

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



Ordinary Time, Proper 17

September 2, 2018

Prayer List

Let us pray:

In thanksgiving for the members of our congregation: Bernie T., Melinda T., Rick V., and John W..

For support and protection for those who serve our country at home and abroad:

Mike B., Christopher W., Steven M., Sam G., Wes D., Michael P., and Thomas J. H.

For those in need of God's healing grace: Ralph D.; The Rev. Arnold T.; Bernie T.. *Our continuing prayers are offered for:* Ann B.; Mabel B.; Missy B.; Conor D.; George D.; Butch H.; Carol H.; Buddy L.; Rhonda M.; Jeanne R.; Tom S.; Rose S.; Roy S.; Frances S.; Luci W..

For those who have died: Mardalee Dickinson.

The Diocese of Washington cycle of prayer: Campus Ministries of Howard University, University of Maryland, George Washington University, Georgetown University, American University and St. Mary's College; National Association of Episcopal Schools; all students and teachers; all who labor, those who are unemployed, those who seek jobs, and all who must work for less than a living wage.

The Anglican Communion cycle of prayer: The Anglican Church of South America The Most Revd Gregory James Venables Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America & Bishop of Argentina

A prayer for Labor Day: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements

Don't forget to check out the calendar at www.OldDurham.org! Also, these announcements are now being posted on the church website. Go to the front page and look near the top for a button that says, "Bulletin Announcements."

Exciting news: The Bishop has assigned one of the about-to-be-ordained deacons to serve with us and with St. James,' Indian Head starting later this month. Susan F., who worshiped with us a couple of weeks ago, is set to be ordained September 22, and will start serving shortly after that. The two parishes are still working out the details of the placement and how we will share her time. In the meantime, please keep her in your prayers as she prepares for ordination.

Adult Forum is watching a video lecture series on church history from the Reformation to the present. Join us at 9:15am in the Parish Hall on Sundays.

Coffee After Church. Join us for coffee after church in the Parish Hall. At a recent Community Building Meeting, one of the things the group realized we could do to build community would be to offer an opportunity for low-key socialization after church. This is

not only a crucial piece of welcoming newcomers and visitors, but also an easy way to connect with one another in a casual setting (not to mention providing a little ‘pep’ for after-church meetings). So, we’re offering coffee, a snack, and conversation after church. Please join us!

Worship Committee meets after church today.

It’s time to start the ball rolling for the Annual Pledge Campaign. We need to assemble a team to work on the campaign: coming up with a theme, designing/printing the pledge cards and educational materials, preparing for a presentation/kick-off event, etc. Many hands make light work.

Oxon Hill Bike Club Indian Head 100 is tomorrow, September 3. For the third year running, Durham Church will serve as a mid-day pit stop for the Southern Maryland Century Bike Ride. Many hands make light work of the sandwich preparation and lunch service. Contact Millie H. with offers of help.

We will be celebrating the life of Mardalee Dickinson on Thursday, September 6. There will be a viewing at 10AM in the church. The funeral will follow at 11AM, and there will be a repast in the Parish Hall after that. All are welcome to attend. Please keep the Dickinson family in your prayers.

Jam Session September 7 at 7:00 pm in the church.

Prevention of abuse training: Saturday, September 8, 2018, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM at Ascension, Lexington Park: 21641 Great Mills Rd Lexington Park, MD 20653. Required to be trained: All paid staff, any volunteers working with children & youth, Eucharistic visitors, catechists, pastoral leaders, and worship leaders. Certificates are good for 3 years and may be renewed online. Sign up through edow.org. (Go to News&Events > Calendar.)

North Sea Gas Concert September 8 at 7:00 pm. Join us in the Parish Hall for the return of the world-famous Scottish band, North Sea Gas. Free and open to the public. Goodwill offering accepted. Cash only for merchandise.

Pastoral Care Team meeting September 9 at 12:00pm.

Daughters of the King and Men’s Group Meeting on September 10 at 6:30pm.

Ladies Mite Society meeting September 11.

Dinner and a movie: Join us on Sept. 12 at 5pm to share a meal and watch the 2013 Academy Awards Best Film of the Year, “Twelve Years a Slave” directed by Steve McQueen. The film is an adaptation of an 1853 memoir written by Solomon Northup, a free-born African-American violinist who was kidnapped in 1841 and sold into slavery for 12 years before being released. Community Building Group will provide lasagna; feel free to bring a side dish or salad. For more information, see Rick P.

Joe’s Place Food Pantry distributions are on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 4:30 to 6pm in the Parish Hall. The next distributions are September 13 and 27. Volunteers are always welcome to sort and distribute food to our neighbors.

Festival Follow-up: There will be a follow-up meeting to talk about how this year’s Festival went and what changes we might want to make for next year. The meeting will be on Monday, Sept 17 at 5:30PM in the Parish Hall. See Millie H. with questions.

Ordination to the Diaconate. Susan F. will be ordained along with several other deacons,

many of them from Southern Maryland, on September 22nd at 10am at Washington National Cathedral.

Meals and Hope: The Southern Maryland Food Bank set up their mobile soup kitchen in our parking lot and distributed 60 hot meals on August 29th. The organizer said that that was a good turn-out for a first-time location. To learn more about the program, see their web page at www.southernmarylandfoodbank.com

What is a deacon?

The Episcopal church recognizes four kinds of ministers--lay people, priests, deacons, and bishops. We are all ministers. There are job descriptions for all of us in the Book of Common Prayer. The Catechism at the back of the Book of Common Prayer summarizes those job descriptions (see pp. 855-56).

A bishop's special role is as a unifier and defender of the faith--someone with broad oversight of the church as a whole; they generally serve a diocese. A priest's special role is a pastor and teacher, and someone who offers the church's blessing; they generally serve a congregation. Lay people in the Episcopal Church have the biggest role of all, and it is worth quoting the Catechism's summary of it: Lay people are to "represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church."

A deacon's special role is as a wide-ranging servant of those in need, someone who represents the church in the community and brings the community's needs to the attention of the church. They also have specific roles in the liturgy, including proclaiming the Gospel, inviting us to confession, serving at the Communion table, and dismissing the congregation. At their ordinations deacons are told that they are, among other things, "to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world... [and] to assist the bishop and priests in public worship and in the ministration of God's Word and Sacraments."

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