

## Wednesday Information – October 28, 2020

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### ***All Saints and All Souls***

In the early days of the Church, “saint” was the term used for all believers who professed Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. “Greet every saint in Jesus Christ” (Philippians 4:21) Later, the word *saint* was applied to those who, by faith, perseverance and courage, had attained to holiness and the glory of heaven. This was a way of remembering those Christians whose example, in the words of St Bernard, “inspire and urge us to enjoy their hoped-for company, and strive to deserve to be fellow citizens with and members of the household of the spirits of the blessed.”

The Feast of All Saints commemorates all the saints, known and unknown, who have gone before us into heaven. This feast day is traditionally celebrated on November 1.

The following day, November 2, is All Souls Day. Also known as the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, All Souls Day remembers with thanksgiving those whom we have known and loved, especially those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith.

Together these two celebrations are a time for celebration and remembrance, as we celebrate the saints who have inspired us in the Christian faith, and remember those who have died. During the All Souls service the names of the departed will be read out aloud, and candles will be lit in their memory. If you have a loved one you wish to be remembered, please forward their name to Jaclyn in the office and she will include them in the list of names.

**All Saints**, Holy Eucharist on Sunday, November 1 at 9 am.

**All Souls, The Holy Eucharist of the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**, Monday, November 2 at 10 am.

Father David

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### ***Outreach***

The Outreach Committee is preparing the **Thanksgiving Baskets** for families at three local elementary schools. As in the past, we will supply a bag of non perishable groceries and a \$20.00 gift card to each family. If you wish to help with this project, please text or call for suggested groceries and information about pick up or delivery of the items.

*Becky Bauer - 410-935-7072 for JM Clayton School; Carolyn Smith - 302-542-0325 for PC Showell School and Selbyville Middle School*



*Just a reminder, the deadline to cast your vote for the new Vestry members is Friday, October 30th. The results will be announced at the annual meeting on November 8th. If you were unable to do so electronically please contact the office and we can provide a paper ballot.*

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## Upcoming events at St. Martha's

### *Coffee Hour*

This Sunday, **November 1, at 11 am Coffee Hour** online will be hosted by Father David. A link will be provided in the Saturday Inspiration email.

### *Bible Study*

A study of Exodus, Chapters 14-16 led by Dianne Burlew. Meet in the Parish Hall. Masks and physical distancing required. **Tuesday, November 3 at 1 pm**

### *Art and Faith*

An online study which draws us deeper into the mystery of faith through the study and appreciation of art, led by Father David. The evening will conclude with Compline. This week's painting is "Death and the Miser" by Hieronymus Bosch. **Tuesday, November 3 at 7 pm**. To join the group, please contact Father David at [davidberesford@gmail.com](mailto:davidberesford@gmail.com).

### *SMVBC*

The book club will resume on **Thursday, November 5**. The next book will be "Falling Upward" by Richard Rohr. It is available on Amazon (e-reader and hard copy) and possibly at local bookstores.

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## ***Holding on to Hope: A National Service for Healing and Wholeness***

On the eve of a historic election and in the midst of pandemic and racial reckoning, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will call Americans together for a live-streamed prayer service from Washington National Cathedral. The Holding on to Hope service will be held on All Saints Sunday, November 1, at 4:00-5:30 pm EST, and viewers can join in a variety of ways.

Using a combination of live and pre-recorded elements gathered from across the nation, the service will feature an ecumenical and multifaith array of voices, musical offerings, and prayers designed to help the nation to confess, grieve, and hope as one. In addition to Bishop Curry's sermon, the service will also include reflections from Father James Martin, a noted Roman Catholic author and commentator on American life and values; and Valarie Kaur, an inspiring Sikh filmmaker, author, and civil rights attorney.

"We hope people everywhere will light a candle and join us in prayer at this urgent moment in our national life," Bishop Curry said. "As people of faith, we believe in the power of prayer and the power of God's love to heal a nation and change this world."

#### **Watch the service**

*Holding on to Hope* will be live-streamed on these platforms:

- [The Episcopal Church Facebook page](#)
  - [The Episcopal Church website](#)
  - [The Presiding Bishop's Facebook Page](#)
  - [The Episcopal Public Policy Network Facebook Page](#)
  - [Washington National Cathedral YouTube channel](#)
  - [Washington National Cathedral Facebook page](#)
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### ***Focus Topic: three faces of stewardship***

This article comes from Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) materials on various kinds of stewardship. If you haven't yet submitted a pledge to support St. Martha's mission, please consider doing so.

The article is at: [https://episcopalchurch.org/files/stewardship\\_what\\_is.pdf](https://episcopalchurch.org/files/stewardship_what_is.pdf).

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## **Committee Updates**

### ***Outreach continued***

Community Food Pantry, located at Salem United Methodist Church, is looking for volunteers to help with their monthly Friday food preparation and Saturday drive thru distribution. If you can help November 20 or 21, please contact Joyce Dennis (302-732-6565) or Myra Bare (302-732-9402).

### ***Stewardship***

Keep those pledges coming! We are rounding the final stretch and trying to reach our goal! Thank you to all who have already made their pledge.

## *Search*

The Search Committee met October 26 and continued working on restructuring the content of the Rector Search Tab. The committee will continue its weekly meetings to accomplish this task.

## *Flower Guild*

We still have one date in November, **NOVEMBER 8**, that is available for donating flowers for the altar in memory or honor of a loved one or an event.

Fr. David has approved the use of understated arrangements for the altar during Advent. We have two dates still available - **DECEMBER 13 AND DECEMBER 20**.

If you are interested in any of these three available dates, please write or call Alice Anne Freund, 301-229-0799, or [aafreund@verizon.net](mailto:aafreund@verizon.net)

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## *Memorial Service for J.H. Adams*

The service will be held at St. Martha's Episcopal Church on **Saturday, October 31, 2020 at 11 am.**

Please advise the office if you would like to attend. Seats will be limited due to social distancing requirements. There are still a few seats available.

Harry's service will also be live streaming on Facebook. Please click the link below to view. Streaming will begin 5 minutes prior to the start time of the service.

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marthas-Episcopal-Church-Bethany-Beach-Delaware-100776805063301/>

## *Volunteers Needed*

We are in need of more ushers to assist with the Sunday service at 9 am. We have been working hard to follow the required guidelines and doing our best to ensure participant safety. To do this we need the help of three ushers. Please consider joining our team of dedicated individuals. Training will be provided.

## *Please give by mail or website donate button*

Please continue to support our mission work by submitting your pledge to St. Martha's Episcopal Church, PO Box 1478, Bethany Beach DE 19930 or give via the donate button on the website where there is a box to note your contribution purpose: <https://www.stmarthasbethanybeach.org/make-donation-or-pledge/>.

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## *Prayer List*

Bob Bauer, Ruth Simone, Ron Sutton, Kristen Jankowski, Martha, Wayne Argo, Paul Stutts, Justin Bence, James Moore, Jr., Evan Ballard, Cameron Vlassis, Charmaine Zoller, Tara Sprouse, Don Louk, Joey, Sara Suerose, Nancy Moore & family, Bill Ensor, Katherine Hobbs, Joe, Nancy Reed, Leigh Alexander Loeber, Ron Pickup, Ann Adams, William L Brintnall, Laura N. Brintnall, Cuthie Family, Janice Fritsch, Cassandra Riddle, Sammy Schweers, Pauline Wise, Becky Warlow, Jean Bunker, Carolyn Clarke, Richard Hay, August Goeller, Josie Legeer, Jane Robbert, Bev and Jack Shubert, Margaret Duval, Marilyn Hoffman, Clari Hernandez, Lisa Carver, AJ Evans, Robert Hicks, Noel Tuck, Joanne Grant and Mimi Drew

**For Our Serving Military:** Quinn Barber, HM3 Kevin Murphy, Conner Warlow, Daniel Olnick

**Prayer LIST** – If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List please contact the office at (302) 539-7444 or email [admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org](mailto:admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org). The Prayer List is a way to ask for prayer from the whole congregation for a loved one who is dealing with a stressful issue such as chronic illness, job problem, or other personal problem. Only the person's name is listed. Names stay on the list for two months unless and until renewed.

**Prayer CIRCLE** – These volunteer prayer warriors pray for a person who has asked for urgently needed short-term prayer for a specific purpose like surgery or an upcoming medical test. These requests are confidential. You can email [prayercircle@stmarthasbethanybeach.org](mailto:prayercircle@stmarthasbethanybeach.org) for Prayer Circle intercessions. You can also contact Jaclyn at [admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org](mailto:admin@stmarthasbethanybeach.org) or 539-7444. Voicemail messages are being monitored and you will receive a return call during normal office hours (Monday-Thursday, 9am-1pm).

**Pastoral CARE** –If you have a pastoral care need, please call Elsa or Carol at (732) 216-6875 or contact the office using the email address or phone number listed above.

**Pastoral Care EMERGENCY** – Please contact Father David Beresford at (302) 468 9062.

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Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

(Collect for All Saints Day)

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**Have a wonderful week!**

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