

The All Souls Message

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From the Junior Warden Report for Spring, 2007

As I write this report to meet the deadline for *The Message* it is still April. At this moment we are still looking for a contractor willing to go to work on Phase I of our handicapped accessibility project. Since it is a small job, and not particularly remunerative for a contractor, many are passing it up for bigger and more costly projects elsewhere. Nevertheless, we intend to keep up our search!

This work, which will elevate our sidewalks to the height of our entrance thresholds, will make our narthex and nave totally accessible to people with physical challenges. In order to accomplish it, we will have to demolish our old sidewalks in order to raise them to new heights. Obviously, as we do this we have to raise the height of our lawns and gardens as well, so it will be a messy project, but so worth it when all is complete. This also presents an opportunity to relandscape the entrances to the church as we meet this challenge. We hope you will like the new plants and shrubberies chosen by our landscapers with the advice and consent of our Garden Guild.



While we do this work, it made sense to replace the retaining wall at the foot of the slope that lies between our two Cathedral Avenue entrances. The old wooden wall has long since rotted through and our drainage system is no longer protected from dirt and rock. Keeping these drains clean has been a real “drain” on our finances. A new and concrete replacement is in order, and has been for some time. The equipment and personnel needed for both jobs are the same, so, although financed from different budgets, it is very economical to do both simultaneously. Once again, we think you will like the “new look” in landscaping when all is done. The projected completion date, once ground is actually broken, will be 4 to 6 weeks.

Once these are complete, be ready! It will be time to launch Phase II of Handicapped Accessibility, which involves the financing, planning, and construction of an elevator. This is the most important project for the future of our church and congregation that we will potentially undertake in this decade. Begin to think now of how you can manage your financial resources so that you can help us finance it.

We are also painting and sprucing up our offices, hallways, and Undercroft with new coats of paint in anticipation of a new rector. As we initiate this work, we will have to take down the photographs that covered the hallway walls. We will keep some of the best of these photos, while we make way for some newer and more up-to-date pictures of our All Souls people and events. Many thanks to Barry Huber, our Parish Administrator, for his work in coordinating this effort.

Ray Myrtle ■

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The Message is published every two months except for a June/July/August issue and a single issue in September.

The Newcomers Ministry has been actively engaged since February in helping new people find their way into the All Souls Parish family. The response to our efforts has been overwhelming. As a result, many have enthusiastically returned to All Souls, and have participated in worship, educational, and outreach activities.

We learn of newcomers in many ways and continue to look for ways to identify and serve them. Most often we learn of newcomers when they sign the guest book in the narthex. Sometimes members of the parish relay the newcomer's contact information to us to follow up. Sometimes we learn of them through pew cards, which are filled out and handed in. Regardless of the source, we send a follow up letter that welcomes them, introduces them to programs at All Souls and provides contact information for our team and clergy. We also enclose a Starbucks card as a small demonstration of hospitality.

To help new people become acquainted with life at All Souls, the team has revived the concept of periodic dinners. These intimate gatherings provide opportunities to learn about All Souls and to meet members of the church. Over the coming months our focus will shift from host-

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Who is a Newcomer?

All Souls has adopted a broad definition that includes anyone who considers himself/herself a newcomer. It may be someone searching for a church home or an inquirer to the Christian faith. It may be someone who's been attending the church for a while but slipped through the cracks. In the transient world of Washington, DC, the newcomer label could also apply to former members of the parish who are reintegrating after an extended overseas assignment or other life changes. Regardless of your situation, please let us help you become involved in the life of the parish!

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ing dinners specifically for newcomers to existing fellowship activities, including the highly successful foyer dinner program, the parish picnic, and the parish luau.

We are currently developing a packet of materials aimed at answering questions that new people may have. So far we have submitted draft brochures that explain our liturgy and symbols in the church building. We continue to work with members of the communications committee to refine the content. We are also working on ideas to update the pew cards.

We need your help! Welcoming new people to All Souls requires many different talents. We need people who can plan events, entertain, write, follow up, or even do Internet research. Some tasks are regular, ongoing events, while others are short-term projects. You can even play a welcoming role by simply introducing yourself to someone you do not know in the pews, at breakfast, or coffee hour.

Please join our team. For more information about the Newcomers' Ministry, please contact Tom Mabon (202-291-6308, kambn@starpower.net) or me (202-362-8565; ekgeorge@rocketmail.com).

Elizabeth George ■

Copy deadline for articles for the September 2006 issue of The Message is July 29, 2007

Please have your articles in George Barnum's hands by that date. Electronic submission preferred at message.allsoulsdc@gmail.com. Please also send a copy to allsouls1@aol.com. Call George with story ideas, questions, and complaints at (W) 202/512-1801, extension 32067, or (H) 202/986-2998. ■

Election Results from the Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Meeting of All Souls Parish was held following worship on Sunday, May 20, 2007. The by-laws of the parish stipulate that,

“The first business after the adoption of the permanent roll shall be the election of Wardens and of general members of the Vestry...”

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of seven nominees for general member and two for Senior Warden, from which the following were elected (see photo composite to the right). In total, nine members agreed to be nominated for parish office. Please congratulate those elected, and extend a word of thanks to those who were not. ■

NEW SENIOR WARDEN



*Nancye Suggs
(2-year term)*

NEW GENERAL MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY



*Marcia Anderson
(3-year term
until May 2010)*



*Frank Karel
(3-year term
until May 2010)*



*Dale Lewis
(3-year term
until May 2010)*



*Jim Solomon
(1-year term
until May 2008)*

CONTINUING GENERAL MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY
(with term until May of the listed year)

Ray Myrtle, junior warden (2008)

Darla Brown (2009)

Anthony Domenico (2008)

Susan Morrison (2009)

Stephen Rhody (2009)

Norman Whitmire, Jr. (2008)

We are faced with the opportunity to make wholesale changes to the gardens in front of our church. Many of the shrubs are beyond saving while others are diseased and dying. Work on the handicapped accessibility project is to begin soon, causing the lawn and gardens to be disrupted. This presents the Garden Guild with a perfect opportunity to make changes in the overall garden plan, making our front lawn and gardens more attractive than ever.

Many shrubs and hedges will be removed to accommodate the construction. Working with a landscape architect, a new planting scheme has been drawn, that provides sustained color throughout the growing season while promoting plant health and vigor. To be more specific, two of the large yew shrubs in front of the Mary Chapel windows have grown out of control. These shrubs will be removed and replaced with shade loving plants, including azaleas, kerria, serviceberry, and woodland perennials. Our once glorious azalea bed be-

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tween the sidewalk and the alley is now diseased and dying. This is partly due to heat produced from the blacktop in the alley and the cement sidewalk. Our landscaper suggests that we replace the azaleas with hornbeam trees, dwarf holly, and ever blooming landscape roses. The benefit will be that much of the apartment building and parking lot across the alley will be obscured by the canopy of the trees and shrubs. This type of buffer will also help to contain the church yard, making it appear to stop at the tree line. And what about that ugly light well? The final appearance will be determined once the new retaining wall is built, but I can assure you, it will be a very attractive garden space that matches the other changes to the front of the church and gardens.

As head of the Garden Guild, I ask you to bear with us during this period of construction and change and have faith that all will turn out well!

Tom Mabon ■

Butch Bradburn and Kathleen Scholl report that the dinners have gotten off to a terrific start for 2007. However, several captains have asked for more members. The groups cannot be expanded without additional people signing up for the program. One can sign up for the foyer dinner program all year long. Just fill out a form in the undercroft or talk with Butch or Kathleen.

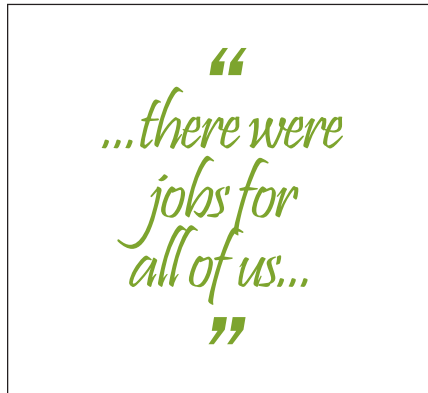
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Our goal this year is to have all the groups active by the time the new rector arrives. The groups will be an ideal way to get to know our new priest and to get better acquainted with other members of All Souls. ■

On March 20, about twenty of us from All Souls met in the parking lot for coffee, donut holes, and prayer. We were about to spend the day in southwest DC, building houses for people who really need them. Yes, really building them!

Our ringleader was Tony Domenico. He has been going there for many weeks, so they knew him; as an engineer, he has had more experience than most at this, except possibly Chris, who once built an addition to her home all by herself (except the foundation and roof).

When we arrived at the site, the director from Habitat gave us all directions for the work. She listed the various jobs; we each had a choice of what we felt we wanted to work on. We hadn't known what to expect at first, but there were jobs for all of us (including the "more mature," Chris adds). Jean and Chris were partners at insulating one room. Chris cut the



fiberglass and Jean stapled it in the walls. It was lots of fun and work. Both of us suggest that All Souls might want to give Habitat some professional staplers—theirs couldn't have been worse. If the staples didn't come out three at a time, they didn't come out at all.

One totally enjoyable hour was lunchtime, when Terry Horan arrived with the delicious sandwiches, etc., prepared by Martha Domenico and her volunteers back "home." We had a

great time under the trees in the fellowship of the All Souls group.

After lunch, and having completed our cutting and stapling (our group completely insulated one entire house), we were set to caulking walls in another house. Much easier and more fun—a bit like playing with white mud.

After a full day, we left, looking back at "our" entirely warmed house and the seam-solid second one. It was a most satisfying day—helping those who needed us, being energy-efficient and enjoying the fellowship of our fellow parishioners, seen in a totally new light as insulators, caulkers, roofers, siders, lot surveyors—whatever was needed.

Would we do it again? Yes, in a heartbeat. We invite more of the All Souls family to join us next time. Just contact Tony and we'll see you there!

Jean Chemnick & Chris Cobb ■

From the Senior Warden

Highlights from Recent Vestry Meetings

The vestry of All Souls ordinarily meets on the third Tuesday of the month from September through June. This year, however, the vestry is scheduled to meet in July and August to accommodate preparations for the arrival of our new rector.

In addition to the highlights of vestry meetings published here, you may review the full minutes in the church office or on our website under the heading "Annual Reports and Vestry Minutes."

At its January meeting, the vestry:

- Listened to a presentation by Chris Cobb on the Diocesan Committee

on Accessibility and Special Needs

- Approved the 2007 operating budget

In February, the vestry:

- Accepted the resignation of the Rev. Ethan J. Cole effective April 30, 2007
- Acknowledged the resignation of Gene Sexton from the vestry
- Approved the 2006 Parochial Report

In March, the vestry:

- Named the nominating committee for the upcoming annual meeting
- Noted that the Rev. Barbara Henry and the Rev. Dr. Peter Antoci

would form our clergy team through mid-July

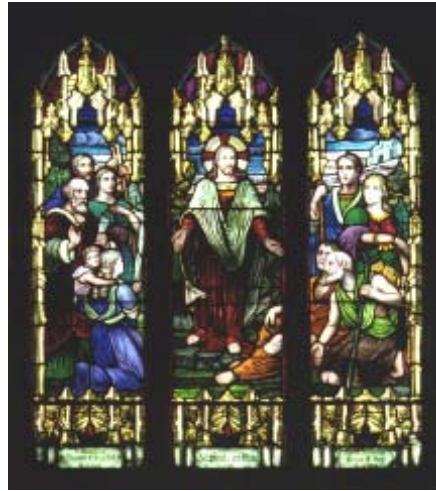
At its April meeting, the vestry:

- Accepted the thanks of Bishop Chane for the parish's \$500 contribution to the Bishop's Appeal in recognition of the Rev. Dr. Joan Beilstein's work with All Souls

At each regular vestry meeting, the treasurer makes a report of the parish financial condition. The report is presented, discussed, and accepted by the vestry. Current financial reports are available for review in the church office. ■

On Saturday, 28 April, Mother Barbara Henry gave a talk and tour on All Souls' magnificent stained glass. The talk was well attended, informative, and revealing as we discovered stories of the Bible, learned about the life of saints, and discovered much about the founding of All Souls Church, all contained in the windows of our church. Some of those in attendance were so enthusiastic that they suggested a Stained Glass Guild be formed to document the windows and their respective stories. This may materialize in the future.

As parishioners, we sit in the pews each Sunday looking at the Resurrection Window over the altar and perhaps view one or two of the side



windows in the nave. When one has the opportunity to examine each window as we did with Mother Henry's talk, it is remarkable what can be learned. Each window reveals more detail each time it is viewed.

Many churches decide the subject matter of their windows long before the church is built. Often, one glass provider fabricates all of the windows and therefore little variation is found in the style of the windows. This is not so at All Souls. Our windows were placed as memorials for parishioners who died from before 1914 through the 1960's. There were as many as seven different glass fabricators for our windows, which is evident in the variations of style and character.

Tom Mabon ■

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The next time you have a chance to look at our stained glass, try to answer the questions listed below. In answering these questions, you too will be reflecting on glass!

1. Which window has a picture of another window?
2. Are there any “modern” or abstract windows in the church?
3. Which biblical scenes are depicted more than once?
4. Which scene from the life of Christ is not pictured?
5. How do we know that ours is a Tiffany window?
6. What are the symbols of the four evangelists and where are they pictured?
7. Can you find two pictures of All Souls Church?
8. Can you find a window that has a number of very small pictures in it and what are they?

[You'll find the answers elsewhere in this issue. —ed.]

The Day of Pentecost, which occurs on May 27 this year, is also called Whitsunday. It is the fiftieth day after Easter and the eighth and last Sunday of the Easter season. The Day of Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples in the form of tongues of fire. Peter was the preacher on that day, and three thousand were baptized. The liturgical color for the Day of Pentecost is red. Following the Day of Pentecost, we enter the Season of Pentecost, which is also called Ordinary Time. This period forms the longest period of the church year, lasting twenty-two to twenty-seven Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. The emphasis during this period is the Christian life and its liturgical color is green. Several important feast days occur during Ordinary Time, including:



JOYOUS PENTECOST!

THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST
June 25th

THE FEAST OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL
June 29th

THE FEAST OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE
July 23rd

HOLY CROSS DAY
September 14th

THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL
AND ALL ANGELS
September 29th

and, of course,

ALL SAINTS' DAY AND ALL SOULS' DAY
November 1st and 2nd.

The season of Pentecost takes us all the way up to the season of Advent, with

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
November 25th

Pentecost is a season to celebrate and reaffirm the ongoing gift of the Holy Spirit as we strive to emulate the examples of those men and women, saints and pilgrims, who carried out God's work in their daily lives. By doing so, we live out the mystery of faith, "Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again"...and again...and again...working anew in each and every one of us. ■

*We thank thee, Father, for the water of Baptism.
In it we are buried with Christ in his death.
By it we share in his Resurrection.
Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.*

<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>
1 Roi Bernard Heidi Clark William Fowlkes Robert Hilton Bryan Powell Henry Shea Joseph Threadgill B. J. Warren	1 Scout Bowman Cynthia Powell Rachel Shinbur Senta Speight Lisa Watson	1 Ike Brannon Will Coley Jamie Finch Julia Gutierrez Greg Shinbur
2 John Hall	5 Daiva Kasteckaite	4 Robin Jones
3 Michael Heinel Chris Lethbridge Rosemary Marquis	6 Dennis Kivlighan	6 Clark Ball
4 Sharon Nuskey Michael Rogers Audrey Saenz	8 Roy Woodall	8 Gene Sexton
5 Travis Reuther Peggy Valentino	10 Fred Hadeed	9 Harriet Curry
8 Betty Ann Beardsworth Mark Hoffman James Rogers	15 Landis Vance	10 Jan Clayberg David Tubman
9 Sue Eyman	16 Ron Carsell Jerry Fath Embry Howell	14 David Harrer
10 Anton Haines	17 Larry Amon	15 Julian Saenz
11 Tony Domenico Matt Wigglesworth	23 Monica Barreto	16 Tommy Mottur
12 Alli Bowmen Paul Carter Todd Crawford	25 Lee Kadrich	17 Randy Beardsworth Phil Marti Oscar Prado
14 John Maxwell	31 Tim Dill	18 Chuck Shirkey
15 Isabel Cole Elizabeth McKee		19 Bob Kulawiec
16 Erik Melchers		20 Charles Graham
17 Michael Menne		21 Gregg Buckley Marian Chin
19 Jim Barnett		22 Jim Solomon
20 Shawn Strout		23 Tom Koch
21 Alison Prevost		24 Carl Uhlig
22 Chris Crittsinger		25 Steve Grough Stephen Preston
23 Miguel Prado		29 Jim Gasser
26 Mary Kivlighan		31 Stefan Lopatkiewicz
29 Terry Horan		
30 James Brady Victoria Drell Jeffrey Kahle Sandra Welch		

Honoring the Great Sacrament of Baptism. If your name is missing from this list and you would like to receive a baptism anniversary card from the church, or if there is a mistake, please call the parish office at 202/232-4244, and ask for the membership secretary. ■

Baptisms

April 7, 2007

Evangeline Joy Neville-Rhody

Burials

None

Confirmations

None

Marriages

March 17, 2007

Shannon Leah Maher &
Vincent Ybarra Banaga

April 27, 2006

Daniel Riddle Shive &
Rachel Elizabeth Parrott

Transfers In

None

Transfers Out

March 30, 2007

Fabienne Anne McGovern
to St. Martin's Episcopal Church,
Houston, TX

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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.

Our Jewel Box

Answers to the Questions about Our Glass

1. The window (also called the tympanum) over the front (Cathedral Avenue side) door into the narthex contains a full representation of the high altar complete with a rendering of the resurrection window over the high altar.
2. One of the abstract or modern windows is a small clerestory or dormer window located directly over the pulpit. The second abstract window is also in the roof and is directly across from the first one.
3. The Nativity (on the parking lot side of the church) is depicted in the first window set to the right of the door into the administration wing. The second depiction of the nativity (also on the parking lot side) is in the clerestory or dormer windows closest to the back of the church. The Resurrection is depicted in the window over the high altar on the Woodley Place side of the church, the chancel window to the left of the high altar, and the large window above the baptismal font in the very back along the alley side of the church.
4. The Crucifixion and the Baptism of Christ.
5. Look for the signature L. C. Tiffany in the lower right corner of the third window panel.
6. Matthew—a man, Mark—a lion, Luke—an ox, John—an eagle. The Evangelists are pictured in the four lancet windows (two on either side of the large window) in the back of the church (the alley side) and are identified as St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, and St. John respectively.
7. All Souls Church is depicted in the window over the front door (Cathedral Avenue side) on the right hand side and also in the clerestory or dormer window closest to the back of the church also on the Cathedral Avenue side of the church.
8. All three sets of windows on the Cathedral Avenue side of the church. The set closest to the back of the church shows the calling of the apostles and shows several small insets of boats, ships and nets, some with fish. The center window set shows the life of Christ and depicts significant events in his life. The third window (closest to the front) is called the Good Shepherd and depicts Christ with sheep. It also contains small insets of sheep and wolves.

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Have a joyful summer!

Join us for the annual parish picnic on June 3 from 4 p.m. until dark.

Ingathering Sunday is September 9—the first Sunday after Labor Day.