

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT ALL SOULS

AUGUST 10, 2025



The mission of All Souls Church is to be a Christ-centered sanctuary where a diverse and inclusive community worships and serves. We live this mission through faithful celebration of the Eucharist, Christian education, and loving nurture of both members and neighbors.

Today

11 am Holy Eucharist with Holy Baptism

Today we welcome into the household of God through the sacrament of Holy Baptism, our newest and youngest member, Thulela Tua Cecil Neill-Johnson

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's table.

Please join us in the undercroft after the service for a time of fellowship and refreshments and to celebrate baby Thulela's baptism.

The altar flowers are given to the greater glory of God by Will and Stewart & Peter Laugesen in honor of their 32nd Anniversary.

Today's Readings

The First Lesson, Isaiah 1:1, 10-20, Will Stewart

Psalms 50: 1-8, 23-24, Will Stewart

The Epistle, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, Peter Laugesen

Gospel, Luke 12:32-40, The Rev. Sara Palmer

Prayers for the Candidate, Sheryl Johnson

Parish Prayer List

The Washington Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

St. Mary's Church, DC

In the Wider Anglican Communion, we pray for:

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

For Those Who are Sick or in Need, we pray especially for:

Robert, Christopher, Laura, Nancy, Warren, Shinn, Charles, Haiti, Palestine, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan;

For Those Who Have died, especially: Fleance, cousin of Anne Armstrong;

We Give Thanks for: the baptism of Thulela Tua Cecil Neill-Johnson.

EPISCOPAL 101—FOUNDATIONAL COURSE WITH MOTHER SARA PALMER BEGINNING WEDNESDAY EVENING SEPTEMBER 10, 6:30 PM IS NOW FULL

Check back in March of 2026 for a Sign Up for Mother Sara's Spring 2026 class. She will be offering this course again. The class is capped at 15 to allow everyone the ability to share.

CHURCH CLEAN UP | SEPTEMBER 13, 9 AM—NOON

Come be a part of a special morning cleaning up All Souls inside and out! Jeff Wells, Junior Warden is heading up this work day. We could use all hands on deck. Contact him for more information at junior.warden@allsoulsdc.org or phone 202-746-0120 or sign up online on the website under the SIGN UP HERE tab or call or email the church office to sign you up.

INGATHERING SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 14

Our annual "back to church" Sunday is September 14. Our wonderful **CHOIR** will be back and singing weekly and the Sunday morning Adult **FAITH FORUMS** will begin again at 10 am in the Conference room and Helen Schmedtje and Samuel Littauer will share their faith journeys.

COFFEE WITH MOTHER SARA | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

If you are new to All Souls in the last six months, please do grab a coffee and snack downstairs and **come up in the Conference room at 12:15 pm** to meet Mother Sara. This is a great way to make new friends and also have your questions answered about the Episcopal Church and about All Souls.

20'S AND 30'S GET TOGETHER, SAVE THE DATE! | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Mark your calendars for "BYOH" (Bring Your Own Hot sauce) mixer as it will involve food! It will be happening from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm in the undercroft. More details to follow soon!

ALL SOULS VOLUNTEERS AT CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK | SAT., OCTOBER 4

Kurt Jacobs is verifying this date with the Capital Area Food bank. Mark your calendars and the church will confirm the date and time in upcoming announcements.

HONORING OUR NEWCOMERS | SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 11 AM

BLESSING OF THE PETS | OCTOBER 5 AT 3:00 PM

We will be honoring our newcomers during the 11 am service on this date and giving away special swag bags to them! Later that afternoon at 3 pm, bring your pet pooch, gold fish, finch, kitty cat, etc. to be blessed by Mother Sara, during the Feast of St. Francis, Blessing of the Animals service. All animals welcomed leashed or caged. The blessing will happen in the Sterrett family Garden in front of the church.

CHURCH DIRECTORY & REALM DATA BASE ACCOUNT

It's nearing the time of printing a current church directory. Have you logged into your All Souls church data base Realm account lately? Please check your information and submit an updated photo as you are able or contact Andrea at office@allsoulsdc.org to ask to be set up. She would be happy to assist you!

WEEKLY ALL SOULS E-BLAST MESSAGE

We hope you are receiving the weekly message by email. If not, contact Andrea and she will get you signed up. These can end up going to your spam folder, so check there if needed. The eblast is uploaded to the church website and you can always catch up on what is happening on the website at the "What's Happening" tab.

WE WELCOME YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS

Submit your prayer requests to be prayed for and supported by your All Souls church community. Email Andrea Meier, Parish Administrator at office@allsoulsdc.org. She will add your general request to the list for four weeks and/or contact Mother Sara for pastoral care. You are always welcome to ask to stay on for a certain length of time or to be added again after the four weeks.

URGENT APPEAL FOR HAITI FROM BISHOP BUDDE

All Souls recently raised \$11,100 in partnership with St. Paul's K Street who added \$5000 for the Haiti/Micah project and is grateful to all who contributed that allowed a total of \$16,100 to be sent. Below is a photo of Mother Sara and friends from the Haiti/Micah project.

More information about this project can be found at Haiti-micah.org. The subject of Haiti is still



on the forefront as earlier this spring, Bishop Mariann met with the Rev. Joseph Constant, rector of St. John's, Beltsville and founder of the Haiti Micah Project, along with other members of the Diocese of Washington's Haiti Advocacy Ministry. Fr. Constant described his homeland as a nation descending into crisis since the 2021 assassination of its president. In recent months:

- Over 1.5 million people have been displaced
- Thousands have died
- Ninety percent of the island is now controlled by armed gangs
- Government institutions have collapsed entirely

Amid this chaos and unimaginable danger, priests in the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti remain faithful in caring for their communities. As Canon Serena Beeks, U.S. Coordinator of the Haiti School Partnership Program at the National Association of Episcopal Schools, writes: "Of all the dioceses in The Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Haiti, absolutely and by any measure, does the most with the least." Fr. Constant's hometown of Mirebalais—one of the last regions not yet overtaken by gangs—was invaded in March. Through the Haiti Micah Project, he remains in close contact with the priests there. They are feeding, sheltering, and ministering to their people as their communities prepare to defend themselves against further violence. One priest confided, "We don't know how long we can do this or how we can go on."

How You Can Help

Bishop Mariann has committed \$5,000 from the Bishop's Discretionary Fund and invites any who can to do so as well. All donations will go directly to the priests of the Diocese of Haiti through Fr. Constant's trusted network. These funds will support people doing extraordinary ministry under impossible conditions. Please donate at edow.org/give or scan QR code on the right.





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