



**ALL SOULS**  
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# All Souls Weekly

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## The Message: Starting Anew, but Gradually

Our Jewish siblings celebrated Rosh Hashanah earlier this week, and it seems right that we join in the prayer that the coming year be sweet and full of joy. Feel free to dip some apple slices in honey as you pray! One of the Jewish prayers for such special holidays seems especially appropriate this year:

*Praise to You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, for giving us life,  
for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season. Amen.*

We start a **new program year** at All Souls this Sunday, so in a sense we start a new year too. The first change of note will be in the schedule for Sunday. Starting September 12th, we will have two Masses on Sundays: **a said Mass will be at 8:30 AM and a sung Mass with choir at 11:00 AM**. The 11 AM service will be livestreamed on Facebook for those who are unable to attend in person. This is another step in the gradual resumption of a “live and in-person” corporate church life following the pandemic lock-down months. However, we still need to observe safety precautions due to the pandemic, including wearing masks indoors, and receiving Holy Communion under the form of bread only.

With the resumption of two Sunday services, we will need additional parishioners willing to participate in our common worship by serving as lectors, prayer readers, ushers, acolytes and thurifers. We also need hospitality volunteers to make coffee/tea and put out light refreshments for coffee hour after Sunday services. Resuming the Sunday traditions of worship, hospitality, and fellowship that All Souls values will depend upon folks filling these roles. My philosophy is that participation is what matters most, and I promise that training, encouragement, and grateful support will be provided for all our volunteers. Please email ([office@allsoulsdc.org](mailto:office@allsoulsdc.org)) or telephone (202-232-4244) the church office to let us know of your interest in serving in these roles.

Additional activities resuming this week include a weekly **Midweek service of Holy Eucharist at 12 Noon on Wednesdays** starting on September 15th. We will gather in the choir seats in the chancel for this service. **Adult Forum will commence starting this Sunday, September 12th at 10 AM in the Parish Hall**. We will use the forum on Sept 12th to reflect on the early history of All Souls and share what that means to us as we move forward together in 2021.

Please spare a prayer this weekend in remembrance of those lost in the September 11, 2001 attacks and for all who still bear suffering and grief as a result of those events and their aftermath. *May love and faithfulness meet and righteousness and peace embrace* (after Psalm 85:10).

Grace and peace in Christ,  
-Julianne+

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## Updates

**Reception & Gift to honor Mother Elizabeth** We will honor Mother Elizabeth on September 26th at the 11 am Mass, at which she will preach, followed by a festive reception. Donations to her purse may be made by leaving a check so marked in the offering plate or by giving on Realm.

**Livestream and recorded Masses available** The Mass will be broadcast live to Facebook on Sunday morning and will remain available on that platform. You may find it on our page, [facebook.com/allsoulsdc](https://facebook.com/allsoulsdc).

**Large print service leaflets now available** We now have large print service leaflets available. Ask an usher if you need help locating them.

**Parish Directory** From today until Sunday, September 26th, the draft copy of the parish directory will be available for review. Please see that we have correct and complete contact information. Even if there are no changes, please put a checkmark next to your name to show you have reviewed the entry.

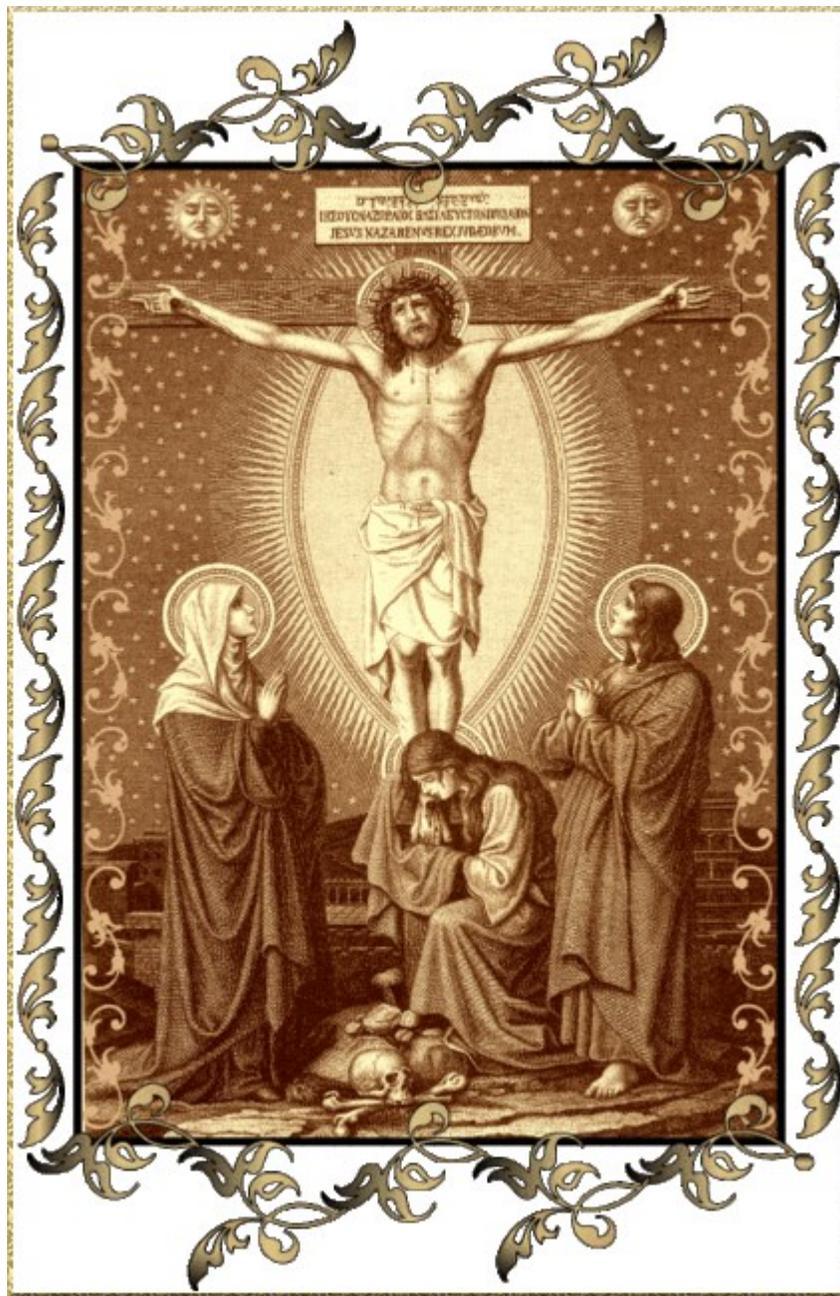
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# Getting Active at All Souls

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**Women's Group** The women's group will be having a Zoom planning session on September 14th at 7pm. If you have not already received the link, and/or are interested in joining as the group re-starts, email the office ([office@allsoulsdc.org](mailto:office@allsoulsdc.org)) for the contact information.

**Volunteer Opportunity** Anne Frank House DC (AFH) — an All Souls grant recipient — is a neighborhood non-profit that provides long-term, supportive housing to persons with chronic mental illness who would otherwise be homeless. AFH ([website](http://www.afhdc.org)) is seeking a volunteer correspondent to send out individual giving acknowledgements to donors on a regular basis. You must have your own computer and printer; supplies will be reimbursed. If interested, please contact Daniel Callis for more information.



*Holy Cross Day  
Which is celebrated on Wednesday*