

ALL SAINTS' BULLETIN
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Dear Friends,

I have asked Fr. Will to share with me in the letter from the clergy that is included in each month's Bulletin. I am delighted to have such a fine writer on our team.

Every blessing to all of you. See you in Church.

Paul+

Dear Friends,

On the calendar of the Roman Catholic Church, October 3 is the feast of one of my favorite saints, St. Therese of Lisieux, popularly known as "the Little Flower of Jesus."

Therese was born in 1873 in Alençon, France. A pious child, she became a Carmelite nun, taking the name "Therese of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face." What I like most about St. Therese is her approach to the spiritual life, which has come to be known as "the little way." According to Therese's writings, this "little way" was a simple way of being a Christian that is rooted in love for the Lord. It was an outgrowth of her conviction that she was a small person from a small town, she was lowborn and not especially well-educated, and great deeds were not an

option for her. That resonates with me, as it does with many people. Therese's insight is that just because a person is small and of little account on the world's stage, that does not mean that such a person cannot be a truly great disciple of Jesus. In the gospels, the Lord exhibits a preference for what is small and of little account in the eyes of the world. In fact, such people may be in a better position to participate in the transformation of the world that Jesus inaugurates and accomplishes. The "little way" of St. Therese was a way of practicing the faith that is rooted in such convictions, an outgrowth of the teaching of the gospel.

Therese wrote: "Love proves itself by deeds, so how am I to show my love? Great deeds are forbidden me. The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers and these flowers are every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least actions for love."

Recognizing the great wisdom hiding under the veil of her simplicity, the Mother Superior of Therese's convent ordered Therese to write an autobiography, which Therese dutifully did. The work, "The Story of a Soul," has become one of the most popular books of spirituality of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Therese contracted tuberculosis and after spending about a year in the infirmary, she died at the age of 24. Shortly before her death, Therese told her sisters "I have reached the point of not being able to suffer any more, because all suffering is sweet to me." In 1997, Pope John Paul II declared Therese to be one of the 39 "Doctors of the Church." It strikes me as a gospel-shaped irony that this humble, unlearned peasant girl, with her "little way of love," has taken her place right alongside the Church's towering fathers and doctors, men like St. John Chrysostom, St. Augustine, and St. Thomas Aquinas.

During this season around the feast of St. Therese, I pray that we would all find our little ways of loving devotion: humble, maybe even anonymous ways of doing nothing less than saving the world in the power of Christ.

Pax,
Will +

EDUCATION

WELCOME BACK! All Saints has come alive again with the beginning of school, Children's Chapel, choir, and Wednesdays' Body and Soul.

Children's Chapel takes place during the 10:30 a.m. service as an option for parents and children who are not yet ready to experience the full liturgy together, though children are always welcome in "big" church. Children three years old through third grade begin in church with their parents, follow the children's shepherds and leaders out at the place marked in the bulletin, then rejoin their parents for the blessing.

Wednesdays' Body and Soul classes are separated into two groups: 1st-2nd grade and 3rd-5thgrade. Lessons are provided by Episcopal Church Curriculum. Two staff members supervise children younger than 5 by reading to them, helping them with arts and crafts, and playing with them on the playground. Middle and high school students have their own class. Many thanks to all our dedicated teachers, students, and parents!

There are lots of different volunteering opportunities for our Parish members to get to know our young people better. Even if

you do not have school age children, please consider becoming a part of our education program. Some ways you can volunteer: volunteer to teach, help with the flashlight tour of the church in the winter, write a note to a class saying you are praying for the children in the class, reading a Bible story to children, help with an art project, help with filling Easter eggs and hiding eggs.... The list goes on and on. Please call Libby 228-9242 or email me lbrackenallsaintschurch@gmail.com

EYC

We're up for our lunch team on Saturday, October 20 at St. Thomas. See you then!

Liz

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

The vestry is seeking nominations for three year terms beginning January 2019. If you are interested in serving or would like to nominate someone, please give their names to Fr. Paul, Julie Carico or Vann Middleton. Names must be submitted by October 21. The names that have been submitted will be reviewed by the vestry nominating committee and a slate will be presented for approval at the Annual Meeting on November 11. Sincerely, The Vestry

VESTRY

The October meeting will be held Sunday, October 21 at 8:30 a.m. in the parish hall.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

In September the All Saints' Book Club had a wonderful discussion led by Jack Coppedge. Despite the last word in the title: "The Incredible Life of Sam Hell", this book was declared a great read about one man's search for faith.

Our upcoming events should be equally interesting. We are happy to announce that Annie Jones, co-owner of the Bookshelf in Thomasville, said she would love to lead the discussion for October's book, "We Were The Lucky Ones" by Georgia Hunter. We will meet as usual in the social hall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, October 10th. at 11:50 am.

Since "We Were the Lucky Ones" is also the ONE BOOK selection for all of Thomasville, we think that it may attract more interested readers than usual. So spread the word and plan to come on time to get a good seat!

November selection: Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

December selection: Beautiful Bodies, The Adventures of Malvina Hoffman by Didi Hoffman

Maureen

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

October 7 HC 10:30AM

Reid Myers
Simms Ladson
Olivia Enright
Payton Middleton
Taylor Middleton

October 14 MP 10:30

Parker McCollum
Bridger Middleton
Ben Watts
Sam Watts

October 21 HC 10:30AM

Reid Myers
Ethan Myers
Harrison Jackson
Parker McCollum

October 28 MP 10:30AM

Jack Boltja
Taylor Middleton
Elise McPherson
Sam Bruhn

ADULT CHOIR: Welcome back!

Emily Funk, Patti Poppell, Elise, Julie and Doug McPherson, John Mirocha, Will Sheftall, Denny Lewin,

Hired: Mariah Miller, Maya Berrios, Joey Miller (name - tenor) (name-alto).

As you can see by our numbers, 11 members is not very many. For a choir to have enough sound and support, more voices are necessary.

We need a 3 more women and 2 more men to have SATB balance or even SAB balance. More parish singers are encouraged to join. Please come at 9AM on Oct 7 to join us.

Email Margit - margitchris25@juno.com

ST. DAVID'S CHOIR

We are low in numbers with the children's choir. St. Michael and All Angels service had 5 out of 10 singers. A group of 10 is considered small. When there are last minute illnesses and schedule conflicts for their appointed Sunday service, we are challenged as a choir. Five choristers of this age bracket is not considered a choir. Five singers (especially this young), need support. Thank goodness Elise McPherson was able to assist this time. IF you know of a child that might enjoy singing with our

choir please encourage them to join us. We need 6 more choristers to feel comfortable and supported.

Members: Robert Rollins, Palmer McCollum, William McCullom, Will Bracken, Bryce Rieck, Caroline Cobb, Sophia Phipps, Kenji Sun, Cami Sun, Elle McCollum

Children do not necessarily need to be parish members to participate in the choir. ALL ARE WELCOME! Please pass this on to your friends that do not offer a children's choir at their church.

Help us create memories. I grew up singing in the Chicago Children's Choir. The memories will last a life time.

Piano, voice and organ lessons are still being offered. Please contact Margit for more information.

Respectfully,

Your Treble Maker - Margit Miller - Organist and Choir Master
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ECW NEWS

Hello ECW!

Please join us for our first fall event at Blue Bear Farm – the home of Dawna Bicknell Tanner and her husband, Mike. We will gather at their home on Thursday, October 25 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Among the Five Marks of Mission adopted in 1871 by the Episcopal Church's General Convention in organizing the Woman's Auxiliary Society, point 5 hit home for Dawna. It reads:

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Dawna has agreed to briefly introduce us to their motivations for developing a small family farm. She'll describe their commitment to raising nutrient dense grass-fed beef in a way that allows for the humane treatment of animals, respect for the land, and working in a way that benefits the ecosystem.

Their farm is located between Beachton and Cairo, off Highway 93, approximately 22 miles from the church. Carpooling is suggested given the distance and maps will be available before the event. Dress casually and if you want to tromp around outside, be sure to bring your boots or wear suitable shoes.

We hope you will join us to plant seeds of friendship for the new year, rejuvenate our spirits and find a common path toward fulfilling the various missions of ECW.

Cynthia

USHER SCHEDULE

October 7 Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Preacher: Fr. Brown
Raleigh Rollins
Mike Shea

October 14 Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.
The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
Preacher: Fr. Hancock
Will Sheftall
James Tyson

October 21 Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.
The Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost
Preacher: Fr. Brown
Ben Waddill
Carlton White

October 28 Morning Prayer 10:30 a.m.
The Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost
Preacher: Fr. Hancock
Charlie Whitney
Robert Balfour

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4
AT OSCEOLA**

INVITATION TO FOLLOW

TRANSITIONS:

Happy Birthday in the month of October to:

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| Abigail Middleton | 10-11-02 |
| Gabriel Buckley | 10-21-98 |
| Elise McPherson | 10-31-03 |

Happy birthday in November to:

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| Tyler Chubb | 11-5-97 |
| Harrison Jackson | 11-7-04 |
| Reid Myers | 11-9-00 |
| Wilson Young | 11-14-05 |
| Camille Cook | 11-19-01 |
| Ethan Myers | 11-20-02 |
| Hardy Davis | 11-26-02 |
| Bridger Middleton | 11-26-00 |
| Francis Elizabeth Wetzel | 11-27-13 |
| Addison Faith Kelley | 11-29-02 |
| Kinsey Grace Kelley | 11-29-02 |
| Carsyn Trace Kelley | 11-29-02 |
| Georgia Syfan Real Rieck | 11-29-10 |

FOR THE PARISH REGISTER

Requiescat in Pace:

Peggy Fore Singletary

departed this life on September 6, 2018.

*May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

George Henry Jaspert, III

departed this life on September 28, 2018.

*May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed
Through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen*

**Invitation to Thomasville Congregations to Attend Screening
of “Being Mortal”**

To: Community Church Families

From: Archbold Medical Center & Covey Film Festival

Date: September 17, 2018

RE: Invitation to screening of “Being Mortal”

On Thursday, October 11th Archbold Medical Center and the Covey Film Festival will host a special screening of “Being Mortal”. This film is a notable, award-winning documentary about end-of-life issues from the non-fiction book by Dr. Atul Gawande renowned surgeon and faculty member at Harvard Medical School.

The screening will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Williams Auditorium at the main hospital. Following the screening a panel composed of local physicians, nurses and other experts on end-of-life issues will be available to answer audience questions about:

- Palliative Care options
- Hospice Care options
- Advanced Directives
- Making end-of-life decisions
- Decision-making for family members
- Faith beliefs and end-of-life decisions

This screening is a special offering of both Covey Film Festival and the Archbold Medical Center.

We welcome members of your congregation. We would very much appreciate it if this announcement could be put in your church bulletin, become a part of your email communication with your congregation, announced in church gatherings, etc. If you have questions, please call either Vann Middleton at 229-228-2924 or Sharon Maxwell-Ferguson at 850-508-8842.

Feel free to copy this announcement as needed.

The screening is free to all community members.

| OCTOBER | | MARK YOUR CALENDAR | |
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| Wednesday | October 3 | | St. David Choir Rehearsal <i>Body & Soul</i> |
| Sunday | October 7 | | Covered Dish Lunch |
| Wednesday | October 10 | | Book Club St. David Choir Rehearsal |
| Wednesday | October 17 | | <i>Body & Soul - Oktoberfest</i> St. David Choir Rehearsal |
| Wednesday | October 24 | | St. David Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday | October 25 | | ECW @ Dawna Bicknell Tanner's |
| Wednesday | October 31 | | St. David Choir Rehearsal 5:00-5:30pm Family Eucharist and Blessing of the Costumes |
| NOVEMBER | | | |
| Sunday | November | 4 | All Saints' Sunday Parish Covered Dish |
| Wednesday | November | 7 | St. David Choir Rehearsal <i>Body & Soul</i> |
| Wednesday | November | 14 | Book Club St. David Choir Rehearsal |
| Sunday | November | 18 | Annual Meeting |
| Wednesday | November | 21 | No St. David Choir Rehearsal |
| Wednesday | November | 28 | St. David Choir Rehearsal |
| DECEMBER | | | |
| Sunday | December | 2 | Advent I – Parish Covered Dish |
| Wednesday | December | 5 | <i>Body & Soul</i> St. David Choir Rehearsal |
| Sunday | December | 9 | Advent II |
| Wednesday | December | 12 | Book Club St. David Choir Rehearsal |
| Sunday | December | 16 | Advent III |
| Wednesday | December | 19 | St. David Choir Rehearsal |
| Sunday | December | 23 | Lessons and Carols Pageant Rehearsal Greening of the Church No Evening Service |
| Monday | December | 24 | Christmas Eve Evensong/Pageant Midnight Mass |
| Tuesday | December | 25 | Christmas – Holy Communion No Evening Service |
| Wednesday | December | 26 | No St. David Choir Rehearsal |
| Sunday | December | 30 | Morning Prayer/No Evening Service |