

NEWS FROM THE PEWS at All Souls

SEPTEMBER 20, 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 neighbors.



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



The Rev. Sara E. Palmer, Rector

11 am Holy Eucharist

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

Today's Readings

The First Lesson

Jonah 3:10-4:11

Sheila Arbury

Psalms 145:1-8

The Choir

The Epistle

Philippians 1:21-30

Bill McKinley

The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

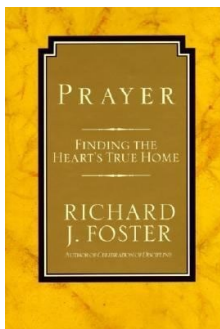
Mother Sara

Prayers of the People

Daniel Callis

****An Architecture Tour**

*is available with Jeff Wells immediately following the service today!
Meet at the baptismal font in back.*

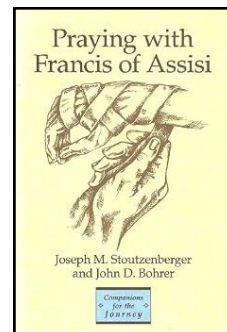


FALL FAITH FORUM SERIES Coming Up!

FORUMS ON PRAYER

with Mother Sara

Sept. 20 & 27



Are you longing for a deeper experience of God's presence? Would you like to broaden your prayer practices, grow spiritually, and learn from other parishioners also? Drawing from Richard Foster's classic book *Prayer, Finding the Heart's True Home* and *Praying with Clare of Assisi* in the Companions for the Journey series, Mother Sara will explore a variety of forms of prayer. We will be encouraged to step out in faith, ask questions, and find practices that nourish and sustain us in our faith journeys. As Foster writes: "God longs for our presence. And God is inviting you-and me- to come home to where we belong, to come home to that for which we were created." See you at 9.55 a.m. in the Conference Room on Sunday September 20th and 27th for this 2 part-series on prayer.



Sun., Oct. 4th after Coffee Hour Information Session on Planning Your Financial Future

On October 4, following the coffee hour, All Souls Endowment Board and the Finance Committee will present an information session on planning your financial future, featuring Lars Etzkorn, a local attorney who specializes in wills and estate planning. Topics covered will include why everyone needs a will, how legal documents such as general and medical powers of attorney can ensure that your preferences and decisions are honored even if you are incapacitated, and legacy giving to continue your support for All Souls parish and other organizations that are important to you. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin LeGrand, kleggrand@gmail.com or Art Warren at aafwdc@aol.com.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

The Washington Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

St. Matthew's Church/San Mateo, Hyattsville
St. Matthew's Day School, Hyattsville
For our siblings in the Jewish Faith observing Yom Kippur (*Sep 20*); United Nations International Day of Peace (*Sep 21*): Pray for peace and benevolence among all nations.; Pray for international human rights and all organizations and individuals that promote peace and justice worldwide

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

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ALL SOULS, ALL CHURCH SURVEY

We really want to hear from you!

TAKE OUR
SURVEY



Deadline has been extended
to the end of today.



Questions?
Ask Lisa Watson,
Sr. Warden



Thank you to all who cleaned the Parish on Cleaning Day, Sept. 6. Awesome job Team
- Tara Mancini, Jr. Warden

DIAPER DRIVE

Runs Now thru All Saints Day, Nov. 1

Would you believe that the average cost to diaper a baby in our region is \$1,200 per year? It's no wonder that nearly half of families struggle with diaper insecurity. To help in a small way, and to celebrate the opening of our **All Souls Nursery**, the Outreach Committee is hosting a diaper drive to **benefit the Greater DC Diaper Bank**. Between now and All Saints Day November 1, those with extra diapers, pullups, or overnights can bring them to the undercroft (open packages ok). Others can donate cash through All Souls, indicate Diaper Drive in the memo section. *Please see Daniel Callis* for any questions. or email him at dtcallis@icloud.com.



THANK YOU FOR PICNIC SUCCESS

Dearest Congregation,

*Thank you for a lovely gathering at our **Annual Picnic Potluck**. We extend our sincere appreciation to our outstanding Grill Ensemble: Elizabeth, Jimmy, and Mr. Scott.*

As Dee shared: "It warmed my heart to see people enjoying themselves, renewing old friendships, and building new connections over a fine meal."

*Please mark your calendars for our next potluck on **All Souls Remembrance Sunday, November 1**. More details will be shared in the coming weeks. More information is forthcoming.*

*Blessings, Inreach Co-Chairs:
Dee Snyder & vEnessa Acham*



BEWARE OF SCAM EMAILS

There has been a major uptick in the number of scam emails being sent out pretending to be Church Clergy and/or Staff. Please ignore, delete, and mark as spam. Always call or email the office if you are concerned.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Sept. 20

17th Sunday after Pentecost, 11 am Service

Mother Sara's Forum on Prayer, Part 1, 10 am

Ms. Jennifer Mindek Beckham preaches

Vestry Meeting, 12:45 pm, Conference Room

Thursday, Sept. 24, 5:30 pm

Men's Fellowship

The next Men's gathering held in the church Undercroft will begin as usual with fellowship hour at 5:30

pm and a

meal served at 6:30 pm. Our

post-dinner event will be hosted

by Mark Jefferson, who

will lead a discussion --

with group participation -- of musical styles of the Black church. Music in the Black church is a rich, foundational tradition that blends African rhythms, European hymnody, and American blues. Come learn more and please respond to Ike Brannon if you wish to attend at chiefdeputyusher@gmail.com.



Sunday, Sept. 27

18th Sunday after Pentecost, 11 am Service

Mother Sara's Forum on Prayer, Part 2, 10 am

Sat., Oct. 3, 1-3 pm

CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK

Our parish's next volunteer event is fast approaching at the Capital Area Food Bank on Sat., Oct. 3, 1:00—3:00 pm. Please come!



Sunday, Oct 4, healing prayer offered

18th Sunday after Pentecost, 11 am Service

Faith Forum: Psalm 1: A Thematic Introduction to the Psalms with Peter Laugesen, 10 am

Sun., Oct. 4th after Coffee Hour beginning

around 12:45 pm, Undercroft

An Information Session on Planning

Your Financial Future

See front page for more details.



Sun., Oct. 4, 3:00 pm

ST. FRANCIS DAY BLESSING

OF THE ANIMALS

A community event!

Meet in front of the church.

All are welcome!



Sun., Nov. 1

ALL SAINTS' DAY, 11 am Service

Our traditional Namesake potluck follows in the Undercroft at Noon.



Sat., Nov. 7, 4:00 pm, Nave

CAPITAL HEARINGS FALL CONCERT



THE CAPITAL HEARINGS

FALL CONCERT

Join us for an afternoon of
a cappella & fellowship

Fundraiser for the Cleveland Woodley Park Village

NEW DATE! **SATURDAY,**
NOVEMBER 7, 2026

Sun., Nov. 8, 7:00 pm

WOODLEY HOUSE

MOVIE BENEFIT



Thurs., Nov. 26,
THANKSGIVING DAY,

11 am service

Our traditional potluck follows in the Undercroft at Noon.

FALL 2026 FAITH FORUM SERIES

October

- 4 - Psalm 1: A Thematic Introduction to the Psalms with Peter Laugesen
- 11 - CS Lewis and the Four Cardinal Virtues with Sebastian Wellford
- 18 - Reflections on Faith and Personal Identity with Carri Banholzer
- 25 - Spiritual Journey Interview

November

- 1 - Religious Themes in the Poetry of Emily Dickinson with vEnessa Acham
- 8 - Prison Ministries with The Rev. Nancy Stockbridge & Heidi Kugler
- 15 - The Universalist Christian Theology of Marcus Borg with Joe Howell
- 22 - Spiritual Journey Interview
- 29 - Advent Book Study with Jennifer Mindek Beckham

December

- 6 - Advent Book Study (Jennifer Mindek Beckham)
- 13 - Advent Book Study (Presenter: TBD)
- 20 - Advent Book Study (Presenter: TBD)

*Come journey with us this year as we explore these topics.
Meeting in the Conference Room at 10 am each Sunday. All are welcome!*



*Ingathering Sunday on September 13, 2026 was a wonderful time of fellowship.
Thank you all!*