

The All Souls' Message

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From the Rector

God Cares about the Small Things Too

I think it is good timing that in our culture we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis on October 4. By that date we have finished vacations, school has begun, and we are probably well into our routines. We have forgotten what rest and relaxation were like. We have forgotten to take Sabbath time. We have forgotten that the world does not depend upon what we produce or complete. And we have probably forgotten that God cares about the small challenges in our lives as well as the enormous ones.

When there are big challenges, health issues, natural disasters, or crises, people rally around us. We feel their prayers and their strength. We might live from minute to minute or from day to day, but between our bodies, our community, and our God, we somehow make it through.

But many of life's challenges are not what we think others might view as major crises. St. Francis had a wonderful way of understanding God's love for all of creation, for the wealthy and the poor; for the powerful and the oppressed; for the wolf, and the flower, and the sun, and the moon.



Evening Prayer and the Blessing of Animals will be offered at All Souls on Sunday, October 4, at 3 p.m. in the front yard of the church. The service is open to all, so please invite neighbors and family members.

For us, that means that God cares when we get stuck in a bad class at school. God cares when the renovation on the house keeps running into problems. God cares when our promotion gets stalled.

God never stops caring about the big issues of the day—the children around the world who go to bed hungry, the pandemic of AIDS, the depletion of the world's natural resources, and all the other global, God-sized issues we might name. But Jesus' sermon about the lilies of the field and the witness of saints like Francis also remind us that God never belittles our concerns or puts us on the back burner.

What better way for us to celebrate St. Francis Day than to extend God's blessing to the animals? By extending God's blessings to the most vulnerable in creation, we also remember our own place in God's blessing, that God's love extends to every living creature, and that no concern is too small or trifling for us to bring to God in prayer. God looks after the lilies, and God looks after us.

John Beddingfield ■

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The Canticle of the Creatures

Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures,
especially Sir Brother Sun,
Who is the day through whom You give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor,
Of You Most High, he bears the likeness.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
In the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,
And fair and stormy, all weather's moods,
by which You cherish all that You have made.

Praised be You my Lord through Sister Water,
So useful, humble, precious and pure.

Praised be You my Lord through Brother Fire,
through whom You light the night
and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You my Lord through our Sister,
Mother Earth who sustains and governs us,
producing varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.
Praise be You my Lord through those who grant pardon
for love of You and bear sickness and trial.
Blessed are those who endure in peace,
By You Most High, they will be crowned.

Francis of Assisi (1181–1226)

Beginning in October, on the first Sunday of each month we will resume the healing rite in the Mary Chapel at both the 8:30 a.m. and the 11 a.m. Mass. As in the past, after receiving communion, those who wish to receive prayers for healing with holy oil should proceed to the Mary Chapel, where they may kneel or stand at the altar rail. Thanks to Bill Miller for coordinating our healing ministers. If you are interested in being trained in this ministry, please speak with Bill. In addition, there are copies of the book *Healing and the Landscape of Prayer* in the church vesting room/library. This book gives a wonderful background for healing within the larger context of Christian faith. ■

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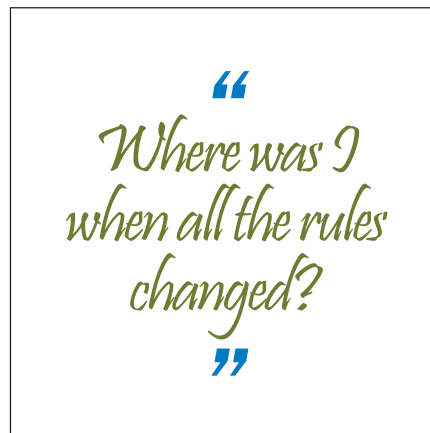
Please have your articles in George Barnum's hands by that date. Electronic submission preferred at message.allsoulsdc@gmail.com. Call George with story ideas, questions, and comments at 202/986-2998. N

Recently, we have been treated to a series of scandals, one more interesting than the next. We don't have to sneak peeks at the grocery tabloids anymore, the details are headlined in the *New York Times* and broadcast on the evening news in living color. There is so much gossip we can hardly take it all in. Then come the denials, excuses, and insincere apologies. But we become distracted because we have to watch the next episode of the latest reality show that encourages the participants to engage in cutthroat, deceitful, and selfish behavior in order to win a two-week, all-expense-paid vacation to paradise. In the meantime, we might have to Tivo Judge Judy, who is deciding for the plaintiff who is suing her brother's girlfriend for stealing her Blackberry, running up a bill of more than \$2,500, and something involving pornography. Let's don't forget the latest brawl on Jerry Springer or Maury Povich.

This leaves little time for reading the recent exposé on celebrities and government officials, listening to the latest epithet-filled gangsta rap CD, or catching up on the updates regarding the King of Pop's untimely demise, not to mention updating our Facebook page and twittering. We don't want to be thought of as unhip or uncool, do we? Lordy! No wonder we are all exhausted.

SO:

- When did it become okay to do anything to anybody as long as we don't get caught?
- And when we do get caught, who decided that it was okay to walk away from the trainwreck we caused, saying, "I didn't mean to hurt anybody."



- What happened to accountability?
- When did we become a nation of voyeurs?
- When did we collectively lose our minds?
- Where was I when all the rules changed—and who forgot to ask me if I thought it was okay?

Some more questions come to mind:

- What really happens at the intersection of temptation and integrity?
- Do we automatically take the high road and do what's right?
- Do we stop and equivocate while the little devil on one shoulder gleefully pokes us with his pitchfork and encourages us to "go ahead—no one will ever know—it's not that bad, everybody does it" and the angel (complete with halo) on the other shoulder intones sweetly "don't do it—you know it's wrong—you'll be sorry—what would your Mother say?"
- Do we look around and make sure no one is watching and then do exactly what we feel like doing—that being what's the most beneficial for ourselves?

SNAP OUT OF IT!

We don't have enough time in this earthly life to fritter away what time we do have acting like fools—or sitting on the couch watching other people act like fools.

You may be asking how I know this?

I'm getting older and time is flying. I've done my share of frittering, stalling, being sorry, and really being foolish. Whatever time I have left, I would like to use constructively: mentoring someone; completing all of the "Great Books"; listening to good music; really loving someone—a lot; and generally being a good steward.

Ah, yes: Stewardship time is rolling around again—you know, that "Time, Talent, Treasure" thing we do every year at this time. It means we need to get busy—and get serious about All Souls and handicapped accessibility and our centennial. Then we will have plenty of time to really have fun—which probably will not involve the *New York Times*, the evening news, Tivo, Twitter, or Facebook. It will most definitely include chocolate, however.

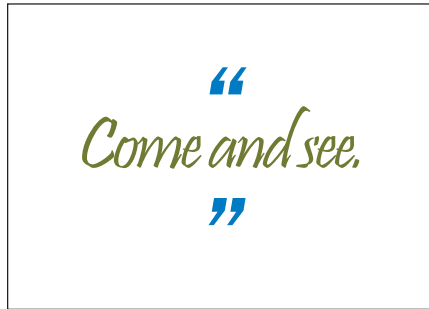
Nancy Suggs ■

In my first article as Junior Warden, I told you that my heart was very much in the Newcomers Ministry and in helping this parish grow. We have a lot going for us with respect to growth: we have a great location, a beautiful church, a wonderful rector, and a strong community. But growth doesn't just happen and, now that we're back in full swing from summer, I want to talk to you about what you can do to help this parish grow.

We get a fair number of people who just walk in the door. Do be intentional about sharing the peace with people you don't know or who are sitting alone. When the service is over, introduce yourself to someone you don't recognize. Invite them to coffee hour or breakfast, ask them if they want to leave their name and address in the register in the narthex or at the Welcome Table, and introduce them to people. Make it a point to remember their name and, if they are back the following week, take time to greet them by name. The simplest human connections have everything to do with someone deciding to stay with us. Of course, we always want people to feel free to come here without being drawn into conversation or community. If that's where someone is, you'll sense that pretty quickly and want to respect their desires.

You might also take a moment to read the calling of Nathaniel to be a disciple in the first chapter of the Gospel of John:

Philip found Nathaniel and said to him, "We have found him about whom the Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathaniel said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." (John 1: 45-46)



You know people who need a community like All Souls. "Come and see" may be all the evangelism needed to help them find a home here (yes, we're allowed to use the e-word in the Episcopal Church!). I'll grant you that inviting someone to church can seem a bit risky, but I'll also challenge you to pray about finding one person in your life who might respond to "Come and see."

I do have to point out that your ability to help people make connections at All Souls is directly related to your connectedness at All Souls. Above all things, be at services when you can. I'd encourage you to make time for a committee (ushering is 15 minutes extra per month). Consider attending the Adult Forum. You don't have to wait for next year to join a Foyer Group: the forms are on the Welcome Table.

Our handicapped accessibility project is an integral part of any effort to see All Souls grow. Beyond ensuring that this parish church is accessible to all souls, the accessibility project will necessarily drive other renewal and improvements to our facility which will make this a more welcoming place. By the time this article is published, the Vestry, Endowment Fund Board, and Buildings and Grounds Committee will have met with our architect Jim Clark. Pending the outcome of that meeting, we will either have a contract in place or be close to signing one with Jim's firm, MTF Architecture. Our

contract with MTF Architecture will get us through developing a master plan for our facility and will provide us with several options for potentially useful services including knowledgeable support through the bidding and construction process. Let me be clear though, entering into this contract does not commit us to funding anything more than the development of the master plan. The options I mentioned are exactly that: they are there whenever we want to take advantage of them, but they don't cost us a thing if we don't choose to execute them.

I will tell you that I was very impressed with MTF Architecture's approach to working with churches. They will visit our worship and observe other events to see how we function. They will also do a two-part visioning workshop with 18-20 parishioners to establish short and long-term goals for our facility. If you'd like to participate in these workshops (which are, by the way, a great way to connect in some depth with other people in the parish), please let me know—they should be interesting. We'll pick attendees for these workshops in a way that ensures that we have a good cross-section of the parish represented.

Please pray about what you can do to help our parish grow and keep praying for the handicapped accessibility project.

Dale Lewis ■

Understanding Stewardship

Soon we will be asking everyone at All Souls to make their pledge to this church for calendar year 2010. The period leading up to our annual stewardship drive is one of self-examination and re-commitment. Stewardship is defined as “the care and management of another’s property, finances and other affairs.” We are stewards of God’s house:

- for religious services that deepen our faith, widen our hope, and enlarge our understanding of God’s love, grace and Word
- for the physical plant—buildings and grounds
- for good and careful management of our resources
- for outreach to our neighbors and community.

We are all on this journey called “life” and we have chosen this sacred place as one of our stops along the way. Here we receive the love, grace, and encouragement to continue on our journey. Here we are fed the Body and Blood of Christ and His Word.

Stewardship involves sharing and giving. Sharing and giving are tricky because they involve letting some things go; having faith in something greater than ourselves; believing there is something more important than our own wants and desires; relinquishing selfishness.

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*We can not
 live for ourselves;
 we are connected
 by thousands of
 invisible threads.*
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Herman Melville

Although it is difficult to talk about money in the same paragraph as God’s love, grace, and blessings, the reality is that much of what we want to do, should do, need to do and can do takes money, time, and effort.

- A beautiful garden requires toil.
- Weekly breakfasts and coffee hours require someone to prep, cook and serve.
- *The Message* and Sunday bulletins require someone to write, edit, layout, proofread and print.
- Glorious music requires preparation, practice, and rehearsal.

Alas, things don’t just mysteriously happen. Everything worth doing requires some effort and, most likely, a lot of elbow grease—as my grandmother would have said.

I pray that you will ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you make your pledge of time, talent, and treasure to All Souls. The way we choose to handle the gifts entrusted to us in this life says a great deal about the way we perceive the next one; remembering that we are made “in the image and likeness of God” —and God is never stingy with gifts and blessings.

And the people (hopefully) said: “AMEN.”

Nancy Suggs ■

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Our stewardship pilgrimage this year is from October 25 to November 22.
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New Prayer Group for Listening

A part of the rector’s year-long program with the Shalem Institute, “Going Deeper: Clergy Spiritual Life and Leadership” involves forming a prayer group within the parish that will meet monthly to pray for the parish. Our agenda is a simple one: to meet regularly, pray (mostly in silence), and listen for the movement of the Holy Spirit within All Souls. The ideal group will be from four to ten people who are spiritually mature. Once a month, the group will meet for two hours during which a typical meeting might involve some listening silence, some reading from scripture, an opportunity for individuals to share something of their life in God, and especially their sense of the movement of the Spirit in the congregation. The group gathers as intercessors, listeners, envisioners, and informally as co-discerners of the Spirit’s life at All Souls. ■

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NOMINATION FORM

In considering who might be a good person to serve as a part of the Listening Prayer Group, consider some of the following questions (not that anyone might fulfill all of them). And please consider nominating yourself, if you feel a tug of the Spirit to do so.

To whom in the congregation would you turn for help in going deeper in your own spiritual life?

Who would you want to pray for you?

Who especially contributes to the spiritual life of this congregation?

Who do you think lets their spiritual heart carry over into all aspects of their life?

I would like to nominate:

My reason for doing so is:

Please tear-off and return to the parish office or drop in the Sunday collection plate at Mass.

Announcing

Lay Eucharistic Visitors

We have reorganized our Lay Eucharistic Visitors. If you, or someone you know, might not be able to come to church on Sunday and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office or the rector. ■

From the Sunday School

Children to Children Campaign in Advent

The Diocese of Washington has renewed its partnership with Southern Africa and this year’s Children to Children project will help to support a micro-industry in Swaziland that produces Teddy Bears. The Kingdom of Swaziland (Umbuso weSwatini), sometimes called Ngwane, is a country in Southern Africa, bordered to the north, south, and west by South Africa, and to the east by

Mozambique. The Diocese of Swaziland is a part of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa. The current archbishop is the Most Reverend Thabo Cecil Makgoba, who follows Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Watch the All Souls Weekly for more information on the Children to Children Project. ■

NOTE: We're used to having parishioner Jim Child's poetry appear in The Message. In this issue, Jim concludes his understanding of the early Christian church. —Ed.

In the last issue we set the stage for the convening of the Council of Nicaea, introducing the principal players and broadly indicating the nature of the opposition between what we will refer to as "Catholic doctrine" and the doctrines of Arianism. Now we will take up the Creed of Nicaea, considering some of the implications of that well-known statement of belief. We'll try to do justice to the intention of the drafters of the creed in expounding the Catholic position as they set forth their own views while simultaneously condemning those of Arius.

No council agenda or detailed actions taken have survived. Scholars have, however, been able to piece together sufficient information from letters written by Constantine to his bishops and to Arius, as well as a letter from the Council of Nicaea to the Church of Alexandria, informing the members of the general nature of the council's actions.

From these sources we learn that the council approved some 20 canon laws, set the date for Easter, and took up the Melitian schism (a major problem for Constantine and the church, but not immediately relevant to questions of heresy). Of first importance, however, was the creed they drafted, the first step of which was likely to have been the reconsideration of the case of Eusebius of Caesarea.

At the earlier council at Antioch, Eusebius had made incautious statements lending support to Ariansim. To clear himself of the charge, he was required to present a creed which the council could deem orthodox. He did



CONCILIUM NICAENUM I—fresco from the Vatican City

so and was readmitted to full communion. The very fact, however, that such a distinguished bishop and church historian had to suffer such treatment demonstrated the urgency of a creed which clearly expounded the Catholic position and condemned the Arian.

First, let's look at the doctrines set forth in the Nicene Creed, noting the similarities with the creed as we know it today and briefly discussing the differences. We'll then examine Arius' doctrines vis-a-vis those of the council.

The earlier creed begins:

We believe in one God the Father All sovereign maker of all things visible and invisible...

An unexceptionable proposition for Arians and Catholics alike. It then continues:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, *begotten of the Father, only begotten, that is, of the substance of the Father*, God of God, Light of Light, *true God of true God, begotten not made, of one substance with the Father*, through whom all things were made, *things in heaven and things on the earth*, who for us men and our salvation *came down* and was made flesh, *and became man*, suffered, and rose on the third day, ascended into the heavens, is coming to judge the living and the dead

And in the Holy Spirit...

The wording above is a composite of Eusebius of Caesarea's creed with which he satisfied the council regarding his orthodoxy (the parts in Roman type) and the additions made by the council (to clarify or even modify Eusebius' intentions (*in italic*)). At this point the Creed of Nicaea as such ends and a set of anathemas (propositions branded as heretical) is appended. Let's examine Arius's own theological positions as he presented them in three extant letters and try to relate them to the anathemas.

Arius's starting point was the statement of faith in a transcendent deity without beginning or end. He continues that the Son has a beginning: that "there was a time when he was not," since only the Father had eternal being, which could not be shared by another (Kelly, 226).

Thus the son is a "creature," whom the Father has brought into being by an act of will, and the term "begotten" is simply an exalted synonym for "made." If such were not the case there would be two eternal beings, which would mean polytheism.

Further, "the Son can have no communion with, and indeed no direct knowl-

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edge of, His Father” (Kelly, 228). As a creature, He bears the title of “son” because he does not share in divinity; nevertheless, in the words of Arius himself, he “can neither see nor know the Father perfectly and accurately...”

Finally, the Son must be liable to change and even sin, though Arius did offer a way out, whereby God in his providence strengthens the Son’s resolution against evil.

These doctrines were thoroughly condemned in the appended declarations of anathema, which say (in part): “And those that say, ‘There was [a time] when he was not...or those that allege that the Son of God is ‘of another substance or essence’ or ‘created’ or ‘alterable’ these the Catholic and Apostolic Church anathematizes.”

Only two bishops refused to sign the Creed of Nicaea, and two others the letter from the council separately anath-

ematizing Arius. Seemingly, therefore, the Catholic position had triumphed and the Arian had failed. The vast majority of attendees carried the day and Arius was about to be exiled. Unfortunately, this was not actually the case. Arius had, indeed, received a setback, but it would not be for long: in less than two years he returned from exile.

A number of factors complicated what might appear to be an “open-and-shut” case. While Arius supporters were few at Nicaea (he himself may not have attended), supporters of Ossius and Alexander were not numerous either. Those who were likely active participants included Bishop Marcellus of Ancyra and Eustathius of Antioch, whom we have already met. Both were temporarily aligned with Alexander but over time betrayed Sabellian leanings.

Sabellius was a third century Libyan who taught that the Father was in fact

the Son. The Father manifested himself as the Savior, dying on the cross for mankind; the Son was thus not a being in his own right, but an aspect, or made, or a single being. To many of the attendees at Nicaea, this meant a new version of Judiasm of which they were deathly afraid. The saving grace was the imprecision of the language at the council: many of the signers of the Creed of Nicaea interpreted terms such as “substance” in ways to avoid the danger of Sabellianism (Eusebius of Caesarea was an outstanding example).

Thus the Council of Nicaea concluded its work with a tentative (and precarious) creed. By 327 opposition was gaining strength. With the death of Bishop Alexander in 328 and the ordination of his successor Athanasius in Alexandria later that year, the preliminary work on the Nicene Creed was over and the next phase had begun.

Jim Child ■

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What does it mean to be a Christian in an age of religious pluralism? What does it mean to be a Jew, a Muslim, a Buddhist, or a Hindu in America today? How as Christians can we understand these religious traditions better? And how are we called to respond to people who have ideas about God that are different from ours? These are some of the questions we will be pondering in our series of conversations with other religious traditions. We shall begin by talking about what the Christian tradition has to say, and then welcome representatives of other religions to come and talk to us about their experiences. We hope you’ll be able to join us.

The Adult Forum this fall and winter is coordinated by Laura Tomes and Erwin de Leon. ■



Traditionally the Church celebrates November 1 as All Saints Day. It is a day of high celebration, a day to remember all the great saints of the church and to give thanks that we, too, are called to live into God's family of saints in eternal life.

All Souls, November 2, is a day for remembering the saints we have known and loved, those who have died and joined the Communion of Saints. The mood is more reflective and introspective.

On All Saints and All Souls Day, 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 ■



*You're invited
to an All Souls Tradition*

Come join parishioners of All Souls, our families, friends, and neighbors on November 26 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.



“Bonita, Aleger, Tranquilo, Sympatico, Fieles”

Shawn Strout is a member of All Souls currently in the discernment process in the Diocese of Washington—Ed.

All of the words above and so many more describe the people that I met on my recent trip to Honduras. With the generous support of the All Souls Endowment Fund, I was able to travel to Copan Ruinas, Honduras for the entire month of July. During my time in Honduras, I spent over eighty hours in Spanish language immersion classes. I must admit that I was quite amazed at how much progress I made in my Spanish conversation skills during that time. Previously, I had attempted to learn Spanish using every means from private tutors, and classes from USDA to Rosetta Stone. But there is simply nothing like being immersed in the culture and language to really learn it.

During my time in Honduras, I attended Ixbalanque Spanish Academy, which specializes in Spanish language immersion programs. As a part of that program, I lived with the Espinoza family in a very comfortable and beautifully decorated apartment behind their home. I ate all of my meals with them and was able to practice my conversational skills. They were a true blessing with their gift of hospitality.

In addition to learning Spanish, I also attended several of the Episcopal missions in the area. Padre Arnoldo Mejia and his family were kind enough to allow me to accompany them to several of the services. As the dean of Copan, Padre Arnoldo is responsible for 30 missions! A couple of those missions are located near the town of Copan, but



Shawn Strout is surrounded by Padre Arnoldo Mejia (on the left in this picture) and the seminarian.

most of them are located in the mountains. Fortunately, Padre Arnoldo has a strong and durable four-wheel drive truck! Without it, most of those congregations would be unreachable.

Padre Arnoldo shared with me that the Diocese of Honduras has 173 missions, but only 52 ordained priests and 9 deacons to serve them. Thus, they rely heavily upon the assistance of lay pastors, some of whom have received seminary training but are unable to get ordained due to the lack of funds from the diocese to support them. The Diocese of Honduras is one of the fastest growing dioceses in the Episcopal Church. The people in Honduras are hungry for God’s Word and Sacraments, but financial constraints limit the ability to respond to that need.

Padre Arnoldo and his wife shared with me some of the many ideas that they have for the future. One idea that was begun but is currently being delayed due to lack of funding is a church building for the mission in Copan Ruinas itself. That mission has been meeting in people’s homes for worship. Padre Arnoldo showed me the building site where they have begun

construction on the building for the congregation of Santa Maria de Copan.

They would also like to begin a literacy program that would allow the communities in the mountains to learn to read Spanish. Many of them are unable to fully participate in the worship service because they cannot read the Bible or the Prayer Book. However, in order for this program to be successful, simple materials such as books, paper, and pencils would be needed.

Originally, I was going to be joined by eleven other people from the Diocese of Washington for my final week and a half in Honduras. Unfortunately, due to the political unrest in the country, the bishop of Honduras asked all mission teams to reschedule their trips. Thus I was unable to participate in helping a community in the Santa Barbara region with rebuilding efforts after the devastating earthquake this past spring.

It is truly hard for me to describe the many blessings that I received during my time in Honduras. I was definitely the recipient of such gracious hospitality and warm friendship. Honduras will continue to have a very special place in my heart.

Please stay tuned as I hope to share a presentation with the congregation on my trip. And please feel free to contact me with any questions that you may have about my trip. My telephone number is 202/288-6442, and my email address is sstroutDC@yahoo.com.

Shawn Strout ■

Activities Calendar for 2009

All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church

As of September 23, 2009

October

	Sunday*	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Pentecost 16 & Healing Rite (at both Masses) • Adult Forum, 10 a.m. • St. Francis Day Celebration, front lawn, 3 p.m.	5 • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	6 • Matins, 7:15 a.m.	7 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Christ House breakfast, 7 a.m. • Low Mass, noon • Christ House dinner, 4 p.m. • Centering Prayer, Mary Chapel, 7 p.m.	8 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m.	9 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	10 • Farmer's Market, parking lot, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. every Sat. until mid-December • Garden Guild meets periodically, 9 am–Noon	3
11 Pentecost 19 • Adult Forum, 10 a.m.	12 —Columbus Day • Parish office closed • Christ House dinner, 4 p.m. • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	13 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Christ House dinner, 4 p.m.	14 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Christ House breakfast, 7 a.m. • Low Mass, noon • Christ House dinner, 4 p.m. • Centering Prayer, Mary Chapel, 7 p.m.	15 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m.	16 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m. • Metz & Cappellini, wedding rehearsal, church, 5 p.m.	17 • Metz & Cappellini, wedding, church, 4 p.m. • Sunday school Halloween party, undercroft, 6 p.m.	
18 Pentecost 20 • Adult Forum, 10 a.m.	19 —St. Luke the Evangelist • AA Meeting, conference room 8:30 p.m.	20 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Parish administrator lunch/meeting, undercroft, 12:30–2 p.m. • Vestry meeting, 7 p.m., conference room	21 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Christ House breakfast, 7 a.m. • Low Mass, noon • Centering Prayer, Mary Chapel, 7 p.m.	22 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m.	23 —St. James of Jerusalem • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m. • Rhodes & Johnson wedding rehearsal, church, 6 p.m.	24 • Flu & Pneumonia shots, undercroft, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. • Rhodes & Johnson wedding, 5:30 p.m.	
25 Pentecost 21— Stewardship Sunday • Adult Forum, 10 a.m. • Stewardship Pilgrimage begins • Marine Corps Marathon • Copy deadline for the Dec 2009/Jan 2010 church newsletter	25 • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	27 • Matins, 7:15 a.m.	28 —St. Simon & St. Jude Apostles • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Christ House breakfast, 7 a.m. • Low Mass, noon • Wise & Mature Lunch, undercroft, after noon Mass • Centering Prayer, Mary Chapel, 7 p.m.	29 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m.	30 • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m.	31 —Halloween	

* Regular Sunday Activities

Check dates for additions or exceptions

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

Activities Calendar for 2009

All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church

November

As of September 23, 2009

	Sunday*	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 – All Saints' Day	2 – All Souls' Day	3	4	5	6	7	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daylight Saving Time ends, "fall back – gain one hour" • Adult Forum, 10 a.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass, 7 p.m. • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matins, 7:15 a.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ House breakfast, 7 a.m. • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Low Mass, noon • Christ House dinner, 4 p.m. • Centering Prayer, Mary Chapel, 7 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m. • St. Mary's Court, 3 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmer's Market, parking lot, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. every Sat. until mid-December • Garden Guild meets periodically, 9 am–Noon • Confirmations, National Cathedral, 10 a.m.–Noon 	
8 Pentecost 23	9	10	11 – Veterans Day	12	13	14	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Forum, 10 a.m. • Bishop Dixon celebrant & homilist at 11 a.m. Mass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ House dinner, 4 p.m. • AA Meeting, conference room 8:30 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matins, 7:15 a.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ House breakfast, 7 a.m. • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Low Mass, noon • Parish office closed • Centering Prayer, Mary Chapel, 7 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m. 		
15 Pentecost 24	16	17	18	19	20	21	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Forum, 10 a.m. • Holiday Bazaar begins during breakfast & coffee hour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA Meeting, conference room 8:30 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Parish administrator lunch/meeting, undercroft, 12:30–2 p.m. • Vestry meeting, 7 p.m., conference room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ House breakfast, 7 a.m. • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Low Mass, noon • Senior Lunch bunch, after noon Mass • Centering Prayer, Mary Chapel, 7 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matins, 7:15 a.m. & Low Mass, 7:30 a.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m. 		
22 The Last Sunday after Pentecost – Christ the King	23	24	25	26 – Thanksgiving Day	27	28	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Forum, 10 a.m. • Holiday Bazaar during breakfast & coffee hour • Stewardship Pilgrimage ends 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA Meeting, conference room 8:30 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matins, 7:15 a.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ House breakfast, 7 a.m. • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Low Mass, noon • Centering Prayer, Mary Chapel, 7 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Morning Prayer & Matins • Annual Thanksgiving dinner, Mass at 10 a.m., followed by fellowship, and dinner • Parish office closed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matins, 7:15 a.m. • Parish office closed • AA Meeting, conference room, 8:30 p.m. 		
29 The First Sunday of Advent	30 – St. Andrew the Apostle						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Forum, 10 a.m. • Holiday Bazaar during breakfast & coffee hour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AA Meeting, conference room 8:30 p.m. 	<p>* Regular Sunday Activities Check dates for additions or exceptions Holy Eucharist, 8:30 & 11 a.m. Healing Rite, first Sunday of the month – both services Breakfast, after early Mass Child care, 8:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m.</p>					

Choir Rehearsal, 9:15–10:45 a.m.
 Adult Forum, 10 a.m.
 Sunday School, 11:15 a.m.
 Coffee Hour, after 11 a.m. Mass
 AA Meeting, 3 p.m., conference room

Keeping Healthy

Flu & Pneumonia Vaccinations Coming

Once again this year, Maxim Health Systems will offer flu and pneumonia shots in the Undercroft on Saturday, October 24, from 10 a.m. until 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 \$45 for the pneumonia shot.

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

From the Foyer Dinner Program

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

You may join this activity at any time during the year

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 homes and other informal settings. Generally, several dinners are held by each group during the church year. You may join this activity at any time during the year. Contact either Butch Bradburn (703/525-0262) or Kathleen Scholl (202/244-2297) if you wish to be added to a group.

Butch Bradburn & Kathleen Scholl

Episcopal Men's Fellowship

Upcoming Events

The Episcopal Men's Fellowship is a chance for the men of All Souls to come together for camaraderie, fellowship, and good food. Watch *The Weekly* for specific dates and topics. Those interested in attending should sign up on the list in the undercroft or send an email to ike.brannon@gmail.com.

Ike Brannon

On Thursday, October 1st the Episcopal Men's Fellowship will have its next meeting at 7 p.m. in the Undercroft. John Coates will discuss the origins and celebrations of Columbus Day while also giving us a glimpse into the man Christopher Columbus himself. \$15 is the cost for a wonderful meal. All men interested in attending should sign up on the list in the undercroft or send an email to Ike.brannon@gmail.com.

A Gathering of the Wise and Mature

Senior Lunch Bunch

October 28 following Noon Mass

The next luncheon of the "wise and mature" will be on Wednesday, October 28 at 12:30 p.m., following the noon Mass. Please have your reservations to the parish office no later than Monday, October 26 if you plan to attend. Note that our lunches are on the last Wednesday of the month.

Thanks to everyone who has joined in this time of fellowship and who have assisted with this ministry. We look forward to seeing you in the future.

Mark Hoffman, ESM Representative

Future lunch dates

November 18, and December 16

(both November and December dates are exceptions to the usual last Wednesday of the month.)



Please join us on November 8 at the 11 a.m. service when Bishop Jane Holmes Dixon will be our celebrant and homilist.

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 collect money to be sent to the hospital for the same purpose. So, as you do your holiday shopping, rather than buying a stuffed animal, a box of crayons, or drawing



paper, please set aside an equal amount and either bring it to the Sunday School Christmas Party on December 12, or send it to the parish office, clearly marked "St. John Hospital." You will make a big difference for a needy child undergoing eye surgery in East Jerusalem. We will send the donation to the hospital just after Christmas. Thank you for bringing joy to a small child in a troubled place.

Pat Dresser ■

From the Sunday School

Annual Christmas Party

A Time of Fun and Fellowship

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

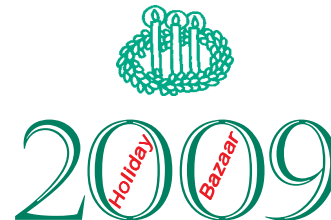
Please join us for this annual Christmas potluck. It's a fun way to celebrate the season. St. Nicholas will be stopping by to read the "Night before Christmas," and we will all share a wonderful meal. And bring a stuffed animal for the children at St. John Hospital in Jerusalem (*See article above.*) All are welcome to attend.

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

Marcia Anderson ■

From the Chairman

Annual Christmas Bazaar



Starting in 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. We will 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 ■

Baptism Dates (as of 09/03/09)

October

- 1 Walter Parker
Taylor Shinbur
- 5 Tom Esch
- 6 Michael Giorgilli
- 7 Abby Quinn-Shores
- 8 Carlos Guerra
John Matthews
- 9 Lillian Atdjian
- 10 Nancy Aherne
Erling Hansen
Charles Petrosky
Artie Roach
Marko Zlatich
- 11 Rose Gordy
- 12 Bert Ifill
- 14 Ford Chinworth
- 15 Beth Goodrich
Corso Rosselli Del Turco
- 19 Valerie Levanos
- 22 Bill Miller
- 23 Harry Feely
David Hollis
Kristin Pomeroy
- 26 Terry Tyborowski
- 28 Matt Cohn
The Rev. Dan Gross
Joe Priester
- 29 Shannon Rodes
- 30 Mickey Norris
The Rev. John David VanDooren
- 31 Tim Johnson

November

- 1 Jim Child
Trish Cleary
Ted Field
- 2 Denisse Prado
Frank Rettig
- 3 Kevin Biersack
Caroline Shea
Ken Williams
- 4 Calvin Zon
- 5 Chris Cobb
Katie Houle
Paul Meyer
- 6 Miriam Esch Levanos
- 7 Charles Moscarillo
- 9 Mike McGee
- 10 Stephen Lovell
- 12 Scott Cecil
- 14 Regina Dading
- 15 Ruth Anna Stolk
- 16 Emma Saenz
- 18 Melissa Meyers
Paula Taitt
- 19 Al Mottur
- 22 Louise Schalk
- 28 Joe Howell
Alan Severson ■

Honoring the Great Sacrament of Baptism

If your name is missing from this lists and you would like to have it included in this newsletter, or if there is a mistake, please call the parish office at 202/232-4244, and ask for the membership secretary. ■

The Parish Register (as of September 23, 2009)

Baptisms, Burials, Confirmations & Receptions

None

Marriages & Blessings

September 12, 2009

Lisa Elizabeth Mitiguy &
Alfred Gutierrez Orellana

Reaffirmations* & Transfers In

None

Transfers Out

August 27, 2009

C. Ray Flynn

* 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 July. In addition, some of these names are the result of updating our membership database. ■

The All Souls Message

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The mission of All Souls Church is to be a Christ-centered sanctuary where a diverse community worships and serves. We live this mission through faithful celebration of the Eucharist, Christian education, and loving nurture of both members and neighbors. ■

The All Souls Message
October/November 2009
All Souls Memorial Episcopal Church
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*All Souls will celebrate the Feast of All Saints
on Sunday, November 1 with a Low Mass at 8:30 a.m. and a High Mass at 11 a.m.
We will also celebrate All Souls Day on Monday, November 2 with a Low Mass 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 26 for our annual Thanksgiving Day dinner in the undercroft.*