

The All Souls' Message

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From the Rector

First Impressions

By the first of April I knew that a few people from the search committee would be visiting me later in the month. Since I wanted to get a better feel for All Souls—beyond the parish profile, beyond the web site, beyond what I had heard from friends in Washington—I decided to plan a stealth visit to Woodley Park. Wednesday of Holy Week turned out to be my day off that week, and since Holy Wednesday is traditionally known as “spy Wednesday” (because the Gospel of the day has to do with Judas Iscariot), it seemed a perfect day for my own bit of spying. I would simply slip into the noon Mass, unknown and unnoticed.

The door to the Mary Chapel was open. I went in and sat and began to pray. I remember thinking, “What an easy place this is in which to pray.” The scale, the color, the spirit of the place all worked together to invite quiet and peace. The beautiful stained glass windows of Saint Francis to my left seemed perfectly paired with the birds that were singing just outside. As people began to come into the chapel from the main building, they seemed to know each other and to like each other, but they also seemed to enter the chapel with a respect for the place and a respect for those of us who were already praying. The people who sat near me managed to convey a quiet welcome without seeming intrusive.

Mother Henry officiated and preached a fine sermon. I began to sense that even though I knew that the parish was undergoing a lengthy interim and that some tensions might inevitably be surfacing, the parish was in good hands and the sacraments were being cel-



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brated with care and love. We shared the Holy Communion; we prayed a final prayer and the Mass ended. Several people asked me if I was new to the parish and they urged me to return for Easter. One person told me how special Maundy Thursday would be and another mentioned the bishop's coming on Sunday. They explained various odds and ends about

what would be going on the next few days and when I said that I was just in town for the day, they thanked me for visiting and said they hoped I might come back again.

Walking away from the church that afternoon, I was almost sorry I had visited. I was almost sorry because I knew that I would not stop thinking about this special place. I would remember the beauty, the quiet, the simple holiness of the worship that afternoon, and the genuine goodness of the people I had met. Though I have worshipped in many different churches and have spoken with a few about becoming their rector, I have known very, very few where I felt such a powerful and immediate sense of God's presence.

These were just first impressions, but every interaction since has confirmed those first impressions and deepened them.

I am profoundly humbled to be called to All Souls. I'm deeply moved to be invited to walk with you as pastor, priest, and friend. And I am filled with energy and faith to see where God may be leading us. I ask your prayers and I ask your patience as I grow into the privilege of serving as your seventh rector.

John Beddingfield ■

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Friends

By the time you receive this, the Reverend John Floyd Beddingfield will have been called as the seventh rector of All Souls Parish.

The last two years have made us worn out and weary. The process of calling a new rector has been long and tedious. But we have called the right person and we are ready to begin our new life together as a spiritual family on Ingathering Sunday, September 9.

I feel a renewed sense of energy, excitement, and commitment in the church as we prepare to receive Father Beddingfield. We have many ministries and activities that will require your support.

*"We shall not cease
from exploration
And the end of all
our exploring
Will be to arrive
where we started
And know the place
for the first time"*

T.S. Eliot

Please join me in thanking Father Peter Antoci and Mother Barbara Henry for their loving and faithful ministry to us in the past months.

I look forward to introducing you to our new rector and to working with you in your various ministries. Please continue to pray for the wardens and vestry and especially for our new rector, the Reverend John Beddingfield.

Nancye Suggs ■

Our Stewardship Journey

Foundational work has begun on the 2008 budget. The parish administrator has been busy preparing the documents to get the budget process rolling. As always, expenses keep going up. For 2008 we will have added expenses due to having a full-time rector for the first time in two years. Of course, we also hope to provide our staff with appropriate salary increases, in addition to supporting the various ongoing ministries of All Souls.

The dictionary defines pilgrimage as a "journey to a special place." All Souls is a special place, one that requires resources of time, talent, and treasure to

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fulfill its mission in our community and in our lives. That mission is to be a Christ-centered sanctuary where a diverse community worships and serves. As we begin our "Stewardship Pilgrimage" in October, we ask that all of you start now to think about your contributions to All Souls in 2008. We are entering a new chapter in the history of All Souls. We shall be journeying together with a new rector to guide us in carrying out our mission. I know that all of you will want to be a part of that journey.

Larry Sturgeon ■

Usually summer at All Souls is a quieter, slower time when people are away and committees and working groups slow down a bit and take a much-needed rest. This year it was not destined to be that way. July was an extremely busy time as the vestry went through the process of selecting a candidate to be our new rector. For the candidates and vestry this was an intense and time-consuming set of activities as we interviewed and met with candidates in many different settings to find out all we could about these people. We discovered how they interacted with people and talked to them about why they felt called to come to us. We even asked them to deliver a homily, sing for us, and worship with us. The time was well spent, and we feel confident that out of all this work we were able to choose a dynamic young priest ready and able to move our parish forward, and to move us forward in our spiritual lives.

Our Thanks to a Legion of Loyal Workers

Summer is also a time to clean up and fix up as we take advantage of a slower parochial pace. We accomplished many important summer tasks and, as is my custom, I'd like to thank some hard working parishioners for pitching in. This year we were able to repaint much of the interior of the administration/education wing, as well as most of the undercroft. Finding a matching color for the undercroft walls and ceilings involved sleuth work worthy of Nancy Drew, but our ever-organized parish administrator, Barry Huber, was up to



the task. He worked to coordinate all of this work, and to schedule it around other activities. As ever, our sexton, Oscar Prado did a beautiful job of painting, and our old drab walls look great!

In preparation for painting hallways and offices, our collection of photographs, many of which date back to the early 90's, had to come down, and some of these pictures had to be retired and replaced as they were beginning to look faded and shopworn. I discovered unanticipated but very real talent on the part of Marcia Anderson and Susan Morrison, who reorganized and reconfigured this photographic tribute to our past and present. Make sure you visit the hallways by the Sunday School and the parish offices—you are in for a treat! I'd like to also thank Todd VanCantfort for the many new shots he contributed to our gallery. Todd has a web site containing a great collection of photographs of All Souls people and events which will become available to you, but more about that this fall.

As always, Tom Mabon and the Garden Guild kept our grounds lovely throughout a dry and scorching summer. How can we express to them in words our collective thanks for their hard work, love, and devotion in all they do? This summer, Tom worked with a tree expert to prune and reshape the beautiful old magnolia by the Woodley Place entrance. Once threatening to take over our windows and roof, it is now trim, shapely, and well-behaved.

Buildings and Grounds Committee is also applying for a grant for assistive hearing devices for our nave and sanctuary from a foundation that provides funds for handicapped accessibility. My thanks go to Chris Cobb who discovered this foundation for us, and to Tony Domenico, who researched the cost of this technology.

Accessibility: Still on the Move (However Slowly)

We have at last found a contractor for Phase I of our project, i.e. altering our sidewalk to make our entrance doors accessible. Now we are coping with the D.C. Government, which originally told us that the work permits for the project would be "easy...no problem." However, they gave our drawings and plans back to us numerous times, and at their own rate of speed. As I write this it is early August and we are in possession of all the permits and plans we need. I am being promised that we can break ground and being construction and landscaping work this month. I hope this is true!

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.

An Introduction to Father Beddingfield

A native of North Carolina, Father John Beddingfield graduated with a degree in economics from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He received the Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and the Master of Sacred Theology from General Theological Seminary in New York. Father Beddingfield was a pastor at two Presbyterian churches before becoming the Curate for Parish Life and Outreach at St. Mary the Virgin Episcopal Church in New York City. In that position, Father Beddingfield worked with the Diocese of New York to coordinate mission trips to Honduras, and other outreach programs. He is the author of a number of articles, including "Y Necesitamos a Dios: Reflections on Honduras," "Why All the Ashes?," and "Why Pray with a Book?," among others, all published by the Diocese of New York. At Saint Mary the Virgin, he



sponsored book clubs and taught courses on studying scripture, religion and social change, the sacraments, and theology, using *The Book of Common Prayer*. Father Beddingfield impressed the vestry with his preaching, his leadership in worship, and his musical voice. His references described his pastoral approach as "careful, thoughtful, considerate, and loving." For fun, Father Beddingfield "loves exploring

New York, seeing movies, cooking, and finding bargain books." He also inherited a green thumb from his parents, which currently finds expression in tending "potted things on a fire escape." He and his partner, Erwin De Leon, will settle in Washington in time to be with us for Ingathering Sunday on September 9. We feel All Souls will flourish under Father Beddingfield's leadership and look forward to welcoming him and Erwin.

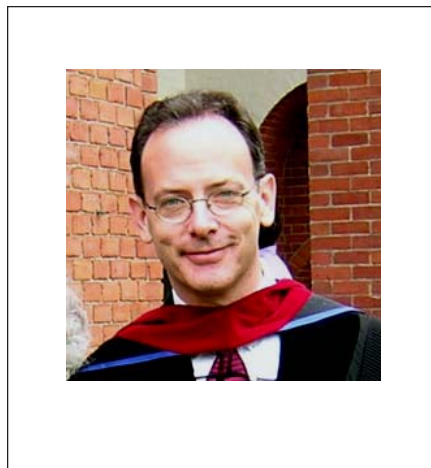
Find out more about Father Beddingfield at his blogsite:
www.Beddingfield.blogspot.com

Ray Myrtle ■

The Reverend Daniel Gross Called to Chestertown, Maryland

During the weeks in July when the All Souls vestry was busy discerning the call to our new rector, the same activity was taking place among our brothers and sisters at Emmanuel Church, Chester Parish in Chestertown, Maryland. The outcome of their discernment was a call to the Rev. Daniel LaRue Gross to be their 42nd rector. He will celebrate and preach in Chestertown for the first time on September 16, 2007.

Dan is a former member and junior warden of All Souls, and was sponsored by our parish for ordination. He was ordained to the diaconate in June, 2004, and to the priesthood in January, 2005. He has been serving Christ's Church, Rye, New York as curate.



Emmanuel Church is a somewhat smaller parish than All Souls, in the historic village of Chestertown, on the

Eastern Shore of Maryland. Their present church, the third building the parish has occupied, was originally built in 1767. Chestertown was a busy port in the 18th and 19th centuries, and today is the home of Washington College.

Please join in offering prayers of thanksgiving for Dan's ministry. He will be installed in a Service of Celebration of New Ministry on Sunday, November 11, 2007, at 5 p.m.

George Barnum ■

The Christian Education Ministry Team is excited about starting a new year with a great lineup of opportunities in our Adult Forum program. We have decided to schedule the Adult Forum only through the end of 2007, to give Father Beddingfield an opportunity to provide input into the second half of our program. It also gives any other people who might be interested in facilitating a discussion the opportunity to let us know. If you would like to participate, please let either Shawn Strout (sstroutDC@yahoo.com or 202-288-6442) or Darla Brown (bai_ruolan@yahoo.com or 703-271-2714) know of your interest.

We will begin our Fall season with the theme "Our God and Our World: Experiencing God in Our Everyday Lives." Here are some of the offerings for this first half of the Fall:

September 9
Spiritual Tools: A Hands-On Experience
with Landis Vance

Have you wanted to gain a deeper experience of God in your everyday life but just didn't know how? Landis will share with us several spiritual practices available to us to grow in our walk with God. We will have interactive stations set up to get a hands-on opportunity to experience different spiritual tools and then come together and discuss those experiences.

September 16
The Role of Religion in American Politics: A History
with Al Muller

In the history of the church and society, the United States has played a unique role by being one of the first nations to stress the separation of church and state. Join us for a discussion on the history of the separation of church and state in America.

September 23
The Role of Religion in American Politics: Contemporary Issues
with Al Muller

From the historical roots of the separation of church and state in America have sprung a host of contemporary issues. We will discuss a number of contemporary issues and how they relate to the current trends in the separation of church and state in America.

September 30
Theology and Science
with Jim Child

Long-time Adult Forum presenter and participant Jim Child will lead a discussion on the interplay between theology and science. How might we experience God through scientific inquiry? What relationship does science have with theology? These questions and more will be our topics.

October 7
Saints Alive
with Father Beddingfield

What is a saint? Is there a difference between the use of the word in scripture and the use of the word in the church calendar? Why do some churches honor certain people while others do not? John will lead a discussion that will look at the role of saints in the history of the church, in the context of the Anglican tradition and in our own lives. A part of the class will involve reflecting upon the feasts of All Saints and All Souls and the ways in which this season of saints can speak to us.

October 14
When Bad Things Happen to Good People
with Darla Brown

Darla will lead a discussion on national best-selling author and rabbi Harold Kushner's influential book, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. Join us for a lively discussion on a topic that has undoubtedly touched each of us in a personal way.

October 21
Coping with Stress
with Shawn Strout

Over twenty-three million Americans suffer from anxiety disorders and panic attacks. Stress is the leading cause for anxiety. Come learn more about the biological, psychological, and spiritual causes of anxiety, and ways to reduce stress in our lives. We will talk about the role of keeping sabbath as a way to effectively handle stress in our lives.

The vestry would also like to continue holding open town hall meetings during the Adult Forum hour:

October 28
A Talk with John Beddingfield

Join our new rector and the All Souls vestry for an open discussion about the new chapter in the life of our parish. This will be an opportunity for Father Beddingfield to share more about himself and his ministry. It will also be an opportunity for everyone to share with him their vision for All Souls as we welcome our new rector.

In the second half of our fall program, long-time All Souls member Joe Howell, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York City, will facilitate a five-week discussion series on the history of the early church.

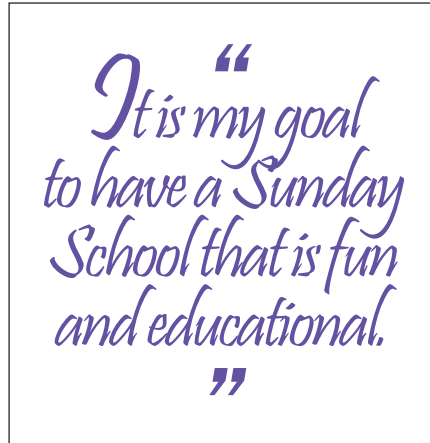
[Details on the second half of the fall program will follow in the October/November issue -ed.]

Shawn Strout ■

I have heard the question in the headline often. The answer is that some new and good things will be going on.

It is my goal to have a Sunday School that is fun and educational. Over the past few years I have worked with various curricula that were too brief and not very stimulating. I think the children need building blocks each week, adding new information to what was presented the previous week so there is an accumulation of knowledge. The Bible certainly presents plenty of opportunities to explore the lives of people like Moses, Daniel, and of course Jesus. I am currently looking at curricula and hope to find one that will work for All Souls.

Beginning in September, we will have Children's Chapel for all grades starting promptly at 11. We will spend the first few weeks learning about the church, both physically and spiritually.



Chapel will be a big part of this. We will have our own altar guild and acolytes; these tasks will be assigned to the children on a rotating basis so that all have an opportunity to participate. The goal is to teach the names and roles of the various people who participate in the service,

how to bow to the cross, cross oneself, and learn the Lord's Prayer (not so easy for the younger ones) and learn a short song or two. From there, we'll move on to Moses who has so much to offer: his birth, the Exodus, the Ten Commandments. There will be opportunities for the upper classes to present their knowledge to the lower classes and vice versa.

So, as you can see, we do have a plan! Parents, I would love to hear your thoughts and what you would like to see done in Sunday School. Please send me an e-mail (Marcia51@rcn.com), give me a call, or grab me at coffee hour. Together we can make this a Sunday School that your children look forward to!

Marcia Anderson ■

A Gentle Reminder

We Welcome Your Submissions

As a new program year gets under way, we encourage you to submit news, commentary, even poetry for upcoming issues of *The Message*.

Submission deadlines are regularly published in the Sunday bulletin. The next issue will be the October/November one, and the deadline is Sunday, August 26.

Please send submissions to message.allsoulsdc@gmail.com

George Barnum ■

Upcoming deadlines

Copy deadline for articles for the October/November issue of The Message is August 26

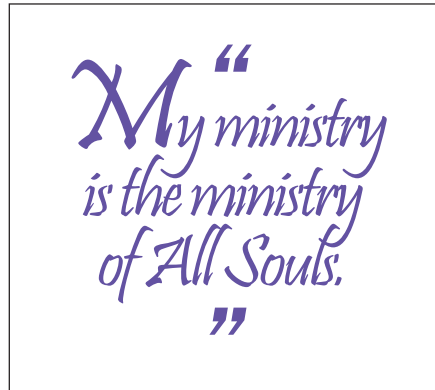
Copy deadline for articles for the December 2007/January 2008 issue of The Message is October 28

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. ■

What a time of new beginnings! The seeds that have been sown over the past few years are bearing fruit at long last at All Souls, in a number of ways. Many of you are not aware of the partnership that has been ongoing between All Souls and me for the past six years. In that time, All Souls has been a powerful example of the church at its best, discerning, calling forth, encouraging, and supporting the gifts of the laity.

A few years ago, after a career in finance and management, I was feeling pulled in a different direction and was trying to respond to God's call in my life. A physician of mine suggested that I should be a hospital chaplain. This was something that I had never considered, and the clergy at All Souls as well as spiritual friends worked with me as I sorted my way through the discernment process. Once I knew beyond any doubt that this was what I was being called to do, the fun just was beginning.

I had no desire to be an ordained chaplain, for many reasons which I will be happy to share at another time. Unfortunately, as with many ecclesial ministries, if you desire to remain a lay person the path to fruition is difficult, complex, and in no way assured. I found that I needed to go back to school for additional training in theology and clinical care. Ultimately, I needed to be endorsed by the Episcopal Bishop for Special Ministries, George Packard, as an Episcopal healthcare chaplain. The endorsement would come after I completed my training and would also require the support of my parish in putting me forward for this ministry.



During part of this time I was working as an associate chaplain at the Clinical Center at NIH, and my boss there was somewhat discomfited by the idea of a lay chaplain. Even though I had advanced theological training, he required that I work toward a Ph.D. in pastoral theology if I was to remain a lay chaplain. I guess the Ph.D. was supposed to be a counterbalance to the ordained status of the other chaplains. As I began my studies, All Souls provided me with a yearly stipend (as they do with seminarians) to help pay for books and other school expenses. While this was not a substantial sum, the fact that All Souls continued to fund me in this manner, even when its financial situation was not rosy, meant the world to me.

I was licensed as a lay preacher, catechist, and pastoral visiting lay eucharistic minister, and was privileged to take up additional liturgical and pastoral care responsibilities in the parish. All Souls established a support committee for me so that I would have a ready source of advice and encouragement. Chris Lethbridge, Harrington Mahood, and Ruth Stolk kept me going when I was confused, tired, or discouraged.

Bishop Chane, on his first visitation to All Souls, installed me as a lay chaplain in the Diocese of Washington. As a

sign of my new responsibilities, I was given a finger labyrinth to use with patients. That was a wonderful day shared with my parish family and representatives from the hospital where I worked.

All of this kept me going through the long slog of the Ph.D. work and the required units of clinical pastoral education. In May of this year I was officially endorsed by Bishop Packard as a chaplain in the Episcopal Church USA. I had been working toward this for so long that I could scarcely believe it had finally happened. Early this summer I finally completed my scholarly work and received my Ph.D. in Practical Theology and Health. I have been faithful to my calling through all of the ups and downs of this time of preparation, and I am waiting with gleeful anticipation to see what God has for me to do next.

My ministry is the ministry of All Souls. You have all been such a part of this journey that I carry you with me every time I see patients. The witness of this time proclaims not only that this is a church for all souls, but that the priesthood is of all believers. What each of us does, whether ordained or lay, is a priestly role as we are called as God's representatives to this world. This is a wonderful story of the church at its best. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. May the family that is All Souls continue to affirm and support each other in our various ministries as we journey onward.

Landis Vance ■

1st Sunday Resumes as 2nd Sunday

Summer's ending, a new rector is coming to All Souls, and First Sunday is changing to Second Sunday so our pals in the choir can participate.

The concept remains the same: women of All Souls get together for a meal and a few hours of talk, and, if you must, some handwork. Our only mission is camaraderie and enjoying each other's company.

The season opener will be at Marcia Anderson's apartment, 3000 Connecticut Avenue, following the September 9th second service. Please let her or Susan Morrison know if you will be there.

Susan Morrison ■

All Souls Is on Tape

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 the interim director of music. ■

Senior Lunch Bunch

All "wise and mature" All Souls members and their friends are invited to attend a special luncheon on Wednesday, September 26 at 12:30 p.m., following the noon mass. This luncheon will be hosted by Mark Hoffman, Episcopal Senior Ministries representative. The lunch 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 Monday, September 24 if you plan to attend.

Mark Hoffman ■

A Call for Ushers—Especially Women

If you are considering a way to share your time and talent with our parish, one easy way is to become an usher. These volunteers greet people before and after each service, oversee the offering, and address any needs that may arise during the service. After the service, the ushers collect discarded bulletins from the pews, assure that the offering is secured in the parish office, and take altar flowers to the undercroft. We need more women ushers. Contact Butch Bradburn if you are interested (703/525-0262). ■

St. Francis Day Celebrations

Our celebration of St. Francis Day begins on Thursday, October 4 with Matins at 7:15 a.m. followed by Low Mass. We continue our celebration on Saturday, October 6 at 3 p.m. gathering on the front lawn of the church for Evening Prayer and the Blessing of Animals. Please bring animal companions as we give thanks to God for all the special creatures that grace our lives. Within the liturgy there is an opportunity to name, give thanks for, and bless with holy water our animal companions. Those who have lost a beloved animal companion may also find this an appropriate occasion to bring a picture or other token of remembrance, that we might give thanks. Spread the word, as this is a perfect opportunity to invite friends and newcomers. ■

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

One of All Souls oldest ministries, foyer dinners 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. ■



Past Pentecost we greet the quiet days,
Blessing their sacred promise to renew
Spirit and body, light a pathway through
The sometimes dark of time's uncertain ways.
We struggle toward a faith that always stays
The fear of final loss, knowing Him true
To His farewell words; we promise to pursue
In thought and act the tasks His teachings raise.

And now remembrance brings to the mind's eye
The cycle of the once and coming year:
God incarnate born to us to die,
The risen Christ triumphant over fear.
May the Holy Spirit be our guide
To follow in the way He sanctified.

Jim Child

From the Vestry

Vestry Meeting Notes

April 17, 2007:

- Report from nominating committee on candidates for Annual Parish Meeting.
- Search committee reported that site visits to candidates will begin in late April and continue through mid-May.

May 15, 2007:

- Search committee reported site visits complete and will be meeting to select the final three candidates and to schedule phone interviews for them with Bishop Chane.
- Outgoing vestry members were thanked for their service.

May 20, 2007—Parish Meeting:

- Nancye Suggs was elected senior warden; Marcia Anderson, Frank Karel, Dale Lewis, and Jim Solomon were elected to the vestry.

May 22, 2007:

- Senior warden and new vestry members were sworn in.
- Search committee introduced the search consultant to the vestry.
- A special vestry meeting will be held on June 19 to pass the candidates names from the search committee to the vestry.
- The hiring of a parish administrator was deferred until the new rector has been called and can participate in the selection process.

June 19, 2007:

- Roy Woodall was appointed to a five-year term on the endowment board.
- Approved the endowment board grants including one covering moving expenses for the new rector.
- Appointed Larry Sturgeon parish treasurer and George Barnum registrar.

July Meetings:

- The vestry met in July to interview candidates and call the new rector.

Nancye Suggs ■

Baptisms

None

Burials

None

Confirmations

None

Commitment Ceremony

June 16, 2007

Peter M. Antoci & Donald Davis

Marriages

June 9, 2007

Sarah Katherine Keener &
Robert Max Green

July 14, 2007

Elizabeth Kay George &
Ricky John Witter

Transfers In

None

Transfers Out

July 10, 2007

Jack Pannell
to Washington National Cathedral

September

- 1 Merry Bruns
- 4 Steve Jacobs
- 5 Samantha Brady
- 8 Kirstin Gulling
- 10 Ric Haines
Lamar Smith
- 12 Nancye Suggs
- 15 Susan Morrison
Mark Porter
- 16 Martha Domenico
- 21 Elizabeth Dresser
- 28 Campbell Buchanan
- 29 Tamara Floyd
- 30 Carolyn Farmer
Thomas Gardner
Carletta Skinner-Beaman

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 Robin Jones.

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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. ■

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September 2007

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Ingathering Sunday

Renew and refresh your All Souls spirit.

**Please join us on September 9th
for the start of the fall church year.**

Adult Forum begins, Children's Chapel and Sunday school begin,
and the choir returns.

Come and meet our new rector, Father John Beddingfield