

# The All Souls Message

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From the Interim Rector

## Going Forth

An unknown author writes,

*To love is to risk not being loved in return.  
To hope is to risk disappointment.  
But risks must be taken  
because the greatest risk in life is to risk nothing.  
The person who risks nothing, does nothing, sees nothing,  
has nothing and is nothing.  
He cannot learn, feel, change, grow, love and live.*

Eighteen months ago I took a risk. I ventured out of my comfortable little parish of six years and accepted the call to become your interim rector, at a parish different from mine—large and inner-city. When first approached about the position, I wasn't sure if I wanted to pursue it. I hadn't worked as an interim minister for a while, and I wasn't sure I wanted a temporary assignment. I had left interim ministry before because I was tired of "falling in love" with a congregation and then having to say goodbye. But after meeting with the wardens, experiencing the sanctuary, and hearing about your history, your ministries, and the great challenge of serving a parish after the loss of a beloved rector, something deep inside moved me to accept. I can only say it was the Holy Spirit nudging me in the ribs.

And so, I came to serve among you. And let me say that it was one of the best decisions I have ever made in my ministry. I cannot begin to recount how much I have learned from you. I

cannot begin to share how many positive feelings I have felt in your midst—what hope, what promise, what depth of faith and passion for God! I cannot begin to articulate how I have changed for the better. I cannot begin to list the ways in which I have grown. And I cannot begin to express how deeply I have loved you and felt loved by you, and the fulfilling quality of priestly life I have lived at All Souls.

In so many ways, you have prepared me for the next place God is calling me to go as a rector. It was the valuable professional experience that I had gained at All Souls and the ways this

experience had enhanced my spiritual growth that contributed to my being called to serve a new congregation. And so, not only will I ever be grateful for being with you and all that you have given me in the past eighteen months, but also will I be ever grateful for the significant hand you had in my continuing formation as a person and priest on my vocational journey. And so, thank you, the people of All Souls, with all my heart. Words cannot begin to express the profound sense of appreciation and gratitude I have for you.

I want to close with the words of Shad Helmstetter who says:

*"You are everything that is,  
your thoughts, your life,  
your dreams come true.  
You are everything you choose to be.  
You are as unlimited  
as the endless universe."*

My dear friends in Christ, a new priest will take a risk and choose to come and serve among you. Together, your potential is limitless in terms of the mission and ministry that you can do in this place, in the surrounding community, and in the world. My parting prayer for you is that you continue to learn, feel, change, grow, love, and live. Such a willingness will bless your new rector richly, but also bless you as you move into your new future and become the "great something" that God calls you to be.

With loving thoughts, ☩  
Mother Joan † ■

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**PRAYER FOR THE INTERIM TIME AND SEARCH PROCESS**

Almighty and Gracious God, source of love and bold creativity, we ask thy blessing on All Souls parish as we make our way into thy future. Help us to discern what thou is calling us to do and who thou is calling us to be for the coming years. Free us to dream and risk so that we do not shrink from the challenge that is always present when we seek to be faithful. Send to us a spiritual leader who can realize thy intention for All Souls and our community life and ministries. Continue to inspire us so that all who come here will receive thy welcome, thy comfort, thy healing, and thy empowerment both now and in the days ahead. *Amen.*

**A**s this is being written in early January, the search committee has received the first batches of applicant information, consisting of the candidate’s clergy deployment office profile and resume, from the diocesan deployment officer. The evaluation of applicants that will lead to calling a new rector has begun.

The deadline for applications is January 15, 2007. The Diocese will check all applicants for disqualifying “red flag” issues (such as misconduct) and assemble the packages for the committee’s review. Applicants who apply directly to the diocesan deployment office, including those whom parishioners identified as potential applicants, will be forwarded without exception for consideration. The national Clergy Deployment Office database is an additional source of applicants based upon match criteria established by the committee—experience, for example.

The process consists of the following steps:

1. An acknowledgment letter to the applicant.
2. Four questions designed to solicit “behavioral” responses from the applicant in key areas of pastoral care and administrative capacity—i.e., examples of past behavior and experience. The question list carries a response deadline.
3. Evaluation of the written material and follow-up questions that will enable the committee to identify candidates for telephone interview.
4. Telephone interviews, which determine the candidates to be visited.

This process will identify the finalists that are provided to the vestry for its evaluation and issuance of a call.

Although much work remains to be done, the committee is optimistic that the effort of the past months in the surveys, follow-up meetings, and the parish profile have given us a good foundation for the identification of the issues that are important to our common life. With that in mind we look forward to the completion of the task ahead, and ask for your continued prayers and support.

*Mike McGee* ■

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***Copy deadline for articles for the April/May 2007 issue of The Message is February 25, 2007***

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

All Souls is a growing, changing parish. Most such parishes move, at one time or other, from a pattern that revolves almost exclusively around the gifts and ministry of the rector, a “rector-centric” approach, to a model in which the members of the parish take a much more active role in making decisions and in actual participation in vital ministries like pastoral care, outreach, and Christian education. All Souls has come a long way in making this transition, and these final months of the interim period are a key time for the lay leadership to move front and center.

An active, engaged, and informed lay leadership is a gift the parish will present to your new rector, giving him or her the fullest range of resources of people, talents, skills, and interests for realizing the great potential this parish has for ministry.

With the understanding that this is a significant change, which will cause some anxiety (because change can make us anxious, and because the parish is not used to being without a priest “in charge”) it is important to lay out in concrete terms what the structure will be for the coming months until the new rector arrives, so that responsibilities and contacts for issues like administration, worship, pastoral care, and other ministries are clear.

The vestry, wardens, clergy, existing lay leadership, and bishop’s office have conferred on a structure that will be in place from February 2007 until the arrival of a new rector, and that helps to solidify this new way of operating in the parish.

Does this mean that the clergy will not have a significant role in the life of the parish, especially in the immediate future? Absolutely not. The clergy will be vital in acting as a

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bridge during these last couple of months of the interim period, leading to the arrival of the new rector. However, the clergy will not be the center, will not be “in charge” of the parish, but rather relying heavily on lay leaders to carry out important parish ministries.

#### **The Senior Warden and Vestry**

As has been the case throughout the interim period, the senior warden, David Hollis, has ecclesiastical authority; he is responsible for the parish. The junior warden, vestry, and officers are responsible for oversight of day-to-day operations: administration, buildings and grounds, finances, personnel, etc. The senior warden has, with vestry collaboration, ultimate decision-making authority over worship in this period. David will continue as the interface between the parish and the staff, lay leaders, and the bishop’s office. Contact David if you have questions, concerns, or want to discuss issues about congregational life. David may, at his discretion, refer you to an appropriate member of the vestry or clergy.

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#### **The Clergy and Seminarian**

All Souls is blessed to have Father Ethan Cole, Mother Barbara Henry, and Dewayne Messenger who will be acting as a “ministry team” during the final months of the interim period. Their primary duties will be to conduct worship and provide pastoral care. They will be on a rota for celebrating the Eucharist, preaching, and performing the healing rite. Landis Vance and Lisa Zaina, who are trained lay healers, will assist them in the Mary Chapel when the healing rite is offered. On Easter Sunday, the parish will be blessed to have the Rt. Rev. Jane Holmes Dixon, retired Bishop of Washington, to celebrate and preach at both services. Father Cole, Mother Henry, and “D” Messenger will be continuing a vital program of pastoral care with the assistance of PVLEMs (Parish Visiting Lay Eucharistic Ministers). All of them will be available to provide pastoral care and spiritual guidance. The rector’s office will be used by the ministry team for appointments. You may contact them at :

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### **New Lay Leadership**

All Souls is blessed to have a new group of lay leaders who have committed themselves to be ministry team leaders in the following areas of parish life: pastoral care, outreach, newcomer ministry, fellowship, Christian education, and diocesan and community involvement. Ten of these leaders have received leadership training and have been part of the Ministry Nights held in the fall for parishioners to discuss and offer their ideas for future ministries in the parish. Based on that input, these leaders have developed and will be facilitating various parish and community events and activities that are life giving and achievable during the next six months. These new leaders are ***not a replacement*** for those parishioners already serving in the above areas, but rather are an enhancement and a further resource to make these ministry areas more vital and effective. If you have questions or are interested in taking part in any of these ministries, please contact the following Ministry Team Leaders:

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It is important that the parish support these leaders during the next few months. What are the most important things you can do to make this leadership structure work smoothly and to allow it to continue to enhance the interim period? Offer your prayers, your presence, and your continued financial giving. Pray for the leadership of All Souls and pray for the discernment of your new rector. Keep coming to worship and take advantage of the wonderful opportunities that you will be given in terms of outreach events, fellowship gatherings, and educational offerings. And keep being generous with your financial giving, so that all ministry areas can thrive and that your new rector is given the gift of a parish overflowing with people and other resources.

Please know that the leadership and people of All Souls will be in my thoughts and prayers as you seize the new day that God has in store for you—a future bright with hope and much potential!

Faithfully, IIII  
Mother Joan † ■

As the parish moves into the last few months of the interim period and awaits the arrival of a new rector, it is important to report the progress that has been made on the interim tasks during the past eighteen months.

**The viability of the congregation has been maintained**

While attendance and pledging is expected to decrease during the interim time, attendance has stayed relatively stable and pledging has remained relatively strong. A strong ministry of pastoral care has been continued by the interim rector and been enhanced by the appointment of new visiting lay eucharistic ministers and the hiring of a part-time interim assistant. Current ministries and programs have continued without interruption. Existing ministries have been enhanced such as adding a Children's Chapel to the Sunday School and the offering of an Epiphany celebration for parents, children, and teachers. New ministries have been added, including a monthly senior lunch and seasonal Christian formation programs in Lent and Advent. New worship opportunities have been offered such the Blessing of the Animals, Advent/Lenten Quiet Days, daily services during Holy Week, and a Friday night Mass.

**Feelings of grief have been mostly resolved**

The interim period has encouraged the intentional expression of feelings at the departure of the former rector and many have worked with the interim rector pastorally around their feelings of grief, loss, anger, and despair. In general, the congregation has moved forward and is looking forward to a future filled with promise and hope.



**The ministry of the laity has been reinforced**

The Interim period has provided a time for the congregation to rethink its leadership style, particularly as it has come to terms with its "rector-centric" culture. As a result, the vestry and the search committee have assumed greater leadership roles in the parish. New leadership has intentionally been developed in specific ministry areas. Several organizational and administrative issues have been examined and rectified, such as getting nursery care givers licensed with background checks and installing new doors to classrooms to meet standards for safety. The parish's history around stewardship has been closely reflected upon, and the leadership has determined that a much more vigorous and intentional stewardship pilgrimage needs to be developed for future years to increase pledging so the parish can continue to be vital and provide rich ministries.

**The parish has come to terms with history**

Through vehicles such as the "History Day," the parish survey, and the open forums, the congregation has learned a great deal about its history, especially its tendency to decline after a rector leaves, thus placing the burden of building the congregation

anew on the shoulders of the clergy. It is hoped that as the parish continues to move away from a "rector-centric" culture and more to a "mutual ministry/partner in ministry" model, such declines will not occur as clergy come and go so that congregational life can continue to thrive during transition periods and move more freely into the future without extreme trauma or distress.

**The mission of the church has been better clarified**

During the interim period, the congregation has been reminded that it is called to serve, not only to be served. Another part of the church's history has been its tendency to be insular, to look more inward than outward. The vestry and other leaders of the church will be working to continue to provide opportunities for the congregation to look more outward and minister to the surrounding community and to take advantage of diocesan/community avenues for outreach and Christian service to those who dwell outside the church's door.

**Community and reconciliation have been emphasized**

Opportunities and methods for encouraging Christian community have been enhanced. The addition of the 20s/30s group, Koinonia, the summer Luau, potluck suppers before events, the senior lunch, and special women's events, etc., have all been added and have contributed to community building by providing opportunities for people to get to know each other from both worship services. Also, the inclusion of congregational concerns and the Cycle of Prayer in the intercessory prayers at worship has helped to connect the congregation to the wider concerns of the diocese and Anglican Communion.

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**Denominational ties have been strengthened**

The interim rector and wardens have personally maintained a good relationship with the bishop's office and have encouraged congregational participation in the diocese and church-wide programs, activities, and events. All Souls has parishioners who serve in the following capacities:

- Samaritan Ministry representative,
- Episcopal Relief and Development representative;
- Retreat Committee Board members;
- a nominee for Diocesan Council Member-At-Large;
- Young Adult Ministry representative;
- Participants in the DOC (Disciples of Christ program) sponsored by the Cathedral;
- Cathedral docents and other Cathedral volunteers; etc.
- Diocesan Accessibility Task Force
- Diocesan Audit Committee

All Souls has also hosted events for the diocese: Safeguarding God's Children program for those working with children and youth; a luncheon hosted by Dean Lloyd of the Cathedral; and a welcome reception for new clergy hosted by WECA (the Washington Episcopal Clergy Association.) The interim rector has also strengthened ties to the diocese

through her roles as Secretary of the Standing Committee, clerical deputy to General Convention 2006, and vice-president of WECA.

**The stage has been set for a faithful ministry by the next spiritual leader**

The interim time has been future-oriented, and the interim minister has continually stressed concern for the next called leader and has strived to help prepare the congregation for his or her arrival. The raising up of the congregation's transition/program size status, the hiring of a second priest, the development of new leadership to form an infrastructure of support for the new rector, and intentional efforts at keeping the parish strong in terms of attendance by enhancing new member ministry and stressing the importance of financial support are just a few ways this has been done.

**Congregational leaders have been assisted in preparing the congregation's Parish Profile**

The interim rector has helped leaders of the congregation with the preparation of this document used in the call process by providing the insights of an "outside" person. The Search Committee has found these insights very useful in completing this profile, which has been disseminated to potential candidates.

As you can see, we have accomplished much together in eighteen months. But like all living organisms, and the church is one of these, we are

a work in progress. It is my hope that the people of All Souls will continue to move forward, and that in the days to come you will grow more and more into the vital congregation that you are and be a shining witness of mission and ministry in the world, where the diverse gifts of both clergy and laity will be utilized to their fullest potential. May God bless you and keep you both now and in the days to come. It has been my privilege to minister with you during this time of exciting transition.

Faithfully, IIII

*Mother Joan †* ■

Our project for handicapped accessibility continues to make headway, and I hope that by the time you read this report, we will have broken ground on making our front doors accessible, or at least be on the verge of it. As I write this, it is still December, and we have finished site plans that have been approved by D.C. Historic Preservation and should soon earn approval by the ANC.

If all has gone well, as you read this, we should have had engineering drawings addressing the configuration of the retaining wall and sidewalks facing Cathedral Avenue. If all has gone extremely well, these plans will have been reviewed by stakeholder groups in the church. And if we all continue to pray positive prayers for this project, we will have a contractor in place and be ready to go forward.

This process has been very lengthy because All Souls' buildings have enormous problems with storm water run-off. We have tried to deal with these drainage problems and mitigate them as best we can, but there are no real solutions, except to apply "band-aids" wherever possible to turn the water back. Before beginning our accessibility plans, we have had to create very precise topography maps to track where our storm water flows around the building and how our soil erodes as water flows over it before we begin grounds reconfiguration that might actually create additional and more serious problems.

We hope to have drawings for a proposed elevator in place soon. Remember that our Handicapped Accessibility Project is the most important challenge we currently face. We should not, as a church, be in the business of having to close our doors to potential worshipers because they suffer either a temporary or permanent disabling condition. Your contribution to handicapped accessibility will make this process happen even faster. Please place a check designated for this project in the collection plate as it passes by you, or mail it to our office. ■■■

Ray Myrtle ■

A miracle it is  
to ponder how  
one so tiny,  
and weak,  
could grow to be  
he who would birth  
a new world.

It goes to show  
that even  
baby's hands  
blessed by God  
can spread  
over all—  
the cloth of new life.

It amazes  
the strong  
to see  
how gentle breaths  
can breathe  
into creation  
a song  
of stellar salvation.

And it shocks  
the steely hearted  
to grasp  
—how he—  
born in a place  
of dung and dirt  
transcends such earthly ground  
and raises us  
to greater holy heights.

Indeed, Christ's call  
embodied LIFE  
from cradle to grave  
so in his—  
body immature—  
we would see  
the fullness of God's love.

—The Rev. Joan E. Beilstein—  
Written in the season of Epiphany  
2006

It is the ambitious mission of the Adult Forum this year to capture the joy and strength that comes with faith. We must keep in mind that we are beloved children of God. Scripture should sustain as well as challenge us. The discipline of prayer can lend stability. The church must be a spiritual home, replete with all the blessings and drama of family. "Back to Basics" also rings true in our search process. Under the encouraging leadership of Mother Joan, we have begun to earnestly look at the adult education ministry and to determine our strengths and weaknesses. We have many very learned people in our parish who have been willing to share their expertise or even acquire it for the sake of educating others; in the future, however, we hope from time to time to bring in sages from around the community to share their wisdom with us. The customary lecture format lends itself to the dissemination of much information in a relatively short amount of time; this year there will be several all discussion-based forums that will promote community building. Traditionally, the rector has

not been involved in the planning and execution of the forum program other than in an advisory role; we hope to be actively guided by the new leadership while retaining strong parishioner participation. We hope to maintain a balance of topics, build attendance, inspire saints, and institute a Bible study that is distinct from the Forum hour.

Please peruse the schedule that accompanies this article and consider leading a session. If you have questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Olson or Barry Huber.

With an open mind,

*Elizabeth Olson*

beatrix01@gmail.com ■

### Schedule as of 12/20/06

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#### 2007

- Feb. 4 Prayer Works: The Spiritual Discipline of Prayer  
**Leader: Jack Pannell**
- Feb. 11 Prayer Works: The Spiritual Power of Prayer in Worship  
**Leader: Jack Pannell**
- Feb. 18 The Psalms: Christian Prayers in a Jewish Context  
**Leader: Joan Shapiro**
- Feb. 25 Anglican Social Action  
**Leader: John Orens**
- Mar. 4 Who Was Judas?  
**Leader: Joe Howell**
- Mar. 11 The Spirituality of Sickness  
**Leader: Landis Vance**
- Mar. 18 Ministration to the Sick (BCP)  
**Leader: Jerry Fath**
- Mar. 25 Ministration at the Time of Death (BCP)  
**Leader: Dan Davis**
- Apr. 1 Living with Chronic Illness  
**Leader: Trish Cleary**
- Apr. 8 **No Forum**
- Apr. 15 The State of the Communion  
**Leader: John Michael Sophos**
- Apr. 22 How We Worship: Incense  
**Leader: Shawn Strout**
- Apr. 29 How We Worship: The Hymnal  
**Leader: Norman Whitmire**
- May 6 Hildegard of Bingen  
**Leader: Deidre Hill**
- May 13 Topic to be announced
- May 20 Ecumenism and the Episcopal Church  
**Leader: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Outreach Forum**

Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
12:30 p.m. (in the Sanctuary)

All who are currently involved in outreach ministries (i.e., Christ House, Partner Arms, Endowment grants, Garden Guild, Samaritan Ministries, ERD, etc.) in the parish or in the community, and those interested in doing outreach, are invited to attend this forum to talk about current ministries and possible future outreach projects for the church to engage in. If you have questions about this meeting or would like to discuss being involved in the church's outreach ministry, please contact ministry team chairs, *Tony Domenico or Alison Prevost (contact numbers provided in this Message issue).*

**Special Adult Forum**

**Pastoral Care for Caregivers**

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
12:30 p.m. (in the Sanctuary)

Are you or someone you know providing care for a loved one who is elderly, sick in body, mind, or spirit, or who needs daily assistance? Do you feel tired and struggle with your own self-care? Often in caring for others, we neglect taking care of ourselves and do not seek out the kind of emotional, spiritual, and physical support we need. This special forum is designed for offering to caregivers a place of support and guidance as they give of themselves to help others. All are welcome. If you have questions about this forum or would like to share your situation with a confidential listening ear, please contact ministry team chairs, *Lisa Zaina or Bill Miller (contact numbers provided in this Message issue).*

**Valentine's Day Gathering for Singles**

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007

The All Souls 20s/30s Group (Koinonia) will be sponsoring a special Valentine's party for singles in the Diocese of Washington, service at 7 p.m., party at 8. No need to be alone on this special night. Come, socialize, and have fun with friends both old and new from the parish and other churches in the diocese. If you are interested in coming to this party, please contact ministry team chairs, *Norman Whitmire or Darla Brown* for more information and the details. *(contact numbers provided in this Message issue).*

**Welcome Event for Newcomers**

Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
(Location and Time to be Announced)

The Newcomer Ministry Team would like to have your help in planning a newcomer event to welcome all newcomers and visitors to the parish. If you are willing to open up your home for a brunch or a dinner, with the ministry team providing food and drink, please contact ministry team chairs *Elizabeth George or Tom Mabon (contact numbers provided in this Message issue).*

## *The Lenten Spring has Come. Alleluia!*

In the Eastern Orthodox Churches use of the joyful acclamation 'Alleluia' is not suspended during Lent as it is in the denominations descended from the Roman/Western traditions. This makes great sense if we think of the season of Lent as God's invitation for us to enter into a time of heightened spiritual discipline in which we cultivate fresh new growth in our lives, rather than as a period wherein we berate ourselves for our great wickedness. We can rejoice in Lent because God has given us an occasion to lay aside our sins and turn to new life in him. 'Alleluia' is a shout of praise to God because of the great things he has done and the great things he is even now doing. In keeping a Holy Lent, we are inviting God to do mighty works of healing, restoring, and refreshment. As God is working out his purpose in our hearts during our Lenten observances, we can acclaim him joyfully! This Lent give thanks to God for his great deeds of salvation that he accomplishes even as we keep our Lenten fast in the desert. Alleluia.

Following the heritage in which we stand, here at All Souls we will suspend the use of 'Alleluia', and increase the austerity of our worship. Ashes will be imposed reminding us of our mortality. Flowers will disappear until Easter. Many of us will adopt special disciplines of prayer and fasting. Yet even in this we can still give thanks to God that he has given us such a season in which we can repent, prune away those things that are hindering our spiritual growth, and be ready to open our hearts to the great

power of the Resurrection on that most sacred of nights, The Great Vigil of Easter, when death was undone and the victory given to the Lord of Life.

Please consider the following activities at All Souls as you undertake your Lenten observance:

ASH WEDNESDAY will be observed at 7 a.m., noon., and 7 p.m. on February 21.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST WILL BE CELEBRATED ON SUNDAYS at 8:30 and 11 a.m., Wednesdays at noon, Thursdays at 7:15 a.m. (preceded by Morning Prayer), and Fridays at 7 p.m. (followed every week by Stations of the Cross).

EACH WEDNESDAY IN LENT there will be a potluck supper beginning at 6:30 p.m.. After we eat there will be a presentation on "Our Anglican Heritage." Topics of history, worship, and spirituality will be explored. A detailed schedule of topics is forthcoming.

HOLY WEEK is that most sacred week of the year when in our liturgical life we shift away from Washington, and around us rise the walls of Jerusalem. We welcome Christ with palms and shouts of triumph on Sunday, break bread with him and his disciples on Thursday, stand at the foot of the cross on Friday, lay him in the tomb Saturday morning, and in great awe discover that sometime during the night the power of sin and death was shattered and Jesus rose from the dead. Please join us for as many of our liturgies as you are able. Note especially those that are offered new this year: Morning Prayer followed

by Stations of the Cross will be offered Good Friday at 7 a.m. (the regular liturgy of the day will be offered at 12:00 noon and 7 p.m.). On Holy Saturday morning the simple liturgy commemorating the time Our Lord spent in the tomb will be offered at 9 a.m.

Keep a Holy Lent, and rejoice in the mighty works of God in our salvation!

Fr. Ethan J. Cole † ■

(See the schedule on the facing page)

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SHROVE TUESDAY—FEBRUARY 20

*Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m.  
followed by pancake supper until 8 p.m.*

ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 21

*Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at 7 a.m., noon, and 7 p.m.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

*Potluck dinner and education series “Our Anglican Heritage” 6:30–8:15 p.m.*

WEEKLY HOLY EUCHARIST

*Wednesday noon, Thursday 7:15 a.m., Friday 7 p.m. (with Stations of the Cross)  
The Sundays in Lent, 8:30 and 11 a.m.*

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday—April 1

*Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, 8:30 and 11 a.m.*

Monday—April 2

*Holy Eucharist at 7 p.m.*

Tuesday—April 3

*Holy Eucharist at 7 p.m.*

Wednesday—April 4

*Tenebrae at 7 p.m.*

Maundy Thursday—April 5

*Holy Eucharist, Footwashing, Stripping of Altar at 8 p.m.*

Good Friday—April 6

*Morning Prayer and Stations of the Cross at 7 a.m.*

*Liturgy of the Day at noon and 7 p.m.*

Holy Saturday—April 7

*Liturgy of the Day (commemorating Our Lord’s burial) at 9 a.m.*

*The Great Vigil of Easter at 8:30 p.m.*

Easter Day—April 8

*The Feast of the Resurrection at 8:30 and 11 a.m.*

**KOINONIA IS PLEASED TO OFFER**  
**MASS ON FRIDAYS AT 7 P.M.**

**FR. ETHAN J. COLE, CELEBRANT (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)**

<i>Date in 2007</i>	<i>Liturgy</i>	<i>Activity</i>
February 2— <i>Epiphany IV</i>	Candlemas Liturgy	Dinner/Sacred Grounds at St. Thomas, Dupont Circle
February 9— <i>Epiphany V</i>	1979 BCP Rite I	Dinner
February 16— <i>Epiphany VI</i>	1979 BCP Rite II	Dinner
February 23— <i>First Friday in Lent</i>	1549 Prayer Book—Eucharist The Great Litany	Stations of the Cross
March 2— <i>Lent I</i>	Prayer Book of The Anglican Church of Uganda	Stations of the Cross
March 9— <i>Lent II</i>	1979 BCP Rite II	Stations of the Cross
March 16— <i>Lent III</i>	Prayer Book of The Church of Ireland	Stations of the Cross
March 23— <i>Lent IV</i>	Prayer Book of The Church of Jerusalem and The Middle East	Stations of the Cross
March 30— <i>Lent V</i>	1979 BCP Rite I	Stations of the Cross

*From the Membership Secretary*

**Baptism Dates (as of 01/03/2007)**

**February 2007**

- 1 Randal Black
- 4 Lee Cohen
- 5 Lisa Zaina
- 6 Stu Edwards
- Joanna Edwards
- 7 Barbara Menard
- 8 Keith Melchers
- 9 Andoni Barreto
- 10 Charles Johnson
- 15 Julia Preston
- Bob Publicover
- 21 Ram Hansen
- 23 Deidre Hill
- 25 Tom Mabon

**March 2007**

- 1 Christine Burkhardt
- John Coates
- 2 Clive Brady
- 4 Wes McCune
- 8 Irene Butcher
- 12 Barbara Brady
- Josie Martin
- 13 Kevin LeGrand
- 14 Dale Lewis
- 15 Caroline Fernandez
- 18 Al Muller
- 20 Rachel Barham
- Claire Swain
- 23 Linda Iverson
- Richard McKewen
- 25 Kathy Nelson
- 26 Martin Culbreth
- Annika Patricia Strandberg
- Gulling
- Karl Finn Strandberg Gulling
- 29 Barry Custer
- Joyce Nohowel
- 30 Erin Piel

**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 Mickey Norris. ■

**Baptisms**

November 5, 2006  
Elena Arizona Fernandez  
Sarah Kristen Hinkle  
Rashmi Ann Puri

**Deaths**

December 3, 2006  
Richard Ross Forster  
(A memorial service will be held February 23 at 4 p.m.)  
January 8, 2007  
Thomas Kent  
(Burial January 15, 2007)

**Burials—None**

**Confirmations—None**

**Marriages**

December 2, 2006  
Jon Wadsworth &  
Elizabeth Eurgubian  
December 16, 2006  
Marco Carlo Bogni &  
Sarah Kristen Hinkle,

**Transfers In—None**

**Transfers Out**

December 8, 2006  
John J. Linehan  
Stephen J. Reckford  
John Linehan-Reckford  
Stephen Linehan-Reckford  
to St. James' Church, Potomac, MD ■

## *The All Souls Message*

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*April 1—Palm Sunday, 8:30 & 11 a.m.*

*April 2 & 3—Holy Eucharist, 7 p.m.*

*April 4—Tenebrae, 7 p.m.*

*April 5—Maundy Thursday, 8 p.m.*

*April 6—Good Friday, 7 a.m., noon, and 7 p.m.*

*April 7—Holy Saturday, Morning Liturgy, 9 a.m., The Great Vigil of Easter, 8:30 p.m.*

*April 8—Easter Day, 8:30 and 11 a.m.*