



# ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

November 10, 2022

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## A Prayer for Veterans Day

*Almighty God, the cause of liberty is yours. It is likewise the cause of those who have defended it against tyranny and oppression. Remembering the veterans who have served in America's Armed Forces, we give you thanks. We are grateful that you inspired their sense of patriotism and strengthened them in unselfish service. Their courage and vigilance insured the freedom and peace we enjoy today. Grant, we pray, O Lord, to each of them a generous portion of your grace and to America, our native land, your blessing. Amen.*

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 am & 10:00 am

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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.

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The bulletin can be found on the All Angels Website:

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

*Bulletin for Sunday, November 13*

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Altar Flowers for Sunday, November 13

are given by David Bishop:

Love always to BJ Bishop and Cathie Wilt on their shared birthday  
from the two Davids

and

given by Marge Stapleton in thanksgiving for her All Angels family.



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## Scripture Readings, November 13

Malachi 4:1-2a

Canticle 9

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

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

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**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.*

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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

### Last Sunday's Service



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## PRAYERS

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## 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 the needs of: Downs IV, Holden, Brian, Tyler, Barbara, Anne, and Victoria. Grant healing and recovery for Nancy, Georgianna and Allen. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially Margaret, 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.

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## OUTREACH

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All Angels is partnering with Mothers Helping Mothers with a Christmas Toy Drive starting Sunday, November 6 and running through December 4. Look for more information on this exciting and important Outreach activity.

### Need suggestions for gifts?

- Infants - 10 years old: toys, learning games, stuffed animals, dolls, dinosaurs, LEGOs, etc.
- 11-18 years old: Amazon, Walmart or Target gift cards, accessories, makeup, purses, plush blankets, LEGOs, Star Wars paraphernalia, Squishmallow plush toys, crafts, science kits.



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The Outreach Commission is partnering with Turning Points in Bradenton. For more information on the vital help Turning Points does, please [click here](#) or read this article from the Bradenton Herald:

## Donate to Hurricane Relief

Donate Online at [www.episcopalswfl.org](http://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.

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## PARISH ACTIVITIES

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### ***ALL ANGELS DINING CLUB RETURNS!***

Participation in the All Angels Dining Club is a wonderful opportunity to get to know fellow parishioners in a more personal and intimate setting. Small groups (usually 6 to 8 people, with one designated as "host") get together to share dinner, lunch, or brunch, either at the host(s)' home or at a local restaurant. The host is responsible for contacting the other participants to establish a mutually convenient date, time, and location for their gathering. In assigning the groups and hosts, we try to "mix it up" each of the sessions so that participants have the opportunity to meet as many people as possible. We are now in the process of confirming who is interested in participating in this fun fellowship activity during the upcoming January/February/March 2023 sessions.

Questions?

Contact: Carol Erker, Dining Club Coordinator

Telephone 847-274-8741

e-mail: [thompsonlaw@msn.com](mailto:thompsonlaw@msn.com)

If you would like to participate, please complete the form ([Click here for Dinner Club Registration Form](#)) and return it to the Church by **December 7th**. There will be a basket on the Gallery table, or drop it off at the office,

or mail it to All Angels at 563 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, FL 34228.

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## **New To You Art Sale**

It's that time of year where we ask you to look around your house and in your closets and dig out that used ART you don't like to look at anymore. Just drop the ART by the office from now until January. Linn will inventory & get it ready for the sale. The sale is the **whole month of February**.

If you are interested in being an **Art Sale Concierge** please talk to Linn.

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## **Episcopal Church Climate Advocacy at the UN**

Join the Episcopal Presiding Bishop's Delegates to the United Nations 27th Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27).

[Click here for more information](#)

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## **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 your name on the day you can volunteer.

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## **Choir News**

Choir practices are on Thursdays at 10 a.m.

New members are always welcome.

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## **November Gallery Artist**

Our featured artist for November 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.



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## Men's and Women's Discussion Groups

Discussion Group will resume on November 29th and 30th.  
Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

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## Mark Your Calendars

- **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**, Tuesday, November 22nd.
  - **1st Sunday of Advent**, November 27th.
  - **Pet Blessing**, Thursday, December 8 from 1 to 3 pm.
  - **Newcomers Welcome**, Sunday, January 8th, after the 10 a.m. service
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## 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.

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## 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:

## REFLECTION

### *Pet Blessing*

St. Francis of Assisi is known for preaching to the birds; but there is obviously more to this saint than that. He believed nature was the mirror of God. This belief influenced the Anglican theology of God being revealed in three books – the book of Scripture, the book of reason, and the book of nature. In other words, God is revealed in nature just like in Scripture and in our rational minds. Going deep into his nature-as-God’s-mirror theology, St. Francis reportedly called all creatures his brothers and sisters.



One of my favorite Francis-and-nature stories is commonly called the Wolf of Gubbio. Taken from a 53-chapter book written about Francis, about two hundred years after his death (although actual dating of this un-authored book is difficult), there was a wolf terrorizing the city of Gubbio. Feasting first on livestock and then on humans, no one dared to go out past the city’s walls at night. Francis set off to fix the problem. With a few scared townsfolks as witnesses, Francis went to the wolf’s lair. The wolf rushed towards Francis with his jaws open. Francis made the sign of the cross and commanded the wolf to stop. When it obeyed, he forgave the wolf and

made a pact that the town would feed it in exchange for no longer hunting them and their livestock. He then walked into the town with the wolf by his side. It converted many to the faith of Francis – that God is in charge of all creatures – and the towns folk cared for the animal until it died of natural causes. The story ends with the ceremonial burying of the wolf in the town square. Later on, the town built the Church of St. Francis of Peace

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allegedly over the site. In 1872, during renovations, the full skeleton of a large wolf was discovered under a slab near the church wall. They reburied it inside the renovated space.

I watched a cartoon version of Peter and the Wolf which scared the daylights out of me. I must have watched it too young, but; and, if I must admit it; I still get a little freaked out when I hear Sergei Prokofiev's opening notes of the wolf's theme played by three French horns. My daughters, born in Russia, have a fear of wolves that has nothing to do with that orchestral masterpiece. In their small village, wolves were very much a present danger. It gives me comfort, however, to imagine St. Francis reaching out in peace to settle differences between warring factions of Muslims and Christians, internal disagreements in the Church, and even strife between species of God's creation.

Another less known story about Francis is that he apparently was the first to create a living Nativity scene with farm animals and even a feeding-trough-turned-manger that was used as the altar for Christmas eve that year. I organized a living Nativity scene – which featured sheep, goats a donkey and Elijah when he was a baby – and I have to tell you it is an impactful experience.

I am bringing all of this up because we had planned to have a Pet Blessing event in October (the traditional time of remembering St. Francis) that coincided with the blessing of our Pet Memorial Garden. Hurricane Ian postponed all that. Nevertheless, we are back on schedule. As I write this, the Pet Memorial Garden is being created. As such, we have scheduled a special Pet Blessing event for Thursday, December 8th from 1 to 3 pm. It will coincide with the blessing of the Pet Memorial Garden.

St. Francis labored for peace – between religious and non-religious, between Christianity and Islam, and even peace between the species. He often preached that the peace from above came upon the whole earth when God was born on earth in the life of Jesus. It seems very fitting for

When God was born on earth in the life of Jesus it seems very fitting for us then to have a St. Francis pet blessing event during the season of Advent – when we prepare to celebrate the incarnational mystery of the Christ child. And, in the spirit of St. Francis, I'll be on the lookout for the blessings of all animals, including wolves.

- Rev. Dave

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