



ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

October 13, 2022

SUNDAY SERVICE
10:00 am

To live-stream - go to [AllAngelsLBK.org](https://www.AllAngelsLBK.org), click on the "All Angels Enter Here" picture and you will be routed to our YouTube channel.

Zoom - go to <https://zoom.us/j/5955701807> and watch and listen live. Be sure to stick around after the service for our coffee hour chat-with-your-neighbor time.

The bulletin can be found on the All Angels Website:

[AllAngelsLBK.org](https://www.AllAngelsLBK.org) or at the following link:

Bulletin for Sunday, October 16



Altar Flowers for Sunday, October 16
are given by Tom & Heidi Thomas
in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary



Scripture Readings, October 16

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

[Click Here for this Sunday's Readings](#)

A Prayer for Peace Among the Nations *(BCP 816)*

Let us pray in this time of conflict for the countries of Russia and the Ukraine,

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Donate to Hurricane Relief

If you would like to help with the long and tedious process of recovery and rebuilding, the most beneficial form of assistance is monetary donations. Your financial assistance will a response that is quick and adaptive to the

specific needs on the ground. Please continue to pray for all those who have been impacted by this storm: May God give us the strength and grace needed to meet the days to come.

There are two ways to contribute:

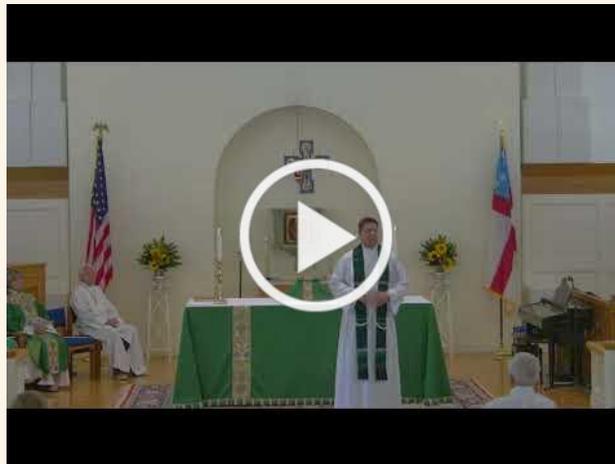
Donate Online at www.episcopalswfl.org

Or write a check payable to Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida and mail it to Diocesan House, 8005 25th Street East, Parrish, FL 34219.

Make sure to note "Hurricane Relief" in your memo line.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Last Sunday's Service



PRAYERS

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer invites you to pray with them, every day, at 8 am, wherever you are. When you enter into prayer at 8 am (Eastern), you will know that others are praying at the same time.

We Pray for our People

Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you for help. Especially we pray for

hear the prayers of all who cry out to you for help. Especially we pray for the needs of: Downs IV, Holden, Brian, Tyler, Barbara, Anne and new-born David Jude. Grant healing and recovery for Georgianna, Peg, Annette, Lisa and Michael. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially Jane, Bill, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie and Douglas. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim and Mary Ann. Be near to all who are in hospice care.

For the repose of the soul of Beverly Sinclair.
May light perpetual shine on her.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Office Volunteers Needed

If you have spare time and want to volunteer to answer the office phone especially Tuesday and Wednesday, **we need you!** There will be a sign up calendar on the Gallery table. Times needed: approximately 9:30-12:30. Please write you name on the day you can volunteer.

Choir News

Choir practices are on Thursdays at 10 a.m.
New members are always welcome.

October Gallery Artist

Our featured artist for October is O'Lyn Callahan. Please stop by and enjoy the work of this talented local artist. Checks should be written to All Angels by the Sea.





Men's and Women's Discussion Groups

Ever pause to wonder about the Nicene Creed? What do we actually believe?

Our author for this week explores her belief in relation to the creed, starting with these two words: "We believe."

I am interested to hear about what you think and believe.

For those in person, I will have the coffee ready. For those on line, here is the link: <https://zoom.us/j/5955701807>

[Believe it or not My Struggles with the Creed](#)

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

One of the most important things we do is gather after the service for coffee hour. If you are interested in hosting, the sign up sheet is on the Gallery table. If you would like help, sign up and we will find someone to show you how it is done.

Online Giving

If you would like to give to the offering plate electronically, you can find the online giving link on our All Angels website by clicking the link below:

AllAngelsLBK.org

REFLECTION

Angels in Action

This past Sunday, the Rev. Michelle Robertshaw celebrated communion at All Angels. She is the rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Boca Grande – one of the islands heavily impacted by Hurricane Ian. Mother Michelle and I are barrier island rectors and have developed a collegial partnership of support and creativity. If you remember the reservation system we used for Christmas Eve and Easter during Covid, I got that system from Mother Michelle. St. Andrew's bought an Allen organ a year before we did and she helped me through the process when it was time for ours. I took St. Andrews' Music Director position description and tweaked it for All Angels. We often review each other's sermons and discuss upcoming theological topics. Lastly, that "talking frog" joke; it was Mother Michelle's.



Last Tuesday, she was finally allowed onto Boca Grande to see her church and home. It was an emotional day for her, to say the least. Because her Senior Warden was out of town, she had to make the trip by herself. All I could do was pray for her – for strength and peace. She called me on her way back from the island. The conversation was full of whatever that emotion is that is both feeling like dancing and feeling like crying – the church, parish hall, and rectory (her home) were standing and in remarkably good condition. I asked what I can do to help. She said she could use four or five people to help her clear the debris around the church so that it could become a sanctuary again. Two days later, I witnessed angels in action.

BJ & Dave Bishop, Bob and Carol Erker, Tom Crawford, Phillip Deming, Scott Wuesthoff and I climbed into two trucks – the maximum number allowed to enter Boca Grande – full of chainsaws, clippers, gloves, water,

and anything else we could think of, and drove down. I was in Scott's truck with Tom and Phillip. We were having a fun conversation full of laughter; and then Scott turned right to head into Englewood. I don't have the words to describe what a Category 4 hurricane does to homes and nature. As we watched with whatever emotion involves equal parts of fascination and horror, the conversation stopped. No more joking around. It was silence for a good amount of time. Scott navigated through the damaged streets with no working stoplights and, frankly, no names because every sign, pole, and marker, had been pushed down by the wind. Only the GPS knew where we were. Imagine our surprise and delight when we drove up to St. Andrew's to see that it was still standing and in good shape compared to everything around it. We spent the morning and early afternoon cutting, clearing, stacking and sweeping the property until it looked like a church again.



These angels-in-action did both cleaning and support. The insurance adjusters arrived late morning and with the Rector inspected the buildings. We were there when they told Mother Michelle that her house is uninhabitable because of water intrusion that only their instruments could detect. Just like organizing our work party, we came up with a plan to keep her from being homeless – she has since found housing, thanks be to God.

Our mission statement is to bring the living Christ to those inside and outside the Church. One week after Hurricane Ian brought devastation to Southwest Florida, I watched Christ become living through the hands and feet of the angels in white trucks who helped St. Andrew's. Those hands and feet are spiritually attached to the body of All Angels and its members

and feet are spiritually attached to the body of All Angels and its members. All were involved in this living-Christ action through financial support, prayer support, and, for eight individuals, actual hands and feet on the ground to help.

On Monday, the neighborhood of St. Raphael's Episcopal Church, Fort Myers Beach, opened for residents to inspect. The bridge to Sanibel Island opened this morning. We will find out the extent of the damage to St. Michael and All Angels, Sanibel later this week. There will be other opportunities for angels-in-action to help. In the meantime, I continue to give thanks for you, our parish, and our mission to bring the living Christ to those inside and outside the Church.

-Rev. Dave



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