

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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CHRIST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

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WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH, an Episcopal parish of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship this morning, and to receive Holy Communion or a blessing at the communion rail. We invite you to ask questions, explore, and to make yourself known to those around you. Please pick up any other information about the parish located on the table in the back of the church. Tell us more about yourself by filling out one of the cards located in each pew. Help us to make this a place where God's grace is freely shared by all.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES. Changing stations are available in both rest rooms at the Paterson Street entrance; you can get there through the side door of the church.

WE REJOICE that you have chosen to worship here this Pentecost season. If you would like to learn more about our Parish, please phone the Parish Office at 732.545.6262. Many of our upcoming events are listed on our web site, christchurchnewbrunswick.org; we hope that you decide to join us.

ABOUT THE LITURGY

Inclusive Language in Worship: Because language has the power to shape our thinking about God and one another, Christ Church makes every effort to bring the language of worship in line with biblical theology that affirms that the personhood of God embraces all that is truly female and male, and that men and women are equals. In our liturgy some historical texts that are widely known and loved are left unchanged.

YOU ARE INVITED to worship with us any Sunday.

Our regular service times are 8:00 and 10:30 AM.

FREE PARKING VOUCHERS

Are available for the Lower Church Street parking deck next to the church grounds. Please see an usher for a voucher and instructions.

COVID-19 Guidelines for Worship Services

Please review our COVID-19 worship guidelines below before the service begins. Ushers are available to respond to any questions you may have.

Worship attendees are not required but are welcome to wear a mask.

- " If you think you have a cold or any symptoms thereof, we encourage you to wear a mask or join us via Zoom or YouTube
- " **Communion:** All attendees who choose to take communion may sanitize their hands just prior to taking communion. We encourage you to pass the Peace in any way that you are most comfortable and that you respect other attendees' boundaries around how they pass the Peace.

Sunday 10:30am Service

Zoom link for computer of Zoom app: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84463108449

By phone: Call 1-929-205-6099 and enter Meeting ID 844 6310 8449

YouTube link-virtual services and in-person services can be viewed using the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/c/ChristChurchNewBrunswickNI



INTERCESSIONS

AT EVERY CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST prayer is offered with intercession for the Universal Church, the nation, the welfare of the world, the concerns of this community, those who suffer and those in any trouble, and the departed. Please feel free to add your own petitions during the prayers, either silently or aloud. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, you may also fill out the form in the Prayers of the People book in the back of the Church.

WEEKLY INTERCESSIONS

We remember in today's prayers:

The Sick and Others in Need — Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Arnold, Christine, Dale, Danielle, Doreen, Dorothy, Isobel, Jacquline, Jim, Joy, Karl, Lenora, Larry, Mary, Matthew, Penelope, Sarah, Tabby, Timothy, Vivian, and Winston.

Anglican Cycle – we pray for The Church of England

Diocesan Cycle - The Rev. Canon Charles A. Cesaretti

Christ Church Ministry – Church School

Birthdays this week – Abigail Caruso, Robert Chant, Gabrielle Forbes, Florian Graf, Ginny Keil, Gloria Peroune, Vivian Robbin-Mason, Clifford Robbins.

Memorial Flowers—are given by the late Ruth V. Harris in memory of Joseph Harris, and J. Michael Harris, the late Elizabeth Durham in memory of Leila and Leslie Gladwell, Mrs. Randolph Beebe in memory of Carlos Needham, Jr., Carlos Needham Sr., Mary and Ellen Needham, the Marion B. DeVoe Altar Guild in memory of the deceased members of the Marion B. DeVoe Altar Guild.

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in crisis, having surgery, are in the hospital and are in need of pastoral counseling from a clergy person, please do not hesitate to contact The Rev. Joanna Hollis – 732.354.1450

If you would like to schedule home communion, please contact Rev. Joanna Hollis and she will arrange for either herself, one of the other members of the clergy team or a Lay Eucharistic Visitor to bring communion to you.

Please do not hesitate to contact either Rev. Joanna Hollis or Mervis Johnson if you know of someone who is in need of care or counseling.

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Carlos Garcia, Sexton

Jane Esmonde, Seminarian Intern

November 5, 2023 All Saints' Sunday 8:00 AM



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

BCP, page 323

References marked "BCP" are from the black Book of Common Prayer in your pew.

PRELUDE

COLLECT OF PURITY

BCP, page 323

GLORIA BCP, page 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

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THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP, page 304

At the end of the Baptismal Covenant, the Pastor will say,

Presider

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People Amen.

THE ASPERGES

Please remain standing as you are able as the Presider asperses the congregation

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

Leader

Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others, responding, "Hear our prayer."

The Leader requests the prayers of the People of God for the world, the mission of the Church, and for those individuals who have asked for or need our prayers.

Presider

Eternal God, through the waters of baptism and by the work of the Holy Spirit, you have called women and men of every age to be your saints. Let us be still and give thanks for our forbears in faith, chosen vessels of your grace and the lights of the world in their generations:

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People Amen.

THE PEACE BCP, page 332

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN "For All the Saints"

Blue Hymnal 1982, # 287 vs. 1,2,4,6 &8

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II, BCP, page 340

SANCTUS BCP, page 341

Breaking the Bread

BCP, page 338

INVITATION BCP, page 338

The congregation may kneel or sit following the Invitation. All are most welcome to receive Communion. If you do not wish to receive communion this morning, you are cordially invited to come forward with your arms crossed to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available; please speak to the member of the clergy who is serving the bread.

The Prayer Ministry is a confidential, personal way to pray for your particular needs and recognize God's presence in your life. Members of the Prayer Ministry will be waiting to pray with you in the Clarke Chapel the first and third Sunday of each month immediately following Communion and until the end of the service.

As we remember those we have lost to death, you are invited to light a candle on the way back from communion.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THOSE JOINING US ONLINE:

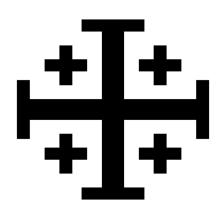
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POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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BLESSING & DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE





THE HOLY EUCHARIST: ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

PEW LEAFLET

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HOLY BAPTISIM

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THE PEACE PEW LEAFLET

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OFFERTORY HYMN "Baptized in Water"

Red LEVAS Hymnal II, # 121

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

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FINAL HYMN "Ye Holy Angels Bright"

Blue Hymnal 1982, # 625

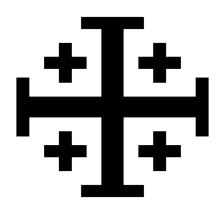
POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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POSTLUDE



We remember today

Jenner Cole Norma and Mike Hauge Maria Armas David Bandfield Richard and Carol Cooper Ruth Haycraft William and Barbara Cooper Filmore Hiller **Duley Bandfield** Juanita Hinkson Godfrey Cooper Majorie Baptiste James E. Cotter Janice Hollis Rupert Baptiste Jeffrey Cox Essie Hollis Elizabeth Baptiste Novella D. Darden Robert Hollis Wayne Baptiste Will Degregorio Janice Hollis Carl Baptiste George Dillon Essie Hollis Robert Bass David A. Drinkwater Johnny Hollis Eileen Beniamin Conrad Hunte Sr. Astley and Linnett Bent Clinton Dudley Conrad Hunte Ir. William and Cora Bledsoe Maria Dudley Carlyle Hunte James Borden Floyd Dudley **Hugh Hunte** William Borden Philip Dudley Gertrude Hunter Arnette Bourne Harold Dudley Jr. Bridget Irizarry **Dotty Bradnock** Robert Easton The Rev. Henson Jacobs Donald Braun Joseph V. Egan **Edith Moore Jacobs** Headley and Dorothy Brown **Earl Eubanks** Richard Jacobs Ruth Browne Manilius Garber Floy S Browne Rudolph Johnson Denzil Garber Lambert, Ella, Alric, Lorraine Glenn Bruden Handy Gloster Johnson Mary "Teddy" Bruden John Frank and Mallie Donna Ketelsen Gloster Roy Bryan Sophie Klimek Leola Gloster Robert and Cecilia Burghardt Willard Klimek Willis Gloster Kathleen Campbell Bertha Langley Lucelle Gloster Adam Capers Aditha Lord Clay S. Gloster, Sr. Angelo and Lillian Carmella Theresa Lowe Lorna Gorden Dennis Carmella Helene Luskie Margaret Hall Rev. Frank VH Carthy M. Lee Maddux Joseph Hall, Jr. Armand P. Cicciu Emma Martin Ronnie Hansen Frankie Clarke Jose Martin Avis, Olga, Truman, Karen, John W. Colabaugh Paul McMahon Ralph & Lillian Harvey

We remember today contd.

Brian McMahon Phil McMahon Shirley McMahon Anibal Mendez Charles Mills Nelson Modesto

Ralph Montoya

Roberto Jose Moreira Charles and Hazel Myer Donal and Rosemary Myer

June Myer Robert Myer

Gilbert L. Nelson, Jr. Gilbert L. Nelson, Sr. Lillian McCargo Nelson Arthur and Marie Nichols

Henry Payne Sylvanie R. Phills Howard Popowitz

Irene Pozo Jim S. Pullaro Gertrude Pullaro Blanca Rivera

Nancy, Hezekiah, Lascelles Rowe Dorinda, Irvin, Hensley Rowe

Elizabeth Ruda

Beresford, Ruth, Alan, & Lillian Russell

Lissi Rodriguez-Sanchez

Frederick, Pete and Jonnie Stansbury

Joan A Scarder Phil, Shirley Benjamin Stern Morris Stern Maria Sullivan

George V. Sullivan, Jr.

Audrey Thorne Painter Trott McKinley Tyler Sybyl VanLoo Rosella Virdo

Eleanor U. Weston William S. Weston Carmen B. Weston Sheila Margaret Wilcox Arthur Alexander Wilcox

Wellington Williams
Mary Dorothy Yates

Ralph Yates Maude Young Kathryna Zgoba Joseph Zimmerman

Parish Notes for November 5, 2023

SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 5-11, 2023

Parish Office Hours This Week:

Tuesday and Wednesday – 9:00am to 2:30pm

Friday – 9:00am to 12:30pm

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Church School, Zoom

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Sanctuary

12:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Immediately After Service

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Tuesdayers, Zoom

7:00 p.m. Vestry, Zoom

Wednesday 12:00p.m. Noonday Prayer, Zoom

7:30 p.m. WomenSpirit, Zoom

Thursday 7:00p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room



Formerly ShopWithScrip

Paul Ambos, will be placing a new card order on the morning of **Monday, November**6. Please place your orders accordingly. If you place your own order directly on the RaiseRight website or app, he will be able to see it there when he orders the monthly batch.

The next order will be expected to be sent in on December 4. RaiseRight usually offers special low-denomination cards as Christmas approaches, but those have not been seen on their website yet. Check the website for any updates.

You can avoid writing Paul a check by using their payment options through your checking account of credit card (checking costs a 29 cent charge per order; credit cards charge a percentage that is usually more). And if you want physical cards delivered directly to your home, you can do that through the app, although you will be charged for delivery. If you order for delivery through Paul, the church covers the delivery charge. The RaiseRight website is https://www.raiseright.com/shop.

Thank you for your support of this parish program.

Brunch after Services Dine to Donate

Phone: (732) 543-2408



378 George Street New Brunswick, NJ 08901

> In support of Christ Church New Brunswick

Sunday, November 12 10am – 2pm

Join us with friends and family for brunch after Sunday services.

Place orders in person or by phone (not online) and

show this flyer for Christ Church's fundraiser.

Proceeds will benefit the CCNB general fund.



Would you like to join the Vestry or become a Diocesan Convention Deputy or Alternate? Know someone who may be great for the position?

If yes, please fill out the nomination form located on the table in the back of the church and in the weekly email.



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at the New Brunswick, Performing Arts Center on November 21st at 7pm



November 30 Days of Gratitude!

The month of November brings gratitude to the top of our minds, find resources for 30-days of gratitude for the entire family on the back table and in the weekly email.

Take some time this month to try living into gratitude, and see how it changes you and your loved ones.

The Canterbury House at Rutgers University



Episcopal Campus Ministries at Rutgers University, on behalf of the Campus Ministry Foundation of the Diocese of New Jersey, cordially invites you to an open house at the Canterbury House in New Brunswick.

We welcome you to come learn more about our ministry, see our newly rehabilitated center, hear some of our history, chat with current members of our board, and meet some of our students. The open house will be held on **November 5th from 3 pm – 6 pm**. Please RSVP to <u>canterbury.house@rutgers.edu</u>. We hope to see you there

Choice Food and Resource Center Needs YOU!



As we celebrate our stewardship of Christ Church, our congregation, and our larger community, it's time to bring back a prepandemic tradition. In the "before times," Christ Church used to have a box or basket in the back of the church to receive small offerings of non-perishable food to be used at our Food Pantry. Christ Church is still helping address food insecurity in New Brunswick, we're just delivering the food a bit closer to where most of our neighbors live.

At this, the Choice Food and Resource Center would greatly appreciate any of the following items:

Canned fish
Canned meat
Cooking oi
Cornmeal
Flour
Shelf-stable juice
Shelf-stable milk



October Laundry Love

Meegan, Graciella, and Nico Adames helped Catherine and Paul take care of our guests. In addition, Deacon Daphne Roberts was able to join us for the first time! We look forward to seeing her at our next session, November 13, 5:30 at Handy Street Laundromat.

A big shout out to parishioners and friends who have really stepped up with donations to Laundry Love so far in 2023. We couldn't run this program without your support:

Donors include:

Meegan and Samuel Adames

Catherine and Paul Ambos

Yvette Bailey

David Bell

Karen Bemis & Doug Bonar

Beth Binde

Joan Borden

Sarah Braun

Mr. & Mrs Dale Buckendahl

Canterbury House

Mr & Mrs. Jonathan Clark

Sheila Cooper

Louise and Frank Deis

Ana Gable

Jonathan Gloster & Christine Alston-Gloster

Penny Gordon

Rozanne Jhamb

Mr & Mrs. Ren Johnson

Alice MacPhee

Arthur Phills

Shannon & Jim Pullaro

Jennifer Ryan and Winifred Connerton

Eric Sanders

Tom Struble

. . . and several Anonymous contributors

NOVEMBER 5, 2023 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY faith home

We are blessed by the saints we have known.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 5:1-12	The Beatitudes
Monday	Revelation 7:9-17	God will wipe away tears
Tuesday	1 John 3:1-3	Our hope in God
Wednesday	Romans 1:1-15	Prayer of thanksgiving
Thursday	Psalm 16	Psalm of trust
Friday	Colossians 1:24-2:5	Paul's interest in the Colossians
Saturday	Psalm 34:1-10, 22	Honor the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 25:1-13	A parable of the ten bridesmaids

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:4 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of grace and glory, you promise us a future filled with peace and joy; we thank you for giving us saints to bless us along our life's way through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, with this food we taste and see that you are good. We give you thanks for this meal and all our blessings through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Psalm 34:8)

A Blessing to Give:

May the mercy of God and the power of the Holy Spirit save you from every trouble through Christ our Lord. (Psalm 34:6)



NOVEMBER 5, 2023 HYMN OF THE WEEK

Behold the Host Arrayed in White



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- In what ways do you feel you have been blessed?
- Is there someone you feel God has placed in your life to bless you? Explain.

DEVOTIONS



Read: Matthew 5:1-12.

The Beatitudes (meaning blessedness) listed in this reading are a series of blessings announced by Jesus. A blessing is defined as a gift or favor bestowed by God. Society often misinterprets a blessing as a possession of the wealthy, the healthy, and the assertive, but Jesus blesses the poor, the sick, and the meek and promises a reversal of fortune. The source of that reversal is God. This includes the work of saints called by God. The saints are the children of God sent to us to heal, to forgive, and to renew life in Jesus' name. As we remember those saints who have come before us, we give thanks that they have been the source of blessings to enrich us, comfort us, and be merciful to us. Their actions reflect the kingdom of God. We take time to give thanks for all the saints, especially those who have personally touched our lives with God's love in Christ. This divine love promises to reverse the way things are to make them consistent with the ways of God.

Discuss: Who are some of the saints who have touched your life?

Pray: Eternal God, we thank you for your many blessings, especially those that have come to us through saints we have known and loved through Christ Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings for this week, how might you serve others to bring comfort and hope?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



All Saints Day is a time to remember all the saints in our lives, both the living and the dead. Think or talk about memories you have of someone who has blessed your life. Light a candle and pray: Dear God, thank you for the life of [name]. I am grateful for all the blessings that came to my life through them. In Jesus' name, Amen.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

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	November 5	November 12
Presider	Rev. Joanna Hollis	Rev. Scott Russell
Preacher	Rev. Daphne Roberts	Rev. Scott Russell
Deacon	Rev. Daphne Roberts	Rev. Daphne Roberts
Organist	Katia Kravitz	Katia Kravitz
	8 AM	8 AM
Lector & Intercessor	John Ager	Jane Esmone
LEM <i>LEM will read the Epistle</i>	Jane Esmonde	Debra Lowe
Vestry Announce- ments	Sheila Cooper	Mark McMahon
Ushers		
Altar Guild	Nancy Walworth/ Sheila Cooper/ Jen- nifer Ryan	Mervis Johnson/ Margaret Brown- Stansbury
	10:30 A.M.	10:30 A.M.
Lector & Intercessor	Edna Pozo	Jane Esmonde
LEM <i>LEM will read the Epistle</i>	Artie Phills	Jonathan Gloster
Acolyte / Server	Jane Esmonde	Jane Esmonde
Vestry Announce- ments	Wendy Benjamin	Nayla Caruso
Usher	Wendy Benjamin	Peggy Smith
Production Minister	Jason Kaelber/ Steve Caruso	Jason Kaelber/ Steve Caruso
Altar Guild	Nancy Walworth/ Sheila Cooper/ Jen- nifer Ryan	Mervis Johnson/ Margaret Brown- Stansbury
Coffee Hour	Colabaugh Family	
Counters		

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