

The All Souls Message

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From the Interim Rector

Living as Stewards

When I was a little child, growing up in church school, I remember our children's chapel, which always took place in the undercroft of my parish of birth. One of us would be picked to be the crucifer, another to light and extinguish the candles, and another to take up the collection. Mr. Ward, my Sunday school teacher, always seemed larger than life. For many years, I thought he was "God" until my mother corrected my misperception. Every Sunday before chapel I have fond memories of my mother placing in my hand a couple of quarters to put in the offering plate. She explained to me how important it was to give back something to God out of gratitude for the blessings that God bestows upon us in life.

I guess you could say that I learned the value of stewardship from a tender age. I was there in church almost every Sunday offering my youthful time, my little talent, and my tiny treasure. This lesson that my mother taught me, and my early church school experience, has stayed with me throughout my Christian life. I do strive to give back to God "something of value"—whether it be my ministry or my treasure—out of gratitude for the blessings of God's hand. God has been good to me in so many ways. I have a great family, a loving partner, a comfortable home,

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wonderful animal companions, good health (knock on wood), and this very generous life-giving faith community which I am privileged to serve.

What gets to me sometimes is the materialism and consumerism I see overtaking our society. We live in a world where there is much self-centeredness and where good looks, fashionable clothes, the latest I-pod, and fancy cars have emerged as our contemporary idols. In my time as a priest, serving many congregations, I have encountered people who think nothing of spending money on these things and yet, get irked if the church asks them for financial support to help pay the staff, keep the organ maintained, clean the building, and carry out significant ministries both within the church and out in the community at large.

As Christians, we believe that this earthly "food" is not the food that lasts or satisfies us in the long run. There is a greater food—the bread of life, the body of Christ—which sustains us and helps us set our priorities straight. We can't take material things with us, but we can take the love of God, the love of neighbor, the love of partner or spouse, and the love of those who matter most, and the joyful experience of what they bring to us in terms of comfort, joy, and fulfillment.

At this time of year when All Saints' Day and Thanksgiving Day remind us to give God thanks for the blessings of life, let us strive to be better stewards of what we have to give. Let us not dwindle them away on things that are temporal, rather let us give of ourselves in ways that are meaningful and can make a true difference when it comes to life, faith, and our relationships with others.

Faithfully,
Mother Joan †

See "In this issue" on page 2.

Welcome to our new interim assistant rector, The Rev. Ethan J. Cole.

Father Cole was ordained as an Episcopal priest in 2004 and received his M. Div. degree from Harvard Divinity School. He is currently enrolled at Catholic University to receive his doctorate in church history and will be serving at All Souls part-time. Father Cole comes to us from St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo, New York, where he has been serving as the curate and canon for congregational life.

Father Cole will be involved in all aspects of our life together. He will be assisting with worship, pastoral care, and Christian formation, and serving as a staff liaison with the church school and other programs for young adults, children, and youth. Father Cole possesses many gifts, especially in the area of pastoral care, drawing on his experience as a chemical dependency counselor and pastoral care provider for persons living with HIV/AIDS. ■

- A**t its May meeting, the vestry:
- Swore in new vestry members Susan Morrison and Darla Brown and the new junior warden, Ray Myrtle.
 - Appointed or reappointed Heidi Rasciner registrar; Nancye Suggs treasurer; John Michael Sophos lay delegate to diocesan convention, with Shawn Strout and Jack Pannell as alternate delegates; Gene Sexton, Alison Prevost, and Lee Kadrich to the personnel committee; Nancye Suggs, Pat Dresser, Joe Howell, Tom Mabon, Mike McGee, Ray Myrtle, Stephen Preston, and the parish administrator (ex officio) to the finance committee; Jim Solomon to a five-year term on the Endowment Fund Board.
 - Authorized the personnel committee and the interim rector to craft a compensation package and job description for an interim assistant rector.

- A**t its June meeting, the vestry:
- Approved a compensation package and job description for an interim assistant rector and authorized the interim rector and the senior warden to solicit candidates.

David Michael Hollis ■

*Copy deadline for articles
for the December 2006/January 2007 issue
of The Message is October 29, 2006*

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 comments at (W) 202/512-1801, extension 32067, or (H) 202/986-2998. ■

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Mary Magdalene is very much in the news these days, as a result of the popularity of *The Da Vinci Code*, and the many books which have resulted from it. There continues to be much speculation about whether she was married to Jesus, whether she had his child, and whether she fled to France after Jesus' death. No matter what one thinks of all this, she was a significant figure in the New Testament and she had her own "Gospel" among the so-called "Gnostic Gospels."

Did you know that she is prominently displayed in our church?

If you notice the great west window, depicting the Resurrection (at the back of the church, to your right as you enter from the narthex), you will see her on one side of Jesus, with John the Evangelist on the other side. And she should rightly be here, for she was the first one to see the risen Lord. In John's account of the Resurrection, Mary stood weeping outside the empty tomb. Suddenly she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. She did not recognize him until he said her name: "Mary." Then she knew him and he said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord,' and she told them that he had said these things to her." So she became the "apostle to the apostles."

This window contains, within a great pointed arch, three panels (or lancets) topped by tracery surrounding a star-shaped (or multi-foil) opening. In the center lancet the risen Lord stands triumphant, with the guards "like dead men," trembling at his feet. (Matthew 28:4) On the Lord's right is Mary

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Magdalene, holding her alabaster jar of ointment, and on his left, St. John the Evangelist, holding a book with the Alpha and Omega of Revelation displayed. Below these central figures are three small panels depicting scenes from the earthly life of Jesus. In the left hand window is Jesus as a carpenter; in the right, Jesus heals a blind man; in the center is the Last Supper.

At the top of the right and left lancets are two figures labeled Faith and Hope. The text under Faith: "He that overcometh shall inherit all things." (Revelation 21:7). Under Hope is the text: "I am alpha and omega, the beginning and the end." (Revelation 21:6 and others) Moving up to the tracery, in the multi-foiled opening stands an angel with a scroll (perhaps from Revelation 10). On either side of this angel are two others blowing trumpets. In a circle around them are the words: "Man small and great shall stand before God." (perhaps Romans 14:10) In the small petal-shaped openings on either side are the sun and the moon, representing the heavens.

This magnificent window was created in 1929 by a brilliant young man, Harry Wright Goodhue (1905–1931), only two years before his tragic death. He was an artistic genius, particularly gifted in the art of stained glass, and in his brief life he designed stained glass in some 30 churches. In a tribute to him after his death, Goodhue was called "one

of the foremost designers of stained glass in America, perhaps unrivaled, certainly unsurpassed, in his command of rhythmic line and glowing color." (quoted by Albert Tannler, *Stained Glass Quarterly*, 2004). Rowan LeCompte, who created many of the windows in the National Cathedral, called him the most gifted of the many glass artists of his day: "In Goodhue's most beautiful work, ancient forms glow with the vivid aura of his mysterious personality." (*Jewels of Light*, 1975, p.19) All of these characteristics can be seen in Goodhue's Resurrection window, and we are fortunate to have it in our church.

While this is our finest window, there are more than 30 other windows in the church, representing at least eight different artists and eight different companies. Several of these were major creators of glass in the early 20th century—Tiffany, Willet, Heaton, Lamb. Together they make up a "jewel box" of glowing colors against the dark wood of the ceiling. All of them have a story to tell—some of them are well documented, some are complete mysteries! Who is the figure in the window over the chapel altar? Who made the two small windows on either side of the chancel?

Tom Mabon and I have started to gather and organize information on our windows, with the hope of publishing a book at some point in the future. There is a lot of work to do and we need your help. If this captures your interest, perhaps you would like to "adopt" a window, or set of windows, to research and describe. It's quite fascinating and, at times, very challenging, but great fun. Please contact me at barbarahws@aol.com, or Tom Mabon at kambn@starpower.net, or speak to us at church.

Mother Barbara Henry † ■

Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

SUGGESTED READINGS
Ecclesiasticus 44:1-10, 13-14
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17
Matthew 5:1-12

**NOVEMBER 1—
THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**

It is believed by many scholars that the commemoration of all the saints on November 1 originated in Ireland, spread to England, and then to the continent of Europe. That it had reached Rome and had been adopted there early in the ninth century is attested by a letter of Pope Gregory the Fourth, who reigned from 828 to 844, to Emperor Louis “the Pious,” urging that such a festival be observed throughout the Holy Roman Empire. The desire of Christian people to express the intercommunion of the living and the dead in the Body of Christ by a commemoration of those who, having professed faith in the living Christ in days past, had entered into the nearer presence of their Lord, and especially of those who had crowned their profession with heroic deaths, was far older than the early Middle Ages. Gregory Thaumaturgus (the “Wonder Worker”), writing before the year 270, refers to the observance of a

All Souls will observe its Feast of Title with a solemn Mass for the feasts of All Saints and Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at 7 p.m. We will also mark All Souls' Sunday on November 5, 2006, with baptism and special music at the 11 a.m. service.

festival of all martyrs, though he does not date it. A hundred years later, Ephrem the Deacon mentions such an observance in Edessa on May 13; and the patriarch John Chrysostom, who died in 407, says that a festival of All Saints was observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost in Constantinople at the time of his episcopate. The contemporary lectionary of the East Syrians set a commemoration of all the saints on Friday in Easter week. On May 13, in the year 610, the Pantheon in Rome—originally a pagan temple dedicated to “all the gods”—was dedicated as the Church of St. Mary and All Martyrs.

All Saints' Day is classed, in the Prayer Book of 1979, as a Principal Feast, taking precedence over any other day or observance. Among the seven so classified, All Saints' Day alone may be observed on the following Sunday, in addition to its observance on its fixed date. It is one of the four days recommended in the Prayer Book (page 312) for the administration of Holy Baptism.

**NOVEMBER 2—
THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS**

In the New Testament, the word “saints” is used to describe the entire membership of the Christian community, and in the Collect for All Saints' Day the word “elect” is used in a similar sense. From very early times, however, the word “saint” came to be applied primarily to persons of heroic sanctity, whose deeds were recalled with gratitude by later generations. Beginning in the tenth century, it became customary to set aside another day as a sort of extension of All Saints, on which the Church remembered that vast body of the faithful who, though no less members of the company of the redeemed, are unknown in the wider fellowship of the Church. It was also a day for particular remembrance of family members and friends. Though the observance of the day was abolished at the Reformation because of abuses connected with masses for the dead, a renewed understanding of its meaning has led to a widespread acceptance of this commemoration among Anglicans, and to its inclusion as an optional observance in the calendar of the Episcopal Church. ■

The service on November 1 will include the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed. Please submit the names of loved ones you would like remembered before God to the parish office by October 29. (See the form in the Sunday bulletin on October 1.)

Often people ask me, "How is the search going? When will a new rector be in place?" While it is hard to pinpoint an exact date, there are predictable stages that give us some idea of when your new rector may arrive.

By now the parish profile has been completed and is undergoing a final review by the vestry and the diocese. Once the profile is approved by both (October, 2006), the position can be posted throughout the diocese and the national church (November/December, 2006). The position will be open for applications for approximately four to six weeks. My best guess is that because of All Souls' size, resources, and location, 125+ applicants will show interest.

At this point, the search committee will need to narrow the field down to maybe 10–12 candidates. They will then compose a list of questions for these candidates and conduct telephone interviews (January, 2007). They will once again narrow the field down to their top five persons, based on these interviews (February, 2007). At this point, the search committee will conduct site visits on which they will meet, interview, and experience candidates in their current places of service. After these site visits, the search committee will recommend three final candidates to the vestry

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(March, 2007). At this point, the search committee has completed its work, and the final stage of the rector selection becomes the duty of the vestry. The final three candidates (and their spouse/partners and possibly children if they have a family) will be brought to Washington, where they will spend an evening with the vestry over dinner and undergo a time of intensive interviewing, which could last one or more days (April, 2007). The vestry will then meet at a special meeting to discuss the candidates and make their final selection, by a simple majority. The wardens will notify the person selected and will negotiate a contract. Once the contract is accepted by all parties, the vestry will announce the selection of the new rector to the parish (May, 2007).

Your new rector will then need to give notice to his/her current parish. It is recommended that a rector give at least 6–8 weeks notice when leaving a parish. If someone serving as an associate rector is called, it is customary to give 30 days notice.

The person may want some time off for rest and renewal. If the person lives out of the area, then other considerations come in play (i.e., the possible selling of a residence, packing, moving, and securing new housing).

It is customary for the interim rector to leave his/her position at least 30 days in advance of the arrival of the new rector. A supply priest or the interim assistant will do services during the time before the new rector arrives. Your new rector should arrive and begin his/her ministry at All Souls between June and September, 2007. Please be aware that this timeline is only approximate and could vary by a month or more because of various scheduling conflicts and because both Christmas and Easter will have impact on the search process.

Mother Joan † ■

Because our young people are a priority at All Souls, it is important to update you on some developments regarding our ministries with children and youth.

First, the nursery has been renovated to make the atmosphere more cheerful for our children with a new paint job, cleaned carpets, new lighting, and new doors with windows. To come will be some new furniture and enhanced educational materials. We have also employed a new nursery caregiver who has successfully undergone the training and background checks required by the diocese and the national church. I encourage all parents with young children to visit the nursery and meet our new caregiver.

Second, because of the success of our Children's Chapel last year, we will be offering this ministry again starting on Ingathering Sunday at 10:45 a.m. where children participate in a worship service. This worship service is age appropriate and changes seasonally and includes songs, prayers, a message, and an offertory where children can begin to learn about stewardship. This is in addition to their joining

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their families in the sanctuary during the 11:00 a.m. service for Communion.

Third, Ric Haines, our Church School director, and his team of energetic and committed teachers will be offering a Sunday School program following the Children's Chapel, which ensures that our children receive sound and informative education regarding our Christian faith. And finally, in the fall, our seminarian Dewayne Messenger, will be exploring with youth and their parents their interest in starting a youth group for those who are of junior high and high school age. Preliminary

thoughts would be to have a monthly event which combines both the "fun" and the "social" with a discussion of spiritual and religious themes. For example, maybe go to see a current and popular movie and discuss it over pizza.

Our children are a precious gift from God. Let us not neglect their spiritual needs or their faith development. Rather, let us nurture their faith with steadfast devotion and help them to draw closer to God in ways that bring them hope, comfort, and joy. Our Lord calls us to offer them such love and care when he says to us, "Let the little children come unto me."

Mother Joan † ■

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 tentative schedule that accompanies this article and consider leading a session. Almost all the topics and dates are negotiable until September. If you have questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me or Barry Huber.

With an open mind,

Elizabeth Olson

beatrice01@gmail.com ■

Tentative Schedule as of 09/12/06

2006

- Sept. 10 Languages of the Old Testament
Leader: Jim Child
- Sept. 17 Languages of the New Testament
Leader: Elizabeth Olson
- Sept. 24 General Convention Report
Leader: Mother Joan
- Oct. 1 The Bible in English Part I
Leader: Father Ethan
- Oct. 8 The Bible in English Part II
Leader: Will Coley
- Oct. 15 Approaches to Scripture
Leader: Shawn Strout
- Oct. 22 Approaches to Scripture
Leader: Shawn Strout
- Oct. 29 Lectio Divina
Leader: _____
- Nov. 5 Lectio Divina
Leader: _____
- Nov. 12 Annie Dillard "The Deer at Providencia"
Leader: Alison Prevost
- Nov. 19 Doris Betts "The Ugliest Pilgrim"
Leader: _____
- Nov. 26 Michael Malone "Handling Sin"
Leader: _____
- Dec. 3 Flannery O'Connor "Revelation"
Leader: Darla Brown
- Dec. 10 Pat Hamp Virgin Time (Chapter 6)
Leader: _____
- Dec. 17 Faith of the Founding Fathers
Leader: Marko Zlatich
- Dec. 24 No Forum**
- Dec. 31 No Forum**

2007

- Jan. 7 The Religious Climate in Early 20th Century America
Leader: Dale Lewis
- Jan. 14 The Church and Social Justice: Race
Leader: Mother Joan
- Jan. 21 The Church and Social Justice: Gender
Leader: Mother Joan
- Jan. 28 The Church and Social Justice: Human Sexuality
Leader: Mother Joan
- Feb. 4 Approaches to Prayer Part I
Leader: _____
- Feb. 11 Approaches to Prayer Part II
Leader: _____
- Feb. 18 The Psalms: Christian Prayers in a Jewish Context
Leader: Joan Shapiro
- Feb. 25 Praying the Psalms
Leader: _____
- Mar. 4 Who was Judas?
Leader: Joe Howell
- Mar. 11 Perpetua and Companions, Martyrs at Carthage
Leader: _____
- Mar. 18 Ministration to the Sick (BCP)
Leader: _____
- Mar. 25 Ministration at the Time of Death (BCP)
Leader: _____
- Apr. 1 Living with Chronic Illness
Leader: Trish Cleary
- Apr. 8 No Forum**
- Apr. 15 The State of the Communion
Leader: John Michael Sophis
- 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: _____

Flu Shot Day at All Souls

It's almost that time of year again:
flu season!

The HELP (Health Enhancement for Lay People) Committee will be sponsoring a Flu Shot Day on Saturday, October 21 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. in the undercroft.

We have contacted a private flu vaccine provider who works with a number of HMOs and local supermarkets, and who has a national contract with Medicare. They will provide the vaccine free of charge to those with Medicare, with a charge of \$25 for others. The vaccine is recommended for those individuals over age 65, those with chronic illnesses or immune deficiencies, and those who have any close contact with any of these groups or young children. If there is no shortage of vaccine, all other interested individuals who are not allergic to egg products can get immunized as well.

The invitation is extended not only to the All Souls community but to the larger community, as an outreach ministry. So bring relatives, friends, and neighbors who are interested. If there are any questions, please contact Al Muller at 301-657-1671. ■

The Blessing of the Animals

The Blessing of the Animals, in honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4), will take place on Sunday, October 1, 2006, at 2 p.m.. Please come and bring your animal companions (both live and stuffed) and gather on the front lawn of the church. This is a special service where we name and bless with holy water our animal companions, who truly are a gift from God and who bring our lives such joy and comfort. Spread the word among family and friends! All welcome! This is also an appropriate day, if you have had a beloved animal companion who has died, to bring a picture or a token remembering him/her, so that we can say a prayer of thanksgiving and remembrance in his/her honor. ■

Thinking About Getting Married or Having a Commitment Ceremony?

The interim rector will be offering a marriage/commitment preparation day on Saturday, November 18, 2006 from, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.. This program meets the requirements for pre-marital counseling as required by the diocese in order to get married or have a commitment service. The agenda will include presentations, one-on-one time with one's beloved, group sharing, and a discussion about service formats. Lunch will be provided. The cost for the day is \$200.00. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mother Joan at 202-232-4244 or email her at revjeb@comacast.net Please note that such preparation is required for all couples seeking to get married or committed at All Souls Parish. ■

Senior Lunch Bunch

All “wise and mature” All Souls members and their friends (age 55+) are invited to attend these special luncheons on October 25 and November 22, 2006, hosted by Mother Joan and Mark Hoffman, Episcopal Senior Ministries (ESM) Representative. They will include a gourmet meal and beverages. Don't miss out on this time of fellowship and good conversation. **RSVP to the parish office by the Monday before each luncheon if you are planning to attend.** ■



You are invited
to an All Souls Tradition

Come join parishioners of All Souls, our families, friends, and neighbors on November 23 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. The outreach opportunity also extends to Christ House, whose residents benefit from the extra food that we always seem to prepare.

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. We'll pop champagne corks at 3 p.m. and serve dinner shortly thereafter.

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. 🍽️

🍽️ P.S.: This wonderful day depends on someone stepping forward to plan, coordinate, and manage the event.

Volunteer to Mother Joan. 🍽️



2006
Holiday Bazaar

Starting on the first Sunday of November, we will be selling pecan halves and chocolate for your holiday cooking, gifts, and eating enjoyment. We will also be selling Colonial Candles of Cape Cod, recycled Christmas ornaments, and unused holiday paper and cards donated by members of the parish. These goodies are available during the breakfast between Masses and during coffee hour, and will continue until December 17 or until supplies are exhausted. Proceeds of the bazaar go to the Outreach Committee.

We will begin accepting donations of ornaments, wrapping paper, cards, and any other Christmas items you think we can sell, on Sunday, November 5. Please place your donations on the landing to the right of the stage in the undercroft and label them for the Holiday Bazaar. We stop accepting items on December 17.

We need volunteers to help set up, sell, and put away Bazaar items. Please call me at (703) 525-0262 or leave a message with Barry Huber at the church office (202) 232-4244 if you can help.

*Butch Bradburn,
Holiday Bazaar chairman* ■

October

- 1 Taylor Shinbur
- 5 Tom Esch
- 6 Michael Giorgilli
- 7 Max Miebach
- 8 Carlos Guerra
- John Matthews
- 10 Nancy Aherne
- Erling Hansen
- Charles Petrosky
- Artie Roach
- Marko Zlatich
- 11 Rose Gordy
- Adam Kulawiec
- 14 Ford Chinworth
- 15 Josie Martin
- Corso Roselli Del Turco
- 19 Valerie Levanos
- 22 Bill Miller
- 23 David Hollis
- 25 Edward Ponzi
- 28 Fr. Dan Gross
- Joe Priester
- 30 Mickey Norris
- 31 Tim Johnson

November

- 1 Jim Child
- Trish Cleary
- Erin Lenox
- Max Lenox
- 2 Anna Murray
- Denisse Prado
- Frank Rettig
- 3 Kevin Biersack
- Caroline Shea
- Ken Williams
- 4 Karl Koons
- Calvin Zon
- 5 Chris Cobb
- Langley Custer
- 6 Miriam Esch Levanos
- 7 Helen Anderson
- 9 Mike McGee
- 10 Stephen Lovell
- 12 Scott Cecil
- 14 Regina Dading
- Meredith Hilton
- 15 Ruth Anna Stolk
- 16 Emma Saenz
- 18 Daniel Dresser
- Melissa Meyers
- Paula Taitt
- 19 Al Mottur
- 20 Mary Blackwelder
- 21 Elizabeth George
- Claire Kulawiec
- 23 Sally Kuisel
- 28 Joe Howell
- 30 Will Coley

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*

None

Burials

August 28, 2006
Gale Dennis Garvin

Confirmations

None

Marriages

None

Transfers In

None

Transfers Out

Boon S. (Ben) Chia,
to Parish of St. Clement,
Honolulu, HI

*** Upcoming dates for Baptism are:**

- All Saints' Sunday,
November 5, 2006
- The Feast of the Epiphany,
January 7, 2007
- Easter Vigil, April 7, 2007
- Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007
- The Day of Pentecost,
May 27, 2007

Exiled from the embrace
of summer when I roamed
bare-skinned in the berry
fields, I curl into
my November cave
with my wild poetry,
cook in its juices,
the alchemy of love
ripe-souled and golden,
an autumn reckoning.

Then a call from my
farmer neighbor,
"Come out, come out,
there's fruit on the vines!

Before a hard winter
this happens, a second burst
and the sweetest berries,
dark and small, but all
the workers are gone,
the harvest months over.
what comes now is our bounty
and it mustn't go wasted."

On All Saints Day in boots
I re-enter the field, my feet
singing on crunching ice earth,
bend to the bodies hidden in torn,
gather in my raspberry feast,
fresh as amazement—grateful
and dazed, in obedience
to the patterns of Grace.

By Alla Renee Bozarth

If you particularly enjoyed a
homily or a performance by the choir
and want to hear it again or if you
were unable to attend Mass and
want, nevertheless, to participate in
our corporate worship, or you want
to do something nice for a parishioner
who is unable to attend: you can get
a copy of the entire 11 a.m. Mass—
homily, music, and liturgy—on tape.
A charge of \$1 is made to cover the
cost of the cassette tape. Make your
request to Sam Baker, director of
music. ■

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All Souls will observe its Feast of Title with a solemn Mass for the feasts of All Saints and Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at 7 p.m.

We will also mark All Souls' Sunday on November 5, 2006, with baptism and special music at the 11 a.m. service.

You are invited
to an All Souls Tradition
Come join parishioners of All Souls, our families, friends, and neighbors on November 23 for our annual Thanksgiving Day dinner in the undercroft.