News From The Pews

November 22, 2026

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 neighbor

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The Rev. Sara E. Palmer, Rector

11 am Holy Eucharist

All are welcome to the Lord's table for Holy Eucharist.

The First Lesson
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Anne Armstrong

Psalm 95:1-7a
Sung by Choir

The Epistle
Ephesians 1:15-23
Artie Roach

The Gospel
Matthew 25:31-46
The Rev. Beth O'Callaghan

Prayers of the People
Cynthia Evans

All are invited for Coffee hour downstairs in the undercroft following the service!

We welcome today
The Reverend Beth O'Callaghan
as guest preacher and celebrant



Rev. Beth O'Callaghan is a retired priest canonically resident in the Diocese of Washington. She was ordained to the priesthood in January, 2010 at the Washington National Cathedral. Her first position was as Assistant Rector at Ascension, Gaithersburg. After three years, Beth and her wife, Marla, moved to Lake Ronkonkoma, Long Island where Beth served as Rector at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Five years later Beth was called to St. Nicholas Parish, Germantown, MD and in May, 2025, she retired after serving as Rector for eight years. Beth enjoys serving as supply and as Nave Chaplain at the Washington National Cathedral when she and Marla are not traveling.

THANKFUL FOR GRAND PIANO DONATION

All Souls are most grateful to Jill Strachan for donating her Aunt Molly's Fischer baby grand piano to us for rehearsal use in our choir room in the fall of 2026.

Jill's Aunt Molly was a graduate of the prestigious Royal Academy of Music in London, U.K. We will display Mary Dundas Strachan's (Aunt Molly's) certificate in the choir room near the piano. She was a church musician and a faithful attendee of the Episcopal Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland, Ohio, for many years. Jill told us that Auntie Molly would be very happy for our church to house her much beloved and played piano."

THANKSGIVING DAY, THURS., NOV. 26, 11:00 am Holy Eucharist
followed by our Traditional Potluck in the Undercroft



Come celebrate Thanksgiving at All Souls and give thanks to the Lord for our many blessings. We hope you will consider bringing **a vegetable side dish or pie** for 6 people to share. *We thank vEnessa Acham and Dee Snyder, hospitality chairs, in advance for all their help with this annual tradition*.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, Nov. 29
10 am Faith Forum (Advent Book Study) / 11 am Holy Eucharist / Noon coffee hour

ADVENT QUIET MORNING RETREAT, SAT., DEC. 5th, 10am-1pm
led by Mother Sara

"Come apart and rest awhile," Jesus says.
Please come and join others in our All Souls family on Saturday, December 5th from 10 am to 1 pm. for an Advent Retreat. Bring a brown bag lunch for yourself.

As our schedules quickly fill with preparations for Christmas, it will be a source of blessing for us to take a morning just to be quiet, slow down, and have time to meditate on the true meaning of Advent: returning to God and preparing to welcome God's only Son, Jesus. We will be encouraged and uplifted as we share God's love. You will see signs around the church and Administrative Building declaring after Nov. 29th: SHHH! SLOW DOWN. IT'S ADVENT. We will reflect together in our Advent Morning Retreat, both on our own and in groups, on the importance of going deeper in our spiritual lives and seeking God's wisdom. To that end, please be reading the book of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament, the letter of James, Jesus' brother in the New Testament, and the books in the Apocrypha (between the Old and New Testaments): Ecclesiasticus, Sirach, the Wisdom of Solomon. Please select two passages to share with us and explain why you chose them.

Please email your interest in coming on December 5th to Mother Sara: rector@allsoulsdc.org

WOODLEY HOUSE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION, Sun., Dec. 13.
A shopping lists is available on the welcome table and the Outreach Committee that oversees this ministry thanks you in advance for your generosity, especially at this time of the year.

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE is in the Undercroft, deadline, Sun., Dec. 13 for gifts
All Souls is doing our annual collection of gifts for the needy children at Housing Up. Carri Banholzer has made 50 ornaments for the tree which have the names and ages of each of the 50 recipients, and Daniel Callis has put the tree up in the undercroft. Parishioners should take an ornament or two on Sunday. The gifts should be wrapped **and brought to the church by December 13th**. They will be taken to Housing Up on the 15th. Please do take an ornament and bring joy to a child as we anticipate Jesus' birth at Christmas, God's best-ever gift to all of humankind. Deep thanks in advance!

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

If you would like to make a special dedication in honor of a loved one or an anniversary or birthday or for any reason whatsoever - just email Andrea in the office (office@allsoulsdc.org), and she can check the calendar for you! We just ask for a $100 contribution for Altar flowers and/or $50 for two smaller vases on the Mary Chapel. You may designate one or the other or both. The flowers come from Allan Woods flowers in Woodley Park and they have graciously given us a very nice discount for many years. We will be asking for Christmas music & flower dedications soon. Thank you to all who have blessed the church with the beauty of altar flowers this past year and contributed to the worship service in this way.

FAITH FORUM ON SUNDAY MORNINGS | 10 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

November

22 - Marcus Borg: Intellectual Champion of "Liberal Christianity"with Joe Howell

29 - Advent Book Study with Jennifer Mindek Beckham

**Mother Sara recommends picking up your Advent book now to be prepared for the Faith Forum in December! Available on Amazon for $10.22 or Audible or Kindle and is titled, "All Creation Waits" by Gayle Boss.*

December

6 - Advent Book Study (Jennifer Mindek Beckham)

13 - Advent Book Study (Presenter: TBD)

20 - Advent Book Study (Presenter: TBD)

PARISH PRAYER LIST

The Washington Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

Thanksgiving Day *(Nov 26)* – Pray for a depth of gratitude that turns what we have into enough and more.

In the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: The Church of England

For those who are sick or in need, we pray especially for: Maria Orrett's friend Anna, Elaine Grierson, dear friend of Olivia & Ian Hodgson**,** Jesse Kim (friend of Carri Banholzer), Sandra Duncan (friend of Jody Koepp-Norris), Al Muller, Will Dawson's grandmother, Sally Cliff, Davis Ival, Cuba, Haiti, Palestine, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan; for all children everywhere.

For those who have died, we pray for: Chris Davis who passed into eternal life and was husband of parishioner Mary Davis and father to daughters Sasha and Kara. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

We are thankful: for the safe birth of their precious baby girl, "Aurora" to Christopher and Laura Calton.



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