



Emmanuel Newsletter
Sunday, November 1, 2020 Newsletter for All Saints Day

Dear Friends,

Two things are very unusual this year on All Saints Day. First, All Saints Day is always November 1st; this year, however, it falls on Sunday- a rare occasion. The second remarkable circumstance is that our nation and the world have suffered the loss of hundreds of thousands to a new unique virus called COVID19. This year we have many saints to celebrate, some near to us and some worlds apart from us.

All Saints' is the day in our church year in which we celebrate those who have died. This season is saturated with stories of brave people who have lived lives showing us ways that God's grace has intersected earthly lives. If we have eyes to see – many times we see God's grace in and through deceased loved ones whom we have known.

My favorite hymn for All Saints is Hymn #293, "I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true...and one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green..." The words to this hymn remind us that we all can (and many do) become saints of God in our ordinary lives.

The saints of God are those for whom God's love has seeped into the cracks and crevices of the human condition. Let us take these stories as our inspiration and encouragement for the tough task of living this side of heaven.

This week our online service will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 31st at 3 p.m.** It is Halloween and so we are doing the Zoom meeting with Dialogue Sermon earlier than usual. You are invited to **bring pictures of loved ones who have died.** You are invited to share a story, during the Dialogue Sermon, of how you have seen God's grace through a loved one.

God Bless you,
 The Rev. Joyce Caggiano



NOTE: LIVE ZOOM SERVICE IS AT 3:00 PM this Saturday, October 31, 2020 ONLY.

Zoom Service Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/92956258796?pwd=cUtQaEx4ZDQxSDVJVm5uU0RvQkFFdz09>

Meeting ID: 929 5625 8796

Passcode: 506127

After 7:00 pm on Saturday, view the TAPED service anytime via our YouTube site:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEQm5KH2wGB_XbZ8h9jldhA

Have a comment? Email us at: info@emmanuelwr.org

UPDATE ON FOOD PANTRY DRIVE



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News from the National Cathedral Services, Washington, D.C.

National Cathedral has some online live programming coming up that may be of interest to you:

- **Sunday, November 1, 4 pm**

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry leads a service of prayer to shine as a beacon of hope for the nation amidst a pandemic, racial reckoning, and a hard-fought election.

- **All Souls Service Monday, November 2, 6 pm**

During this service, the Cathedral commemorates all faithful departed and invites all to submit the names of departed loved ones to include in prayers during the month of November (names will not be read at this service).

- **Election Day Vigil: Online & On-site Tuesday, November 3, 7 am–9 pm.**

As America votes in a contentious election, the Cathedral will host a 14-hour vigil of prayer and reflection.

Throughout the day, clergy lead continuous prayers.

Go to <https://cathedral.org/> for more information.

Part-Time Work Available with Seniors Helping Seniors

Check out the separate flyer sent with the newsletter regarding part-time work available helping seniors.

Donations continue to come in for Rose's Bounty Food Pantry and our goal of reaching \$500. If you can, please contribute by sending a check, in any amount, made-out to Emmanuel Church and indicate that it is for the food pantry. Mail your check to the church at 21 Stratford Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Or just leave it in the church mailbox.

Thank you to those who have donated so far.

And thank you, Terri Halliday, for sending in fun Halloween photos:

