat or scarf; the invisible gift is the knitter’s opportunity to contemplate God’s love and how we extend and expand it through our handwork.

If you would like more information about the Prayer Shawl Ministry, send an email to Martha Domenico at the.domenicos@verizon.net or call me at 202.364.5349.

Martha Domenico ✨



Since November, we have been selling pecan halves (plain, cinnamon glazed, chocolate covered halves, and caramel-chocolate-covered clusters) for your holiday cooking, gifts, and eating enjoyment. We also have Colonial Candles of Cape Cod and All Souls note cards. These goodies are available during the breakfast between masses and during coffee hour and will continue until supplies are exhausted. Proceeds of the bazaar go to the Outreach Committee.

Butch Bradburn ✨

Beyond the Pews
All Souls and the Community of Hope

The Community of Hope is asking for our help again during this holiday season. They need gift cards to Target, Giant or Safeway to give to homeless families and those in their transitional housing.

If you can help, please place your gift card in an envelope with your name

A Time of Fun and Fellowship

Annual Sunday School Christmas Party
Saturday, December 12, 2009, 5-8 p.m.

Please join us for the annual Christmas potluck. It's a fun way to celebrate the season. St. Nicholas will stop by to read the "Night before Christmas," and we will all share a wonderful meal.

One of our projects during Advent and Christmas at All Souls has been collecting stuffed animals and art supplies for the pediatric patients at the St. John Hospital in Jerusalem. This year, because of new restrictions on sending goods, we will instead collect money to be sent to the hospi-

tal for the same purpose. As you do your holiday shopping, please set aside what you would have spent on these gifts and bring it to the Christmas party. You will make a big difference for a needy child undergoing eye surgery in East Jerusalem.

RSVP to Marcia Anderson at marcia51@rcn.com and indicate what you will bring: appetizer, main dish, or dessert.

Marcia Anderson ✨

in the corner, and place in the collection plate or bring to the church office. You may also write a check to the church and put "Gift Card" on the memo line. We would like to have these donations no later than December 15. Anything you can do to help will be appreciated. I was able to visit one of their transitional housing sites

last year when I delivered the gift cards. They do great work with few resources. Blessings and many thanks.

Nancye Suggs ✨

NEXT ISSUE DEADLINE is just after the holidays

Copy deadline for articles for the February/March 2010 issue of The Message is Sunday, January 3, 2010

Please have your articles in George Barnum's hands by that date. Electronic submission preferred at message.allsoulsdc@gmail.com. Call George with story ideas, questions, and comments at 202/986-2998. ✨

Activities Calendar for 2009

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December

Sunday*	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 <i>Advent 2</i> • Adult Forum, 10 a.m. • Holiday Bazaar continues • Advent Choral Evensong & Reception, church, & undercroft, 4 p.m.	1 • Matins, 7:15 a.m.	2 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Christ House breakfast, 7 a.m. • Low Mass, noon • Christ House dinner, 4 p.m. • Advent Series, undercroft, 7-8:30 p.m.	3 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m.	4 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	5 • Farmer's Market, parking lot, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • Garden Guild meets periodically, 9 a.m.-Noon	
7 • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	8 • Matins, 7:15 a.m.	9 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Low Mass, noon • Seniors' Holiday Lunch undercroft, after Mass • Advent Series, undercroft, 7-8:30 p.m.	10 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m. • St. Mary's Court, 3 p.m.	11 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	12 • Farmer's Market, parking lot, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • St. Nicholas Party undercroft, 5-8 p.m. • Donations for St. John Hospital due	
13 <i>Advent 3 - Rose Sunday</i> • Adult Forum, 10 a.m. • Holiday Bazaar continues • DC Front Runners holiday party, undercroft, 4-11 p.m.	14 • Christ House dinner, 4 p.m. • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	15 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Parish administrators lunch & meeting, undercroft, 12:30-2 p.m. • Vestry meeting, 7 p.m., conference room • Community of Hope donations due	16 • Christ House breakfast, 7 a.m. • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Senior Lunch, undercroft after noon Mass • Advent Series, undercroft, 7-8:30 p.m.	17 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m.	18 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	19 • No Farmer's Market until May 2009
20 <i>Advent 4</i> • Adult Forum, 10 a.m. • Final Holiday Bazaar during breakfast & coffee hour	21 <i>St. Thomas the Apostle</i> • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	22 • Matins, 7:15 a.m.	23 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Christ House breakfast, 7 a.m. • Low Mass, noon	24 <i>Vigil of The Nativity</i> • Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m. • Children's Mass & Blessing of the Crèche, 4 p.m. • Choir call, 9 p.m. • Festival Holy Eucharist at 11 p.m. (music at 10:30 p.m.) • Parish office closed, noon	25 <i>The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Day</i> • Low Mass, 10 a.m. • Parish office closed • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	26 <i>St. Stephen, Deacon & Martyr</i> • No Farmer's Market until May 2009
27 <i>St. John Apostle & Evangelist, Christmas 1, Christmas Lessons & Carols</i> • No Adult Forum • No Sunday School	28 <i>The Holy Innocents</i> • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m. • Parish office closed	29 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Parish office closed	30 • Christ House breakfast, 7 a.m. • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Low Mass, noon • Parish office closed	31 • Parish office closed • St. Mary's Court, 3 p.m.		

* Regular Sunday Activities - Check dates for additions or exceptions

Holy Eucharist, 8:30 & 11 a.m.	Child care, 8:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.
Healing Rite, first Sunday of the month - both services	Choir Rehearsal, 9:15-10:45 a.m.	Coffee Hour, after 11 a.m. Mass
Breakfast, after early Mass	Adult Forum, 10 a.m.	AA Meeting, 3 p.m., conference room

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According to the Environmental Protection Agency, if American congregations reduced their energy consumption by just 10%, they would save over \$200 million/year, money that could be spent on other important priorities. They would also prevent more than 2 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions, the equivalent of taking more than 400,000 vehicles off the road. In 2008, All Souls spent \$13,610 on electricity and \$15,184 for natural gas—a total of \$28,803. Ten percent of that is \$2,880: a significant sum.

All Souls Are Green is your parish environmental stewardship committee. We are dedicated to helping All Souls tread more lightly on God's good earth with a special focus on helping the parish reduce its energy consumption and contribution to climate change.

Among our recent projects, we have cleaned and upgraded lights in the education building (37 fixtures upgraded), resulting in energy savings of 60-75% and \$30/bulb, and install-

ing programmable thermostats throughout the building. Why heat or cool when no one's here?

On November 7, we switched out about sixty 90-watt incandescent bulbs in the undercroft for 23 watt compact fluorescent bulbs that are dimmable. Approximate savings is estimated at 75% in energy use and \$74/bulb over the life of the bulb for a total savings of \$4,440. We also installed weather-stripping on many of the exterior doors.

In the future, we will strive to improve our recycling activities, communicate with members of the parish about green activities in the parish and beyond, make green priorities a part of planning for upcoming building improvements and renovations, apply to become a US Environmental Protection Agency Energy-star(TM) congregation, and continue to modify lighting throughout the building. We are also planning to visit other congregations who have made significant strides in reducing their energy consumption and are investigating the possibility of assisting other congregations in the diocese in their efforts.

If you have questions or would like to join in our activities, speak to any of the committee members Jean Chemnick, Bob Colborn, Tony and Martha Domenico, Jo Ann LaFon, Dale Lewis, or Jeff Wells, or call the church office.

Jeff Wells ✨

Baptisms

November 1, 2009
Jude Rowan McClain

Burials & Interments

September 26, 2009
Frank Karel III
Louise M. Sechler
November 14, 2009
Elizabeth Rynex

Confirmations & Receptions

November 7, 2009
Rachel Reuther

Marriages & Blessings

September 12, 2009
Lisa Elizabeth Mitiguy &
Alfredo Gutierrez Orellana

October 17, 2009
Susan Leigh Mentz &
Marc Bertram Cappellini

October 24, 2009
Shaina Ann Rhodes &
Tyler Scotton Johnson

Reaffirmations*

September 24, 2009
JoAnn LaFon

Transfers In

September 18, 2009
JoAnn LaFon
November 12, 2009
Sheila Arbury

Transfers Out

September 24, 2009
Michelle & Edward Richards
November 5, 2009
Joyce Schlosser Nohowel
November 5, 2009
Camille Cates Barnett

* This category includes new members who join by providing the required information, and existing members who provide missing information, primarily a baptism date. ✨

December

1 Chris Hudgins
Stan Kelly
2 Gary O'Neill
4 Amy Fox
5 Rebecca Fitzsimons
Wayland Jenkins
6 John Beddingfield
7 Derek Drummie
8 Jane Cazimero
9 Arthur Warren
10 Jeff Wells
13 Margaret Scott
15 Lori Commins
18 Sarah Green
20 Alix Woodall
21 Rick Taylor
24 Mimi Clark
Cesar Perez
25 George Barnum
Lynne Brown
26 Charles Clark
Bill Henry
Leonora Neville
Judy Smith
28 Barry Huber
Diana Kunkel
29 Mary Hitchcock
31 Daniel Callis
Janet Jones
Ed Ramos

January

1 Betty Bird
Jean Chemnick
David Fernandez-Barrial
Javier Moncada
Gary Scott
Bill Welker
2 Daniel Miller
3 Jane Holloway
Jim Lewis
Joan Shapiro
7 Ruby Griffith
Davey Morse
8 Irene Butcher
Gabriel Haines
11 Anna Menard Clark
Louis von Rago
12 Ellie Martin
13 Dan Davis
14 Nathan Tsoi
20 Tud Steene
21 Nancy Charlton
24 Ed Perlman
28 Brian Gratwicke

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The All Souls Message

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ay the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

*The staff of All Souls Parish wish you
the very best of all God's blessings in this season and for the new year.*