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Dear Parish Family,

It is hard to believe that we are fast approaching the end of the church year, but when you look at the church calendar, the church season of ADVENT will begin on Sunday, December 1. During the month of November, we will have several specific opportunities to very intentionally give thanks for the many blessings in our lives this year. The first is ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD. It is a celebration that dates back to 837 when Pope Gregory IV ordered a church wide observance of a commemoration of martyrs who died in groups or whose names were unknown. After the church broke with Rome, it continued to celebrate All Saints Day with the New Testament understanding of the term "saints" meaning all believers. It is the day we set aside to remember and give thanks for all those "saints" or believers, who have passed on to greater life. It is that special time when we remember those who have inspired us, taught us, and guided us to live into our faith. This year we will mark the day with adoption of a new believer into the household of God through the sacrament of the BAPTISM of Christy Dash.

On NOVEMBER 17TH, during the regular worship service, we will have an INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST. It will be an opportunity to refresh our memories as to the meaning and symbolism of one of the two major sacraments of the church (the other being Baptism). It is a great time to invite friends or those who may want to learn more about The Episcopal Church, as it explains What We Do, and Why We Do It in the worship service. After the service we will have an informal Q&A Session in the Parish Hall with coffee and cookies.

The national holiday of THANKSGIVING will be on November 28th. Early in November you will receive a letter from St. Paul's regarding your Commitment of time, talent and treasure to the church of God for 2025. One question each of us should prayerfully ask ourselves is this: how do we tangibly, individually and as a community of faith, give thanks for the many blessings we have enjoyed in our lives? I think the answer is simply ---we give back ---we strive to be good stewards with our lives following in the steps of saints of old by inspiring, teaching and guiding others in the faith and also sharing in our resources so that others may thrive as well.

On Sunday, NOVEMBER 24, we will have the Ingathering of our Commitments at the Altar. On that day our GUEST PREACHER will be The Rev. Canon Steve Carlsen, Canon For Congregational Vitality. There will be a Covered Dish luncheon immediately after the worship service. Fried Chicken and Baked Ham will be provided by the Vestry. Please bring your favorite side dishes and desserts!

St. Paul's is a special place because each of you individually, and all of us together, have been greatly blessed by God, this place, and each other. I ask that you prayerfully consider the abundance that God has bestowed upon you when determining your commitment for the coming year.

You each remain in my prayers,
Blessings always,

Mother Suzanne

SOME EPISCOPAL CHEST THUMPING

I am an Episcopalian because a friend invited me to church. I am an Episcopalian because six centuries of music is so beautiful it brings tears to my eyes. I am an Episcopalian because we are a body of believers who are truly sorry and we humbly repent. I am an Episcopalian because we have women behind the altar and men on the altar guild. I am an Episcopalian because all are welcome to the table of the feast that fills my heart. I am an Episcopalian because this is where I found my life, and because this is where God blessed me just the way I needed to be blessed.

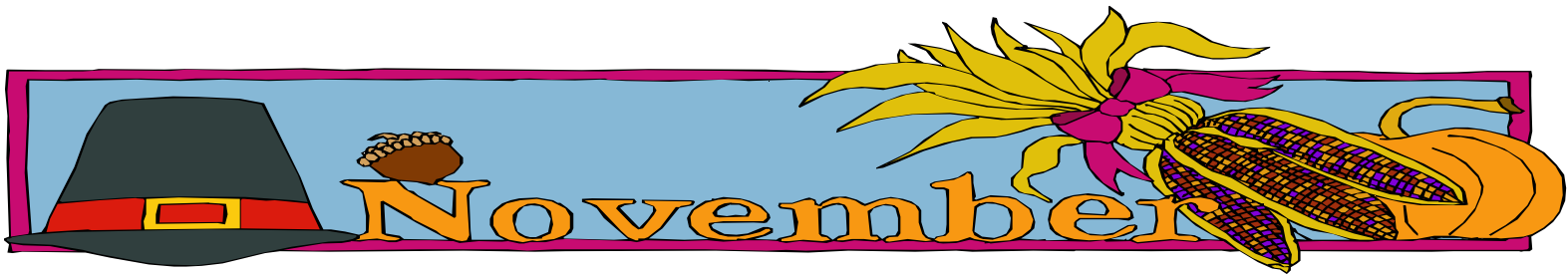
Birthdays

November 1 Romanita Alcorta

November 13 Jessie Craighead and Geoffrey Cole

November 16 Dale Craighead -- November 23 Rick Hammock

Anniversaries



2024

DATE	READINGS	MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS Crucifer	ALTAR	ALTAR FLOWERS	HOSPITALITY
November 3rd 24 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21:1- 6a John 11:32-44	Celebrant Rev Mollison LEM Bowers A Sermon Mtr Suzanne	First Reading Bowers A Epistle Kidwell B	Kidwell and Robison Davidson	Bowers	OPEN	LOCK-UP: Davidson
November 10th 25 th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13- 17 Psalm 127 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44	Celebrant Rev. Mollison LEM Womack Sermon Mtr Suzanne	First Reading Womack Epistle Craighead J	Craighead D and Sharp Howard	Kidwell	OPEN	LOCK-UP: Kidwell
November 17th 26th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II	1 Samuel 1:4-20 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Hebrews 10:11- 14 (15-18) 19-25 Mark 13:1-8	Celebrant Rev. Mollison LEM Braddock Sermon Mtr Suzanne	First Reading Braddock Epistle Kidwell J	Kidwell and Womack Howard	Womack	OPEN	LOCK-UP: Howard
November 24th Last Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite II	2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-13 (14-19) Revelation 1:4b- 8 John 18:33-37	Celebrant Rev. Mollison LEM Braddock Sermon Mtr Suzanne	First Reading Braddock Epistle McAskill	Howard and Robison Bowers A	Howard	OPEN	LOCK-UP: Bowers

Daylight Saving Time ends on Nov. 3rd -- Fall back one hour before bed Saturday night.

This is also a good time to check the batteries in your smoke detectors and the expiration date on your driver's license and your vehicle Registration.

Most gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up and the clouds drop down the dew: We yield thee hearty thanks and praise for the return of seedtime and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of its fruits, and for all the other blessings of thy merciful providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And, we beseech thee, give us a just sense of these great mercies, such as may appear in our lives by a humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost be all glory and honor, world without end. Amen.

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