



ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

October 28, 2021

SUNDAY SERVICES 8:00 and 10:00 am

This Sunday is All Saints Day.

During the service, we will remember those whom we love but see no longer in a special candle lighting vigil. For those watching on-line, it is suggested that you also light a candle during the vigil of remembrance.

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.

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If you are participating at home, you are invited to light a candle with us to create a sacred space of worship at home.

The bulletin can be found on the All Angels Website:

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or at the following link: *Bulletin for Sunday, October 31*

Bishop Smith has decided that masks once again should be worn by all individuals for all indoor gatherings.



Altar Flowers for Sunday, October 31

are given by Dave & Catharine Burke
in celebration of their many blessings.



Scripture Readings, October 31

All Saints Day

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

Psalm 24

Revelation 21:1-6a

John 11:32-44

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

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Last Sunday's Service

Organ Concert in the Park

10-28-21



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

Downs IV, Holden and Brian. Strengthen Debi for her upcoming surgery. Grant healing and recovery for Beverly, Adam and Bill. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially Jane, Downs III, Victoria, Andres, Alex, Colleen and Douglas. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Bob, Timothy and Barbara. Be near to all who are in hospice care especially John.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

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.

Choir Rehearsals, Hand Bell Rehearsals and Music in the Park

Please note the changes for Thursday morning Music rehearsals and Music in the Park, beginning December 2nd.

10 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11 a.m. Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal for Christmas Eve

12:30 Music in the Park

New members are needed in each choir.

Contact Dale for more information: 941 896 5541,

or dhooey@verizon.net. This schedule will change after the new year begins.

There will be no choir rehearsals or Music in the Park until December 2.

Art Gallery

New to YOU Art Sale 2022 Update:

We are now accepting art that is no longer being used for our BIG event in

February 2022. Please drop off your art to the church office starting

now. Accepting: Framed Art, Statues, Fiber, Clay, Pottery, Mixed Media.

Have a friend who has unwanted art? Please donate it to our sale.

Let's make this a Great Event!

Not sure if we will accept it? Call Linn at 941-383-8161

Our Artist for October is Pamela Olin.

Please stop by and enjoy the work of this talented artist. Checks should be written to All Angels by the Sea.

Artist Reception on Thursday, November 4th from 4 - 5:30pm



Discussion Groups

The car carriers are starting to arrive on Longboat Key. It is the yearly sign that folks are returning to the island. With the influx of people, we have joy and perhaps a little bit of fear - perhaps fear of strangers, known as xenophobia.

The article for this week discusses xenophobia and how it may be the root of many of humankind's worst sins. If we can somehow move past our natural fears of strangers and get to know one another, things might change on this planet.

As you would expect, the Bible might have something to say about this - in particular, to remember that we were once strangers/aliens, and, in the Letter to the Hebrews that when we welcome strangers we may be welcoming angels unawares.

I look forward to talking with you about this. Men's discussion on Tuesday at 10 am and the Women's discussion on Thursday at 10 am; both in person and on-line. I'll have the coffee ready.

<https://zoom.us/j/5955701807>

Of Fear and Strangers

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

Manatee Baptized

Word on the street is that All Angels has a priest who blesses animals. This is the third year in a row that yours truly has been featured on the front page of the LBK Observer blessing an animal.



At the Men's Group this past Tuesday, some of the participants decided to "improve" upon the pet blessing Observer headline – *Paws & Blessings, friends get their day, even if they chase lizards.*

Here are some of their suggestions:

A Father Seeking Advice From Man's Best Friend

It's Time to Greet & Sniff

Some Places Don't Welcome My Species, All Are Blessed Here

St. Francis of LBK!

And, my favorite:

Pastor Dave Explains Dogma to Leashed Congregation

Because I believe that we should bless, and be a blessing, to God's creation, it should be no surprise that I was caught by this actual headline in the Bradenton Patch – *Drowning Manatee Rescued from Manatee River.*

Here is the story:

Don Swartz, an employee of Freedom Boat Club, received a call about a manatee in distress. The club's manager, Elizabeth Baily and Swartz fired up a boat and sped off. When they reached the location, Swartz reported to the Florida Wildlife Commission that the animal was disoriented and didn't know which way was up. He received permission to intervene. Swartz jumped into the water but struggled to get the nostrils of confused baby manatee (which outweighs him twice over) above the waterline. The FWC instructed him to hold the manatee like a baby and dunk her face in the water. When the dunking started to calm the creature, the FWC representative explained that when these large mammals submerge their head, it instinctually tells them when to breathe and when not to. After about twenty minutes of submerging and raising her head, the manatee finally came around. 25 minutes later, the FWC crew arrived and transported her to SeaWorld for recovery.

Red Tide, which has increased in our inland coastal waters over the past month, coats seagrass. When manatees eat coated grass, red tide neurotoxins enter their bloodstream which can cause disorientation. If Swartz and Baily had not arrived when they did, this animal most likely would have drowned.

I think St. Francis of Assisi would have been proud of their actions. Although we are not called to baptize God's creatures, we are called to assist – to bless and be a blessing – in any way we can. Dogma or not, it is good to be known as the animal-blessing priest. Better yet, it is comforting to know that there are many stewards in our area who are a blessing to God's creatures.

-Rev. Dave

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