

NEWS FROM THE PEWS AT ALL SOULS

OCTOBER 19, 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

*The Reverend Sara Palmer, Rector
Celebrant & Preacher*

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

*The altar flowers are given
to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Marie Stapleton Warren &
Minnie Woods Pridgen,
by Art Warren*



*We welcome
Rick Taylor as guest organist.*

*Thank you
Owen Basil and Bill McKinley
for hosting coffee hour today!*

Today's Readings

The First Lesson, Jeremiah 31:27-34
Rick Taylor

Psalm 119:97-104
Chanted by the Choir

The Epistle, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Lisa Watson

Gospel, Luke 18:1-8
Mother Sara

Prayers of the People
Embry Howell

AN IDEA BORN IN A TAVERN

One of the toughest challenges for our various ministries is managing conflicting schedules.

Young professionals have limited free time, and early on, we learned that dedicating a Friday night to "church adjacent activities" was not appealing to everyone in our original group. Times change, and as our ministry has grown over the last year, so has our thinking! The innovative idea for a Hot Sauce Swap and tasting event was born from a casual conversation (a big thanks to Albert) at Tavern 18.

Despite my own initial doubts—a moment like Peter losing focus and faith—we pressed on. Relying heavily on years of goodwill and partnership with our Diocesan friends around the city. Understanding that no single date would work well for everyone. The results were truly phenomenal, testament to inter-church collaboration.

We were thrilled to welcome nearly 40 young adults into our undercroft! A significant sign of our successful outreach was that half of those attendees were members of other local Episcopal congregations. We were especially honored to have Deacon Andrew Stump from Christ Church Georgetown join us and offer a blessing over our feast. We are deeply grateful to God for the many fruits of this labor, and thankfully, no one ended up needing the ER!

As we embark on seeking to further grow, our focus remains on seeking opportunities to reach beyond the doors of our Parish and continue building connections across the wider church community.

- Joe Neal, Co-Chair 20s-30s



Upcoming Events

FAITH FORUM SERIES

Sundays at 10 am, Conference Room

OCT. 19: *African Bible Study: Lectio Divina with presenter Mother Sara Palmer*

OCT. 26: *Spiritual Journey Interview with presenter Mother Sara Palmer*

NOV. 2: *All Souls Endowment Fund: An Overview with Jim Solomon*

NOV. 9: *Understanding the Synoptic Gospels with Joe Howell*

NOV. 16: *Art and Spirituality: A Conversation with vEnessa Acham*

THE HISTORY AND CRAFTSMANSHIP OF STAINED GLASS AT ALL SOULS

Sat., Oct. 25, 2:30 pm

ALL SOULS CHURCH FLUTE AND PIANO BENEFIT CONCERT

Sat., Oct. 25, 4:00 pm

Admission if Free

CAPITAL HEARINGS CONCERT

Sat., Oct. 25, 8:00 pm

Performing at 10th and G, All Souls Church is offered \$15 tickets to the Keep the Faith concert with promo code ALLSOULS.

NAMES FOR ALL SOULS SUNDAY, NOV. 2

On All Souls Sunday, Nov. 2 we will remember those who have died in the last year (since All Souls' Sunday 2024) by reading the names aloud during Mass. A book of remembrance is at the Welcome Table where you can record a person's name or you can send names to Andrea Meier at andrea@allsoulsdc.org.

ALL SOULS POTLUCK

Sun. Nov. 2, 12:30 pm

Everyone is welcome to our special Sunday service at 11 am on November 2, where we will remember our beloved ones

who have passed away in the past year. Following the service, please join us in the Undercroft for the All Souls' Potluck.

Please bring a dish that was a favorite of your departed loved ones, as a way to celebrate their memory and share their stories. Sign up on the website under the SIGN UP HERE tab or Welcome table.

FEED THE HUNGRY WITH THE CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK

Sat. Nov. 8, 1:00-4:00 pm

Signup Deadline: Sun., Nov. 2

Come join a group of 16 Souls at the Capital Area Community Food Bank in NE DC on Saturday afternoon November 8th from 1-4 pm to pack food for the hungry. We'll work there on a light assembly line packing boxes of non-perishable items with great music while we work. If there's enough interest, we'll order a pizza lunch and enjoy it at the food bank's cafeteria at noon before our shift begins. Logistics and details to follow for those that sign up. Sign up at the Welcome Table or online. For more information talk to Jeff Wells, Junior Warden.

junior.warden@allsoulsdc.org or 202-746-0120.

COFFEE WITH MOTHER SARA SUN., NOV. 9 AFTER MASS

Please come down to the Undercroft and grab some coffee and treats and come up to the Conference Room to meet with me. Bring your questions about All Souls, what we do and why, and about The Episcopal Church (TEC). It will be fun to make new friends and get to know each other better!



NEW MINISTRY LISTS ARE AVAILABLE At the Welcome Table

Be sure to pick up a copy of the newly updated for '25-'26, All Souls Ministry List. It lists the leader's name and how to contact them in case you would like to give service and join a Ministry team.

AN AFTERNOON OF ARTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Stained Glass Arts Presentation

2:30 - 3:30 pm

followed by All Souls Nave Tour 3:30-3:45 pm

**Free Children's coloring book available*

Piano and Flute Concert

Sara Zhu, flute & David Palmer, Piano

Donations to benefit Woodley House & Reception Follows in Undercroft

4:00 - 6:00 pm

All are invited & welcome! Both events are FREE to the public.

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**Invitations to "An Afternoon of Arts at All Souls"
are included today to give away.**

Please consider giving one or both of the "invitations" that have been included in your leaflet this morning to a friend or neighbor. These events are sure to be interesting, fun and inspiring. What better way to invite a friend to the church? Ask your local coffee shop or business to post!

Parish Prayer List

The Washington Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

World Mission Sunday

In the Wider Anglican Communion, we pray for:

The Episcopal Church

For those who are sick or in need, we pray especially for:

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

For those who have died, especially,

All those who have died in war, famine and pestilence;

We Give Thanks for: God's love, mercy and grace in our lives as children of God.

Submit prayer requests to office@allsoulsdc.org to stay on for one month

***Healing Prayer is available on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month
after Holy Eucharist at the Mary Chapel.***

Next Sunday, a commissioning of healing prayer ministers
by Mother Sara will take place during the service.

In Celebration of National Hispanic and Latin Heritage Month

A Message from vEnessa Y Acham, Vestry Member

In celebration of National Hispanic and Latin Heritage Month and our commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility, we are excited to share with our All Souls Parish the inspiring story of The Right Reverend Bavi Edna "Nedi" Rivera.

Mother Sara met Bishop Nedi Rivera when she was a seminarian at Virginia Theological Seminary and was impressed with her warm humanity that shone out the love of Jesus Christ.

We rejoice also at All Souls Episcopal Church in Washington DC to celebrate the recently appointed first ever female Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, currently the Bishop of London! God is doing a new thing!



First woman of Latin American descent as ordained priest

In 1972, Bavi Edna "Nedi" Rivera learned at a meeting that the Episcopal Church planned to begin ordaining women as priests. Raised in the

Episcopal Church, she felt called to pursue the priesthood. One major obstacle, however, was her father—Bishop Victor Rivera of San Joaquin. Bishop Victor Rivera strongly opposed the ordination of women. Despite his opposition, Nedi Rivera entered the seminary and was ordained a deacon on June 28, 1975.

The Reverend Nedi Rivera earned her Master of Divinity in 1976 from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, California. On May 5, 1979, she was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop C. Kilmer Myers of California, becoming the first woman of Latin American descent to be ordained in the Episcopal Church. Her father, Bishop Victor Rivera, did not attend the ceremony.

The Reverend Nedi Rivera later served as Rector of Saint George's Episcopal Church in Salinas, in the Diocese of El Camino Real, from 1984 to 1993. From 1994 to 2004, she led Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church in San Francisco as Rector.

Although English was spoken at home during her youth, The Reverend Nedi Rivera

worked diligently to become fluent in Spanish. Now, she regularly preaches and celebrates Holy Eucharist in both languages.

First Hispanic woman as consecrated bishop

In 2004, The Reverend Nedi Rivera was elected suffragan bishop in the Diocese of Olympia (Western Washington) and was consecrated on January 22, 2005, becoming the first Hispanic woman to be consecrated as bishop in the Episcopal Church.



During The Right Reverend Nedi Rivera's consecration, following the Church's tradition, fellow bishops gathered to lay hands on her while the ordination prayer was recited. Among them was her father, Bishop Victor Rivera (as previously stated, he was a vocal opponent of women's ordination). At a point in the ceremony, Bishop Victor Rivera vested his daughter, Bishop Nedi Rivera, with his own cope vestment. Reflecting on the moment, Bishop Nedi Rivera said, "He didn't change his mind; he changed his heart." Alleluia! Source: Wikipedia and other references.



Archbishop of
Canterbury
Sarah Mullally