

A Day of Prayer for God's Provision for All Saints Church



December 5, 2020
7:00am to 5:00pm
at
All Saints Church
Chevy Chase, MD



A Prayer of St. Augustine

Remember, Christian soul, that thou hast this day, and every day of thy life:

God to glorify.
Jesus to imitate.
A soul to save.
A body to mortify.
Sins to repent of.
Virtues to acquire.
Hell to avoid.
Heaven to gain.
Eternity to prepare for.
Time to profit by.
Neighbors to edify.
The world to despise.
Devils to combat.
Passions to subdue.
Death, perhaps, to suffer.
Judgment to undergo.

Amen.

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An Introduction from Fr. Ed Kelaher, Rector

Acts 4:31

And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

1. We pray.
2. The power of God shakes the world around us.
3. We are FILLED with the Holy Spirit.
4. We speak the Word of God with boldness.

It all seems simple and clear enough. Just do what the Apostles did and the Holy Spirit will come in power, glory, and love to FILL us to speak the good news of the Gospel to the world. And yes, as the prophets Jerry Lee Lewis and Little Richard proclaimed long ago, there also will be a Whole Lotta Shakin' Going On! It may be the shaking part that is the most fun of all for me.

We have been inspired and energized to make a great gift to our Lord God by a full day of prayer. We kneel before Him to tell Him how much we love Him, how grateful we are for all His blessings, and how much we desire to be with Him carrying out the Gospel of Jesus. The message of the Good News of forgiveness and eternal life in Christ is absolutely urgent and it is always so. The cries of the poorest and most afflicted among us depend upon our true sacrifices, love, and obedience as we seek God's grace to serve mightily.

Jesus taught us at His Ascension that we can do nothing without the Helper sent to us at Pentecost - the Holy Spirit of God, the Third Person of the Trinity. An urgent mission always requires the greatest resource possible and for us that is the same Spirit. All Saints Church calls upon the Holy Spirit to make us a Praying Church and not merely a church that prays. Such prayerfulness is vital and essential if we are to be FILLED with the Holy Spirit and not simply be receiving the Holy Spirit.

I keep capitalizing the word FILLED to make great emphasis of what we seek most. All Saints needs each believer among us to be FILLED with the Holy Spirit so that we might evermore sacrifice and serve in Jesus' holy Name, be protected against all that rails against God and His people, be compassionate like Jesus, and give of our time, talents, and treasure in a season of practical impairment and shortages among all churches. We need help beyond any human supply. We need for the entire world to be shaken. We need the Holy Spirit of God to come and embolden us.

An old country preacher once said that his sermon preparation involved delivering his sermon over and over to an oak tree in the woods. When the tree finally moved, the sermon was ready! Likewise, we are to pray over and over until the building around us is shaken. And when that happens, the Body of Christ is ready! God bless you for taking up this holy, holy ministry. Expect glory to come of your prayers and you will not be disappointed.

In the power of the Holy Spirit,

Ed+

How to Use This Prayer Guide

This prayer guide is designed to aid and inspire you as you pray for God's provision. We pray that God would use it to direct your heart, soul, mind, and strength on how to pray both specifically and generally for our parish so that the good work that God has already begun here might continue unimpeded.

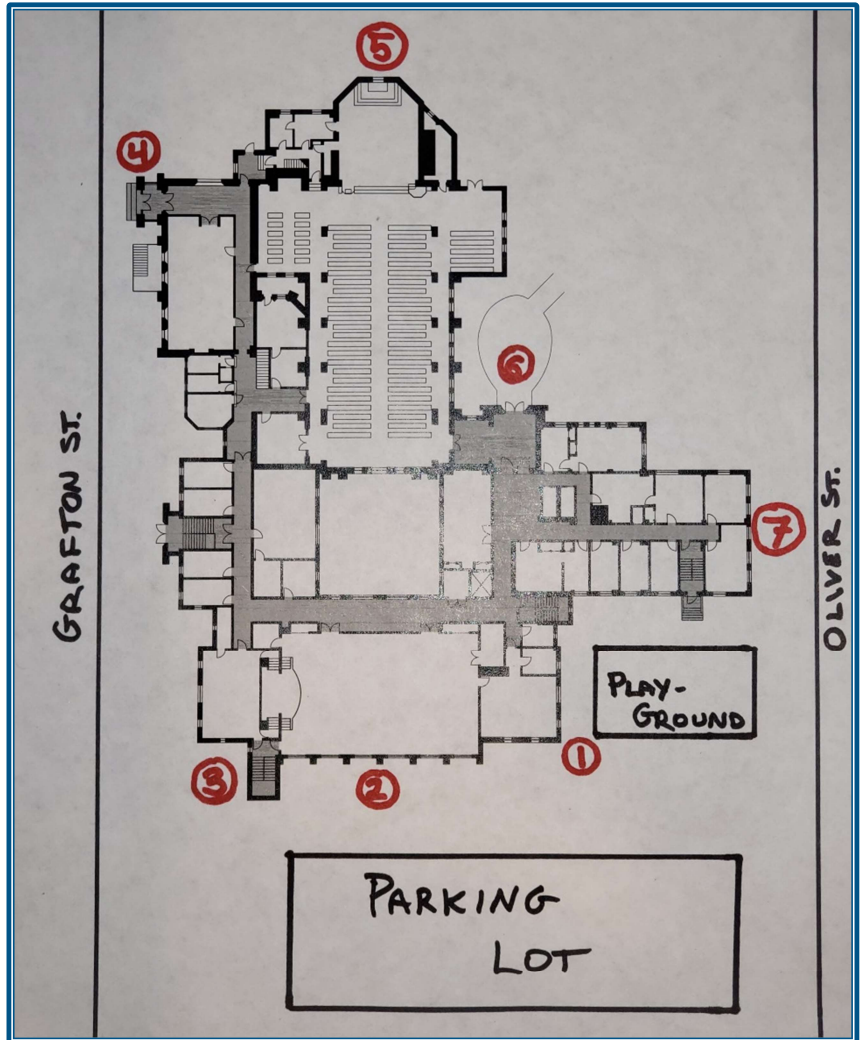
The first section prepares you before you enter the good and hard work of prayer. It lays out what we as the clergy, staff, vestry, and leaders see as walls that may prevent our ministry from continuing with the energy, depth, and breadth that we have seen in recent years. Please read this before you begin your prayer journey.

The remaining sections take you through 7 ministry areas so that your thoughts and prayers might focus on God's provision for each ministry area specifically. Each section includes Scriptures to meditate on, a Bible Lesson and Psalm, People and Accomplishment to pray and be thankful for, and specific prayers from the *Book of Common Prayer* or written by the leaders who compiled this book.

This Day of Prayer is designed to guide you through a walk around the church building. Thus, each ministry area is associated with a particular stop outside the church building. You can use the map on this page to guide you around the building to each stop, beginning at the playground and circling clockwise around the grounds. Of course, if you are praying at home, you might want to visualize and ponder these stops as you pray for our ministries.

I also want to thank Kathleen Dillon, Phoebe Miles, Jennifer Sirangelo, and Dan Buckingham for their hard work in creating this prayer guide, organizing the Day of Prayer, and blessing our parish.

Finally, may God bless you for your prayers, devotion, love, and support, not just of All Saints Church but her people, mission partners, and community. May God use this time to bless our parish and grow His eternal Kingdom in our hearts, neighborhoods, country, and around the world. Amen.



Preparation for Prayer

Breaking Down the Obstacles before All Saints Church

After 40 years in the wilderness, the Israelites, God's chosen people, stand poised to enter the Promised Land. Moses summoned all Israel and said (Deuteronomy 5:1–3):

Israel, listen to the statutes and ordinances I am proclaiming as you hear them today. Learn and follow them carefully. The Lord our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. He did not make this covenant with our ancestors, but with all of us who are alive here today.

After Moses' death, Joshua leads the Israelites to cross the Jordan River, stepping into the promised land. The first obstacle before them was Jericho. Jericho's wall presented an overwhelming challenge to the army. Yet God already secured the outcome before them. But the army still had to do its part. Thus, we read (Joshua 5:13-6:5).

Then the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in."

Like Israel, the parishioners of All Saints Church gather weekly to hear the New Covenant God has made with us, His people. We are to be Kingdom people and a Kingdom church, loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

God has blessed us abundantly: a beautiful building, faithful clergy, and people who seek after Him. He has already secured our outcome, but we still have to do our part. The obstacle that stands before us is an invisible wall of a financial gap. We are here to pray that God would tear down this wall!

As we pray today for God's provision, we are reminded of our history and the journey still ahead. We hear God's Word and write it upon our heart. We stand in turbulent times seeking to reenter our Church and gather together once again as a full community in-person, and we live with hope and love together.

There are no walls, visible or invisible, that God cannot tear down.

Opening Prayer

Lord, meet us where we are today, allow your Word to transform our hearts, allow us to see your vision of ASC: ourselves; our immediate community; and our city, nation, and world. Open our hearts to all you have called us to be and do. And provide for us so that we can continue the good work you have given us to do. All for the sake of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Praying for God's Provision to Support Our Children's Ministries

Verses to Meditate on

Proverbs 22:6

Train up a little child in the way he should go and he will not depart from it.

Matthew 19:14

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

Proverbs 3:9

Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce.



Lesson and Psalm

Deuteronomy 6:4–9

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Psalm 1

¹ Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

² but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

³ They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the
judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the
righteous;

⁶ for the LORD watches over the way of the
righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

People and Accomplishments

People to Pray and be Thankful for

Please take a moment now to ask God to provide financially for the church so that these staff members and volunteers may continue to serve the children of our Parish and Preschool.

Children's Ministry

- Katie Freer, Director
- Volunteer Sunday School Teachers
 - Brian Anderson
 - Kimberly Buracker
 - Lesli Drewry
 - Jessica Johnson
 - Lauren Mistzal
 - Donna Romorini
- Over 25 children attend each Sunday

Preschool

- Lisa Hollingsworth, Director
- Sara Tobin, Assistant Director
- Teachers
 - Brenda Aguilar
 - Christiana Asmar
 - Lesli Drewry
 - Christine Hettipola
 - Naila Munir
 - Hannah Proctor
 - Erin Samahon
 - Sugely Sandoval
- 48 Children (and counting!) enrolled

Accomplishments to Pray and be Thankful for

Please take a moment to thank God for what He has done in and through our Children's Ministry and Preschool, and ask Him to provide for us so that we can continue the Good Work He has already started!

Children's Ministry

- Continued offering classes virtually all throughout the pandemic
- Had the largest attendance at Vacation Bible School ever in 2019
- 40 Children's Sermons recorded since March 2020
- Two children were baptized during the pandemic, and two more baptisms are scheduled

Preschool

- Reopened the Preschool for face-to-face classes while following all safety guidelines
- Used creative and fun books, resources, and activities to teach children pandemic safety
- Installed a brand-new playground that just opened this week

Prayers

For the Care of Children

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Children

Most loving Father, we thank you for the joy of children placed in our care. Inspire them, O Lord, to grow in your wisdom and knowledge so that they would learn about your creation and always rest in your goodness, love, and care for them. This we pray in the name of Jesus, your Son our Lord. *Amen.*

For Stewardship

Abundant God, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received — abundantly, generously, and joyfully that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace. In the name of Christ we pray, *Amen.*

Please pause for 1-2 minutes of reflection and free-spoken prayer



Praying for God's Provision to Support Our Youth and Family Ministries

Verses for Meditation

Joshua 24:15

As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

1 Peter 4:10

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace

1 Corinthians 13: 4-6

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.



Lesson and Psalm

Acts 2:37-42

Now when [the crowd heard Peter's sermon], they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what are we to do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far away, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself." And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on urging them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!" So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Psalm 19:7-11 , 14

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer

People and Accomplishments

People to Pray and be Thankful for

Please take a moment now to ask God to provide financially for the church so that these staff members and volunteers may continue to serve our Youth and Families.

Youth and Family Ministry

- Gary Wieder, Family Pastor
- Mark Gottwald, Director of Student Ministry
- Megan Gottwald, Student Minister
- Volunteer Teachers and Mentors
 - Stefan Awad
 - Tony D'Emidio
 - Sam and Sidney Jordan
 - Lori Shore
- Over 50 students regularly engaged

Family Table Service

- Fr. Matthew Kozlowski, Assoc. Rector
- Music and Tech Volunteers
 - Zach Bayonne
 - Brendan Wieder
 - Ryan Wieder
- Over 15 Families Read Scriptures
- Over 15 Families Greet at the Door
- Over 15 Families Say the Prayers

Accomplishments to Pray and be Thankful for

Please take a moment to thank God for what He has done in and through our Youth and Family Ministries, and ask Him to provide for us so that we can continue the Good Work He has already started!

Youth and Family Ministries

- Able to continue weekly youth group meetings virtually during the pandemic
- Saw genuine Christ-centered friendships form both before and during the pandemic
- Started game times, crafting groups, fellowship hours, and small groups for youth on Zoom
- Hosting a virtual Christmas Party next week
- Recorded and uploaded more than 60 worship songs
- Grew the Family Table average attendance to 129 in just over a year
- Started 3 new community groups during the pandemic that meet virtually

Prayers

For Young Persons

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Families

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who settest the solitary in families:
We commend to thy continual care the homes in which thy people dwell. Put far from them, we beseech thee, every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh. Turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents; and so enkindle fervent charity among us all, that we may evermore be kindly affectioned one to another; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen.*

Please pause for 1-2 minutes of reflection and free-spoken prayer



Praying for God's Provision to Support Our Missions and Outreach Ministries

Verses to Meditate on

Proverbs 19:17

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done.

Micah 6:8

And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Proverbs 22:2

Rich and poor have this in common: The Lord is the Maker of them all.



Lesson and Psalm

Matthew 25:37–40

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me.'

Psalm 112

¹ Praise the LORD.

Blessed are those who fear the LORD,
who find great delight in his commands.

² Their children will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be
blessed.

³ Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴ Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,
for those who are gracious and
compassionate and righteous.

⁵ Good will come to those who are generous
and lend freely,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

⁶ Surely the righteous will never be shaken;
they will be remembered forever.

⁷ They will have no fear of bad news;
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸ Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;
in the end they will look in triumph on their
foes.

⁹ They have freely scattered their gifts to the
poor,
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn will be lifted high in honor.

¹⁰ The wicked will see and be vexed,
they will gnash their teeth and waste away;
the longings of the wicked will come to
nothing.

People and Accomplishments

People to Pray and be Thankful for

Please take a moment now to ask God to provide financially for the poor and oppressed whom he loves through All Saints Church's Missions and Outreach partners. May our staff and volunteers continue to shine a light on ways parishioners can store up treasure in heaven through their gifts and prayers for the least of these.

Mission and Outreach Ministry

- Shireen David, Director
- Mission and Outreach Committee
 - Cynthia Bryant
 - Sharon Rocco D'Emidio
 - Kathleen Dillon
 - Linda Harrison
 - Donna and Dean Payne
 - Mark Pelesh
 - Catherine and Richard Ranger
 - Donna Romarini
 - Jennifer Sirangelo



- Central Union Mission
- Rockville Women's Center
- Little Lights
- Catholic Charities (SHARE)
- Blessing Bags
- Angel Tree
- Over 40 Thrift Shop Volunteers with over 50 people served each week

Global Mission Partners

- Sonrise School (Rwanda)
- Archbishop Laurent Mbanda (Rwanda)
- Bishop Deo & ministry to street children (Rwanda)
- Uganda Christian University Nursing and Law Schools
- Rev. Bisoke (Congo)
- Dr. Sylvia Martinez and St. Luke's Society (Dominican Republic)
- Anglican Frontier Missions
- New Wineskins
- International Justice Mission

Local Mission Partners

Accomplishments to Pray and be Thankful for

Please take a moment to thank God for what He has done through All Saints Church for our missions partners in 2020 and ask Him to provide for us so that we can continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus for this broken world.

- Increased parishioners' engagement in Mission and Outreach locally and globally
- A week of breakfasts and dinners provided for 35 ladies at the Rockville Women's Shelter
- 200 children served during Christmas 2019 through parishioners sponsoring Angel Tree, Coats for Little Lights and Backpacks for Unaccompanied Minors
- Continued the Blessing Bag lunch ministry to local homeless even during the Pandemic
- 300 Share Boxes of fresh produce and protein provided to Little Lights families in SE DC
- In-person visits from partners, Rev Bisoke from the Congo, and Bishop Deo from Rwanda

Prayers

For Mission

Oh God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth and send your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you, bring the nations into your fold, pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For Service

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

For the Poor and Neglected

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Please pause for 1-2 minutes of reflection and free-spoken prayer



Praying for God's Provision to Support Our Music and Worship Ministries

Verses for Meditation

Psalm 95:1

O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Deuteronomy 8:18

You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

Colossians 3:16

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.



Lesson and Psalm

Hebrews 2:10–15

For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."

And again, "I will put my trust in him."

And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me."

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

² Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

³ Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵ For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

People and Accomplishments

People to Pray and be Thankful for

Please take a moment now to ask God to provide financially for the church so that our Music Ministry, Vergers, Acolytes, Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Ushers, and Lectors may continue to serve God with their beautiful and holy gifts.

Music Ministry

- Peter Crisafulli, Music Minister
- Catherine Huntress-Reeve, Asst. Music Min.
- Over 25 Choir Members



Worship Ministries

- David Reeve, Verger
- Alex Reeve, Verger
- Beth Cartland, Chari of Flower Guild
- Catherine Eshelman, Chair of Altar Guild
- Paul Bradley, Head Usher
- Over 12 Members of the Flower Guild
- Over 25 Members of the Altar Guild
- Over 40 LEM's and Lectors
- Over 30 Acolytes
- Over 25 Usher

Accomplishments to Pray and be Thankful for

Please take a moment to thank God for what He has done in and through our Children's Ministry and Preschool, and ask Him to provide for us so that we can continue the Good Work He has already started!

Music Ministry

- Led the *Faure Requiem* with choir and orchestra on All Saints' Day, 2019
- Led an Evensong on All Saints' Day, 2020 during the pandemic
- Continues to provide us with awe-inspiring, Christ-centered music every week

Worship Ministries

- Had 19 Acolytes serve at last year's Christmas Eve service
- Added new LEMs and Lectors for the Family Table Service
- All guilds continued to serve and bless our parish even during Covid
- Established an usher and check-in team to ensure safety for Sunday Services during Covid

Prayers

For Church Musicians and Artists

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

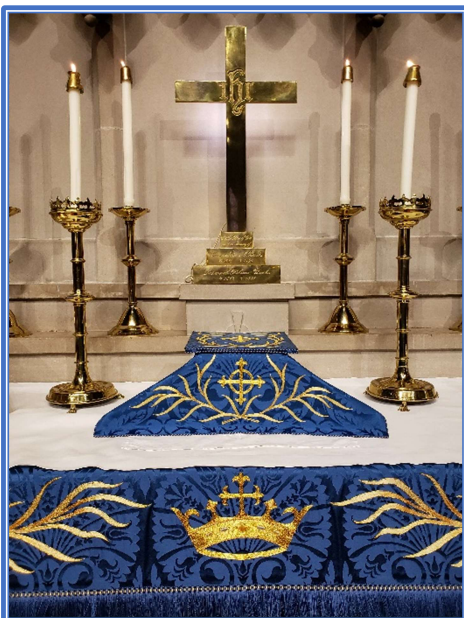
A Prayer for Those who Serve during Worship

Most merciful and loving Father, we thank you for the gift of being able to gather together as one Body to worship you and your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. We praise for those you have called to be vergers, acolytes, and ushers as they help ensure our worship is done reverently and in order. We praise you further for those you have called to serve on our altar and flower guilds as they work to make our sanctuary reflect your beauty, glory, and holiness. Bless them, Lord God, so that their work would be a joy to them and a blessing to us. *Amen.*

For the Mission of the Church

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever. *Amen.*

Please pause for 1-2 minutes of reflection and free-spoken prayer



Praying for God's Provision to Support Our Clergy, Preaching, and Spiritual Formation

Verses to Meditate on

Jeremiah 3:15

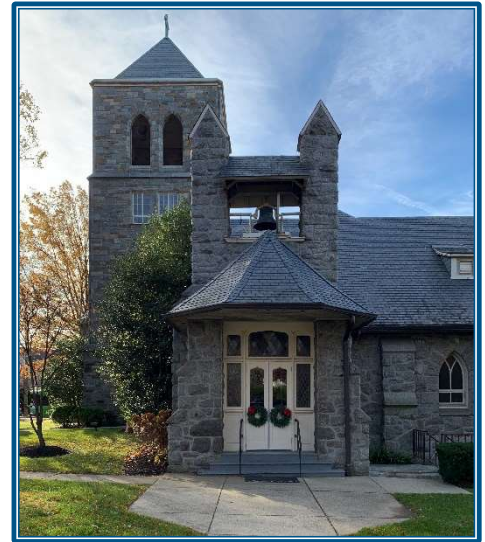
And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Mark 16:15

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

Acts 6:4

But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.



Lesson and Psalm

Romans 12: 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Psalms 119:105-114

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to keep your righteous rules.

¹⁰⁷ I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O LORD, according to your word!

¹⁰⁸ Accept my freewill offerings of praise,
O LORD,
and teach me your rules.

¹⁰⁹ I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.

¹¹⁰ The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.

¹¹¹ Your testimonies are my heritage forever,
for they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹² I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, to the end.

People and Accomplishments

People to Pray and be Thankful for

Please take a moment now to ask God to provide financially for the church so that our Clergy and Spiritual Formation Leaders can continue their ministries at All Saints. Please also pray for the lay leaders and volunteers that they may continue to serve the parishioners of All Saints.

Clergy

- Ed Kelaher, Rector
- B.J. Buracker, Associate Rector
- Brit Frazier, Associate Rector
- Matthew Kozlowski, Associate Rector
- Andrew Lazo, Seminarian
- Phyllis Ince
- Joe Minor
- Phoebe Miles
- Dean Payne
- Donna Payne
- Catherine Ranger
- Richard Ranger
- Charlie Rothwell
- Sandi Rothwell

Small Group and Bible Study Leaders

- David Bickel
- Kathleen Dillon
- Peggy Eastman

Accomplishments to Pray and be Thankful for

Please take a moment to thank God for what He has done in and through our Clergy and Spiritual Formation Leaders, and ask Him to provide for us so that we can continue the Good Work He has already started!

Clergy

- Sunday services continued without pause during the pandemic, including 22 livestreamed
- Led services for Holy Week, Pentecost, Thanksgiving via Zoom
- Virtual Morning and Evening Prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Reached people beyond the local area through electronic means
- Provided services for weddings, funerals, and baptisms following health and safety protocols

Spiritual Formation

- Continued offering prayer times and classes via Zoom all throughout the pandemic
- Started new classes led by clergy and/or lay leaders to reach new parishioners
- Over 100 classes taught by both clergy and lay leaders
- Sent over 200 Daily Moments with God since the beginning of the pandemic

Prayers

For Pastors

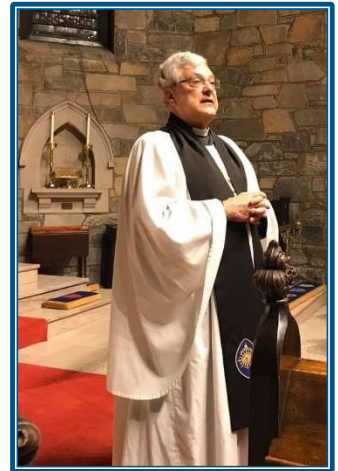
Heavenly Father, Shepherd of your people, we thank you for your servants Ed, BJ, Brit, and Matthew, who are faithful in the care and nurture of your flock; and we thank you for all the faithful bishops, priests, and deacons you have called to our parish in the past. We pray that, following their examples and the teaching of his holy life, we may by your grace grow into the stature of the fullness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

For Spiritual Formation

Dear Jesus, thank you for All Saints Church and the clergy, staff and lay leaders who have given so much this year to advance the spiritual formation of parishioners. We pray for them a special blessing for their perseverance. May your Holy Spirit lead and guide each parishioner in new ways of prayer, study of your holy word, and service to others. *Amen.*

For Stewardship

Oh God, our loving Creator and Giver of all good gifts, bless our parish, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent and treasure to spread Your kingdom here in our church and throughout the world. For this, we pray to the Lord. Amen.



Please pause for 1-2 minutes of reflection and free-spoken prayer



Praying for God's Provision to Support Pastoral Care and the Physical Church Building

Verses to Meditate on

Psalm 118:22-23

Jesus said, "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes."

1 Peter 2:5

You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 13:16

Through Jesus, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise... And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Lesson and Psalm

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16

""For we are all co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay a foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ....Don't you know that you, yourselves, are God's temple and that God's spirit dwells within your midst?"

Psalm 84:1-5, 10

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
LORD Almighty!

² My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.

³ Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young—
a place near your altar,
LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.^[c]

⁵ Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of
my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.



People and Accomplishments

People to Pray and be Thankful for

Please take a moment now to thank God for All Saints and for all the many volunteers that minister to the spiritual and physical needs of our building and parishioners. Thank him also for the magnificent church building and property that have provided a sanctuary and a refuge for generations of believers.

Building and Grounds

- Bill Garner, Director
- Committee Members
 - Charles Fiegl
 - Catherine Dunlop
 - Tad Tatum
 - Paul Bradley
 - Ed Joyeusaz
 - George Cox
 - Eric Fedowitz

Pastoral Care Ministries

- Elizabeth Stuckle, Director of Visitation Ministry
- Kathleen Dillon, Director of Prayer Ministry
- Paul Cauchon, Weekly Prayer Leader
- Over 20 lay members of the Visitation Ministry Team
- Over 15 lay members of the Prayer Ministry Team

Accomplishments to Pray and be Thankful for

Please take a moment to thank God for all that has been accomplished through the Visitation and Prayer Ministries and the Building and Grounds Committee. Pray that God would continue building up this strong foundation.

Building and Grounds Committee

- Replaced original slate roof with new slate roof to last another 250+ years
- Repair internal walls to prevent water damage and keep structurally sound
- Replaced outdated chiller to improve air-quality and conditioning

Pastoral Care Ministry

- Made over 1,500 contacts in 2020 to parishioners who are sick, injured, grieving, or shut-in
- Sent cards of encouragement to numerous parishioners throughout the year
- Revitalized the Prayer Team in offering vigils, trainings, and other prayer events

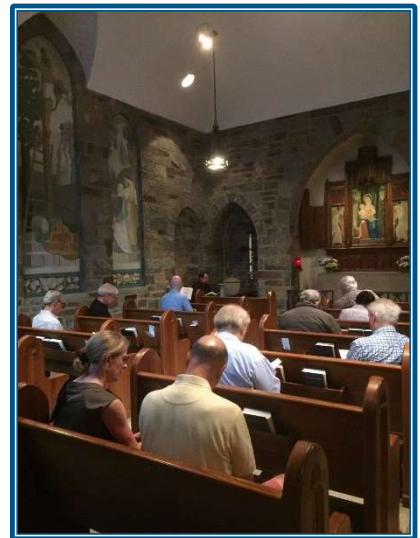
Prayers

For the Living Church

Lord, you are the cornerstone of our church and have called us to be your co-laborers to build a Kingdom that is not made of physical stones, but reaches far beyond our church property and grounds. We pray that you would give us the strength, courage and financial resources to build upon your cornerstone and become salt and light to Washington DC and beyond. In Christ's name, we pray. *Amen.*

For the Physical Building

Most loving Father, we thank you for the generations that have come before us and for the hands that built this beautiful structure. It has provided a place to gather and grow together for the last 120 years. We pray that you will provide the resources needed not only to run daily operations, but to complete necessary repairs like replacing the entire heating and cooling systems and repairing the organ. Please help us to be good stewards so this beautiful building continues to inspire and protect the many ministries and services that are housed here for 120 more years! All for the sake of your honor and glory. *Amen.*



For Stewardship

Lord God in heaven, you are the source of every good blessing and gift. We thank you for the many provisions you have already bestowed, but come to you in great need this year. We lift up the entire church building and all of the ministries that are housed here and beseech you to pour out your financial blessing to help us bridge a \$400,000 budgetary gap. This seems insurmountable to us, but to you Lord, nothing is impossible, because the earth is yours and everything in it. Lord, help this to be the moment that we fix our eyes upon you with full faith that you are Jehovah Jireh – the God that provides. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son our Savior. *Amen.*

Please pause for 1-2 minutes of reflection and free-spoken prayer



Praying for God's Provision to Support Our Church Staff, Volunteers and Vestry

Verses to Meditate on

Proverbs 15:22

Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisors they succeed.

Ephesians 4:15

From him (Christ) the whole body, joined together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Lesson and Psalm

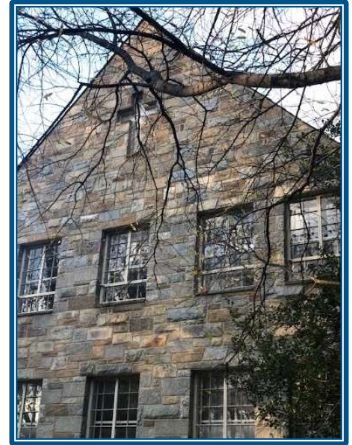
Romans 12:4-6

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

Psalm 67

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—
² so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.
³ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.

⁵ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
⁶ The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.
⁷ May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.



People and Accomplishments

People to Pray and be Thankful for

Please take a moment now to give thanks to God for these staff members and volunteers who have so faithfully used their gifts to help the church run smoothly despite the hardships of 2020.

Administration

- Lois McDonald, Parish Administrator
- Nacole Hillman, Office Manager
- Lindsay Adkins, Development Director
- Mathilda Carter-Stokely, Executive Administrative Assistant
- Phil Fought, Compliance Officer
- Liz Marr, Receptionist

Finance

- Smythe Kannapell, Comptroller
- Ellen Kroger, Parish Accountant
- Todd Miller, Business Manager

Communications & Tech Support

- Teri Ballou, Communications Manager
- John Ballance, IT/AV and Internet Marketing Manager
- Edyta Cousens, Communications Assistant
- Brad Record, Communications Specialist

Vestry

- Cindy Wade, Senior Warden
- Charles Fiegl, Junior Warden
- Tony D'Emidio, Treasurer
- Eric Fedowitz, Clerk
- Cynthia Bryant
- Catherine Dunlop
- Phoebe Miles
- Edward Neufille
- Mark Pelesh
- Chris Robinson
- Lori Shore
- Rip Wilson

Accomplishments to Pray and be Thankful for

Please take a moment to thank God for what He has done in and through our administrative, finance and communications teams and our vestry. Ask the Lord to provide generously so that we can continue and build upon the building blocks of good governance that they have diligently put in place.

Administration

- Organized church calendars, meetings and activities to keep everyone on the same page
- Organized and coordinated multiple schedules and took care of most administrative work, freeing up the clergy to concentrate on pastoral, educational, and spiritual care
- Enabled the clergy to visit and/or have counseling sessions with an average of 30 parishioners a day (Zoom, phone calls and in person) totaling approximately 5,120 visits!
- Ensured the parish complied with state, local, and diocesan Covid-19 protocols

Finance

- Secured a PPP grant that allowed us to keep running despite drop in giving
- Trimmed costs and increased efficiency, presenting first balanced budget in years
- Executed an Easter Match that closed a \$100,000 shortfall
- Organized a stewardship campaign and Christmas match in midst of pandemic
- Inspired many parishioners to give sacrificially to the Kingdom Campaign over the last 2 years

Tech Support & Communication

- Set up infrastructure to allow for livestreamed Services and classes
- Maintained and improved our website and social media with up-to-date and accurate info
- Wrote and distributed regular communications and devotionals to the entire church, including Daily Moment with God, weekly e-blasts, and monthly newsletter

Prayers

For the Staff and Volunteers

Almighty God, you have so many amazing attributes, we often forget that you are also a God who is a great administrator. You work all things together for good but also keep track of every sparrow that falls and even the hairs on our head!

Please fill our hearts with gratitude for your faithful servants who reflect this administrative gift. You know that the visible work of the church would be impossible were it not for their work behind the scenes. Please bless us with abundant resources so they can continue to take care of details small and large, so that our Kingdom mission can continue to grow.

For Technology and Communications

Most loving Father, we thank you for the gift of technology that has enabled us to stay connected despite being physically separated. Thank you for the hands and the minds that have implemented the technology for our benefit. We pray that the dark forces seeking to drive us apart would be overcome with the encouragement of beautiful communications and close connections.



Vestry

Thank you for the leadership and the counsel of the Vestry during this difficult year. We pray Lord that you fill them with a spirit of unity and a bond of peace and that they be filled with wisdom and knowledge to make good decisions on behalf of the congregation.

For Stewardship

Heavenly Father, you have blessed us with an incredible team, a body of many parts. We pray your face would shine upon us and be gracious to us and that you would open up the storehouse of heavens so that each one of them could continue to employ their special gifts in your service. *Amen.*

Please pause for 1-2 minutes of reflection and free-spoken prayer

Concluding with Hope and Thanksgiving

Entering into a Period of Thanksgiving

Thanks be to God for the ongoing giving faithfulness of the parishioners here at All Saints throughout the years. Our parish was founded near the end of the 19th century, continued to grow and thrive throughout the 20th century, and is serving our Lord today. We are indeed handsomely blessed with such a beautiful church and spiritually enriching center. Like those before us over the past 125+ years, many current parishioners are actively involved in Gospel ministry at All Saints and its ongoing mission. We are truly blessed with an abundance of God's redeeming resources of clergy, teachers, choir, laity, a myriad of ministries, and our soothing buildings and grounds.

Today, we have joined together to pray for God to provide the financial support and generosity necessary for All Saints to continue its God-given work in bringing the healing love of our Lord Jesus Christ to our people, to our local community, and even to the ends of the earth. Nevertheless, let us not forget the wonderful blessings God has already bestowed upon us throughout our history and even today. Therefore, we end our Day of Prayer by giving Him thanks and praise for the love, faithfulness, mercy and grace He has, is, and will lavish upon us. To Him alone be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

A General Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.*

A Litany of Thanksgiving

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

Concluding Prayers

God of Grace and God of Glory (Hymn #514)

1 God of grace and God of glory,

On Thy people pour Thy power;

Crown Thine ancient church's story,

Bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom,

Grant us courage,

For the facing of this hour,

For the facing of this hour.

4 Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces
In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom,
Grant us courage,
That we fail not man nor Thee!
That we fail not man nor Thee!

A Prayer for Answered Prayers

Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Please pause for 1-2 minutes of reflection and free-spoken prayers of thanks

This concludes the Vigil

God bless you for praying for our parish and seeking His wisdom, guidance, provision, and love!

