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News From the Pews

This Sunday

July 27, 2025

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

11 AM—Holy Eucharist

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

Sunday's Readings

The First Lesson, Hosea 1:2-10,

v'Enessa Acham

Psalm 85,

v'Enessa Acham

The Epistle, Colossians 2:6-19,

Rick Taylor

Gospel, Luke 11:1-13,

Mother Sara Palmer

Prayers of the People, Jim Solomon

*The Annual Parish Picnic
follows the 11 am service,
downstairs in the undercroft.
All are welcome!*

**potluck
PICNIC**
July 27
Noon in the
Undercroft

**Sides!
Desserts!!**

**Delicious
Food!
Fellow-**

TODAY at 12:15 pm!

Our parish picnic will take the place of coffee hour today. We will celebrate summer and enjoy some fellowship and good food!
Come on down to the party!!!
All are welcome.

Message

An Urgent Appeal for Haiti from Bishop Budde

by EDOW | Jul 15, 2025
(reprinted from EDOW website)

*Dear Lord, we want to stop running from the bandits we are living with; we can't run anymore. Because our morale is low. We want stability for the country, especially for Mibalè. For us to stop running, we want activities to resume again. What is happening is having a significant impact on our minds; we would like this to end,
for life to start again.
Lord, we pray to you
like this with much love!*

—Prayer by the girls of the Haiti Micah Project

Chaos and Unimaginable Danger

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.

Tragically, many in our own communities with Haitian heritage now face the looming threat of deportation when Temporary Protected Status ends in September 2025. At the same time our government warns against travel to Haiti, it has declared that conditions are safe enough for Haitians to return. The stories from Haiti indicate otherwise. As we give, we also pray for peace in Haiti, for safety and endurance for those who serve, and for justice to rise.

Dear Lord, we ask you to please look upon us as we call on you. We ask you to help our leaders cultivate humility and consciousness so that they can save the people from insecurity. We ask you to have mercy on your people, please deliver them. We live in great anxiety, with fear, sorrow, and dread, where any day anything can happen. But this does not prevent us from praying; all our hope is in you. I ask you to help me grow my faith in you; I want to remain faithful, I want to live with the hope that tomorrow will be good for a better future. Even though it is difficult, I believe this and with you, everything is possible. Amen

—Prayer by the boys of the Haiti Micah Project

Upcoming Events

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

July 30, 5:30 pm

The Men's fellowship of All Souls will be meeting on **Wednesday evening, July 30th**, in the church Undercroft. **Fellowship hour will begin at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6:45 pm.**

The after-dinner speaker will be Jonathan Nicholas and Al Mueller, who will talk about

their experiences in Clown College. If you plan to attend, please email Ike Brannon at chiefdeputyusher@gmail.com.



(picture above is the last Men's gathering)

EPISCOPAL 101 – FOUNDATIONAL COURSE with MOTHER SARA Begins September 10, 6:30 pm



This class is designed for the curious, skeptic, seeker, new or experienced church person. It is open to anyone who wants to learn more or needs a refresher course about the Episcopal Church. If you are curious about what it means to be an Episcopalian, join us and find out more!

See laminated syllabus on the Welcome table to learn more.

Day / Time: Class will meet Wednesday evenings, 6:30-7:30 pm

Dates: Sept. 10—Oct. 22, 2025 in person.

[Register here](#)



CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY Sept. 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 really use all hands on deck.

Contact Jeff for more information

at junior.warden@allsoulsdc.org or phone 202-746-0120 and [sign up here](#).

SUNDAY MORNING FAITH FORUMS BEGIN AGAIN SOON Sept. 14, 10 am

Join others on their journey of faith in the upstairs Conference room beginning on

Sept. 14 at 10 am for the Fall Faith Forum series. No registration is required. Look for the schedule to be posted soon on the [All Souls website under "formation."](#)

Resources

SIGN UP GENIUS FOR ALL SOULS SIGN UPS

We will now be offering online sign up for ministries and activities. However, you may always email or call the church office as well if you wish and we will also have the sign up sheet on the welcome table as usual. We just want to offer this option for those of you who would like this convenience. Find online sign ups at allsoulsdc.org/sign-up-here.

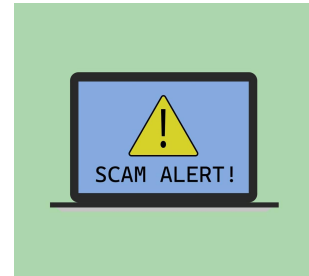


ALL SOULS PHOTO DRIVE & EMAIL ADDRESS

Please feel free to send photos you would like preserved and/or used for publicity to our the email address photos@allsoulsdc.org. Please include a description and thank you!

EMAIL SCAM ALERT

Please ignore and delete any emails posing as coming from Mother Sara. She will never write emails asking for money. ALWAYS check the email address as her email is rector@allsoulsdc.org and the scam emails will not be coming from her real email address.



SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR HOSTS ARE NEEDED

No experience required!

[For more information or to Sign Up, Click Here](#)

Parish Prayer Intentions for Sunday, July 27

The Washington Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:
Church of Our Saviour, Brookland and Church of Our Saviour, Hillandale and NUESTRO SALVADOR;

In the Wider Anglican Communion, we pray for:
The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea;

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

Sheila, Robert, Christopher, Laura, Nancy, Warren, Fleance, Shinn, Charles, Haiti, Palestine, Israel, Iran, Ukraine, Sudan, and all those grieving the loss of loved ones;

For Those Who have died, especially: the victims of war, may light perpetual shine upon them and on all the faithfully departed;

We Give Thanks for: our Annual Parish Picnic today.

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