



ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

August 25, 2022

SUNDAY SERVICE
10:00 am

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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, August 28

On Sunday, we will dedicate an angel cross-stitch artwork created by Jan Webb.



Altar Flowers for Sunday, August 28 are given by Don & Judy Lewin in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.



Scripture Readings, August 28

Sirach 10:12-18

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

[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.

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 those who ask for healing and those who seek comfort. We especially remember before you: Downs IV, Holden, Brian, Tyler, Barbara and Anne. Grant healing and recovery for Terry, Peg, and Mary Jo. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially Jane, 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, especially Beverly.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Change in Office Schedule

Linn Torres will have a schedule change starting September 6th. She will be working 8 hours in the office every Sunday and be available by email, text, and you can call her on her cell phone any time during the week. She will take care of anything needed just like she does at this time.

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August Gallery Artist

Our featured artist for August is Robert Barylski. 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

This next week, we will discuss an article with a local perspective. Written

by Mitch Maley of the Bradenton Times, the reader is taken on a whirlwind cross country trip to see what is happening in our country. He suggests that our greatest strength as Americans is our ideological diversity and the ability to listen to different viewpoints. This is also the strength of Anglicanism and perhaps the ancient strength of Christianity. I'd like to hear what you think about it.

I have invited Mitch to join the discussion as we did back in March. More on this later.

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

[The Rot at the Core](#)

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:

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REFLECTION

Anti-Semitism

Last week, I attended a *lunch-and-learn* event sponsored by the American Jewish Council. The topic: anti-Semitism. A member of All Angels



purchased me three luncheon tickets. I invited the [REDACTED] Bishop-elect Doug Scharf and Susan Goldfarb, Executive Director of the Longboat Key Education Center. I attended the luncheon for primary reason that my life as Rector of All Angels intersects with people of the Jewish faith. What I learned at the luncheon shocked me.

Sarasota is experiencing a rise in anti-Semitism. The Proud Boys and the Goyim Defense League (GDL) are operating in and around Sarasota. In July, 2020, Temple Emanu-El and Temple Sinai were desecrated with symbols and messages of hate. It is believed the GDL are responsible for several flyer-drops that have occurred this summer. The content is not appropriate for printing; just know the flyers spread messages of hate and flat-out lies about the Jewish people. Nevertheless, be on the lookout for this phrase, 6MWE; it stands for "six million weren't enough". If you see it as graffiti, please call the non-emergency line for the police so it can be removed.

The speaker for the day, Holly Huffnagle, AJC Director of Combating Antisemitism, who is a self-identified Christian, told us, "What begins against the Jews does not end with the Jews." Anti-Semitism is a Christian concern and a concern for all Americans. She cited examples of recent shootings in America where the shooter himself had posted anti-Semitic language and images but decided to target others. Specifically, the shooter of the Tops Market in Buffalo had originally planned to target Jewish people but when he realized the targets were not concentrated enough in one area, he switched his plans to go after people of African descent. What begins with Jews does not end with the Jews. She told us it will not

take long before anti-Semites go after Christians who do not see the world in the same way they do. Likewise, they will go after Americans who uphold the principle of equality regardless of race, gender, sex, language, religion, or political opinion. And, if left unchecked, they will go after

people who are perceived to have more than them.

Lastly, there are two sectors of society that are promoting anti-Semitism – groups on the far right and groups on the far left. On college campuses, today, Jewish students are being denied admittance into certain social groups and activities because of their faith. Other students are being denied because they identify with religion of any kind which includes students who identify with the Christian and Islamic faith. What begins with exclusion often doesn't end with exclusion.

After the presentation, the twenty Christian pastors at the luncheon heard stories of anti-Semitism in our area – children being denied admittance in scouting groups and athletic teams, housing leases being denied (because their last name "sounded Jewish"), marking on cars, rocks through windows, and, of course, the numerous flyer-drops that have occurred in our area whose sole purpose is to have the material land in the hands of children to warp their sense of history and justice and to motivate them to join a hate group.

This is not a time of fear or to be afraid. Our presenter left us with what can be done to tamp down anti-Semitism. It should be noted that "tamp down" is used here because hate, especially against people of the Jewish Faith, has been around for a very long time. We, however, are responsible for tamping it down in our own time. Hate cannot combat hate. Instead, tamping down hate takes community collaboration and communication. The luncheon was a good start. So is reading this Reflection. So is it when you see graffiti and call to have it removed. The Psalmist declares, "Those who honor the Lord, their light shines in the darkness with mercy and compassion." (112:4)

Through community collaboration and communication, God's light will shine the darkness to tamp down hate with mercy and compassion.

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