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News From the Pews

This Sunday

October 12, 2025
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

11 am Holy Eucharist
The Reverend Sara Palmer, Rector

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

10 am Faith Forum
Stories Jesus Still Tells
by John Claypool
with presenter Peter Laugesen
Matthew 25:31-46
The Final Judgment
(Chapter 10)

The Faith Forum meets before Mass
in the Conference Room at 10:00 am.

Come test your knowledge
with fellow parishioners,
learn something new
and leave inspired.



Sunday's Readings

The First Lesson, Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Cynthia Evans

Psalm 66:1-11
Chanted by the Choir

The Epistle, 2 Timothy 2:8-15
Samuel Willis

Gospel, Luke 17:11-19
Mother Sara

Prayers of the People,
vEnessa Acham

Leaflet for Sunday 10.12.25

Also this Sunday:

- Thank you Stewardship Committee for hosting Coffee Hour in the Undercroft following the service.
- Second Sunday of the Month Food Collection for Woodley House Food Pantry

*In Celebration of
National Hispanic and Heritage Month*

by vEnessa Acham, Vestry Member

**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.



Making Memories

All Souls Church 20's and 30's enjoying a Friday evening together on Oct. 3 in the undercroft at their Bring Your Own Hotsauce event!

(photo: Joe Neal)



St. Francis Blessing of the Animals Oct. 5 with Mother Sara Palmer





**A Beautiful Day for the
Blessing of the Sterrett Garden
last Sunday, October 5**



Upcoming Events

FALL FAITH FORUM SERIES

Meeting at **10 am on Sundays** before the service,
in the Conference Room.
(In the admin. wing of the building)

Bring your coffee! Enjoy the fellowship.

OCT 12: *Stories Jesus Still Tells* by John Claypool with presenter Peter Laugesen.
Matthew 25:31-46: The Final Judgment (Ch. 10)

OCT 19: *Spiritual Journey Interview* with presenter Mother Sara Palmer

OCT 26: *African Bible Study: Lectio Divina* with presenter Mother Sara Palmer

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

WOODLEY HOUSE FOOD COLLECTION
THIS SUNDAY the SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

This Sunday is the day that we collect food donations for the Woodley House Food Pantry. We collect food for their once-a-week distribution to many families and individuals who are food insecure from the surrounding neighborhood. An article in the Washington Post of September 29th, "Critical food insecurity still rising in the D.C. region," highlighted the growing need across the city, including "hidden hunger" among those who have never been food insecure before. The article pointed out some reasons for the growing crisis, including the retraction in Medicaid and SNAP (Food Stamp) benefits, and high food prices.

Please be generous and help your neighbors out! Last month we collected 11 bags of food for the food pantry, so let's try to break that record this month. When you go to the grocery store this week, pick up a few extra items from the Woodley House list of desired items ([list is also on the Welcome table](#)) and bring them to church with you on October 12th. You may place them in the narthex (off the parking lot and adjacent to the sanctuary), in the bin or the wagon there. If you cannot bring the food on October 12th, bring it with you another Sunday and put it in the bin in the undercroft.

Thank you! - *Embry Howell*

NO KINGS RALLY

Saturday, Oct. 18

Throughout scripture, God calls his people to do justice and love mercy. Come join members of the parish protesting at the non-violent "No Kings Rally" on Saturday, October 18th from 12-2 pm sponsored by a large number of groups working to confront the policies of the current administration. We'll meet at 11:30 am in the church parking lot and ride Metro down to the rally. Bring appropriate signs and wear appropriate clothing. For more information go to: [No Kings Rally](#) or speak with Jeff Wells, junior.warden@allsoulsdc.org.

Sun., October 25

Stained Glass Talk & Benefit Concert

THE HISTORY AND CRAFTSMANSHIP OF STAINED GLASS AT ALL SOULS

Sat., Oct 25, 2:30 pm

Presentation by Jed Boertlein of Washington Art Glass Studio whose family has been caretaker to our glass for years. Stay for the concert afterward for a lovely afternoon.

**THE HISTORY AND CRAFTSMANSHIP OF STAINED GLASS
AT ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
PRESENTED BY JED BOERTLEIN OF WASHINGTON ART GLASS STUDIO**

Saturday, October 25th at 2:30 pm in Nave

Jeff Wells, Junior Warden, host and coordinator

A Piano and Flute Benefit Concert follows in the Nave. Come for one or both.

Jed's presentation will last about an hour and feature the following:

- ◇ His family's artisan history with stained glass
- ◇ His family's history with the stained glass at All Souls Church.
- ◇ A demonstration and discussion of the fabrication of stained glass stenciling, coloring, etc.
- ◇ Discussion and questions about specific All Souls stained-glass windows

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No registration required. Doors open at 2:00 pm.

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**ALL SOULS CHURCH FLUTE
AND PIANO BENEFIT CONCERT
Sat., OCT. 25, 4:00 pm**

All Souls Episcopal Church presents Sara Zhu, flute, and David Palmer, piano in a chronological journey of collaborative music on Saturday, October 25, at 4:00 PM. Selections will include Bach, Gaubert, Hindemith, Palmer, and more.

Sara Zhu is a genre blending flutist, vocalist, and songwriter based in the Washington, DC area. Zhu performs regularly as both a leader and side-woman in many of DC's staple establishments including Blues Alley, The Kennedy Center, Strathmore, and The Kreeger Museum. She is featured on Alfred Yun's recent album, "Voice and Phenomenon," amongst many other recording projects. In addition to performing, Zhu is an avid educator, serving as the adjunct flute and jazz combo instructor at St. Mary's College of Maryland. Zhu is currently working on the first album with her alternative rock band, Your Trusted Officials. Their single, "Everglades," is currently available on all streaming platforms.

David Palmer is a music teacher, performer, and composer. Since moving to the DMV in 2020, he has worked as a piano teacher for children, a church musician, and an instructor for Wesley Seminary. He holds a Ph.D. in music theory from the Eastman School of Music, has a jazz trio, and plays music at a regional hospital and at a hospice facility.



ADMISSION IS FREE

*Donations will be received for
Woodley House, a neighborhood home
for those with mental disorders.*



CAPITAL HEARINGS CONCERT

Sat., OCT. 25, 8:00 pm | 10th & G

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

capitalhearings.org for more info.

November Events

NAMESAKE SUNDAY MASS & 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 or so.** *During the service, we will read the names of those who have passed away.* 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 or on the 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, Jr.

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

TOM ANDREW BENEFIT ORGAN RECITAL

Sun., NOV. 23, 3:00 pm



Free and open to all! In the Nave.
Donations to support the Music program at All Souls.
More information to follow!

Parish Prayers

The Washington Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:

St. Luke's Church, Bethesda; St. Luke's House, Bethesda; St. Luke's Church, Brighton; St. Luke's Parish, DC. Pray for all Native American/Indigenous people and Native American/Indigenous congregations. World Food Day (October 16) Pray for all who are hungry, especially children.

In the Wider Anglican Communion, we pray for:

The Church of the Province of Uganda;

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,

Jane Goodall, who died Oct. 1st at age 91;

We Give Thanks for: the Stewardship Committee led by Jonathan Nicholas and all who are prayerfully considering their pledge for 2026 in support of the ministry of All Souls Church.

Submit prayer requests to andrea@allsoulsdc.org.

All Souls are Welcome

Praying with the Earth

Clear our heart, O God,
that we may see you.
Clear our heart, O God,
that we may truly see ourselves.
Clear our heart, O God,
that we may know the sacredness of this moment
and in every moment
seek you
serve you
strengthen you
as the Living Presence in every presence.
Clear our heart, O God,
that we may see.

-John Philip Newell

Thank you to Embry Howell for submitting this week.



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