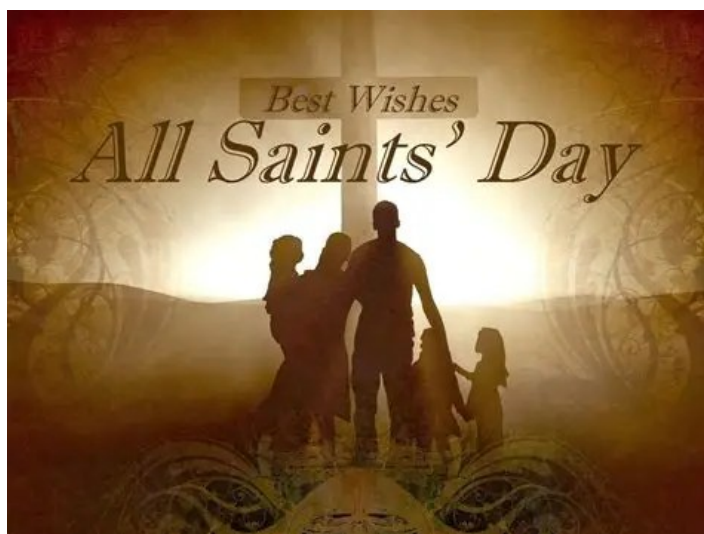




NOVEMBER 2025



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

*The mission of the Church of the Epiphany is to offer a home to all
those who are seeking God's unconditional love.*



From the Vicar

This year, we will be reviving a custom from several years ago, the Harvest Festival. Some in the congregation will remember this weeks-long event was based on the harvest festivals celebrated in England in the past. It was a celebration of successful harvest, when farm families would bring their excess vegetables and fruit to church, where the food was distributed to the needy.

I first learned about the history of the Harvest Festival earlier this fall, when I received a phone call from the Rev. Denson Freeman, who served as vicar at Epiphany several years ago. He asked me if we still held the annual Harvest Festival. I had to admit that not only did we not, I didn't even know that we ever had. Certainly not since I have been in Crestview.

In talking with some of the long-time members of Epiphany, I learned that the festival originated with the women of the church who were from England. As some of you know, at one time, Epiphany had almost a dozen English ladies in the congregation who brought many traditions from the "old country" to our Southern community.

In any event, Father De (as he was affectionately known while serving at Epiphany), explained he had carried the idea of a harvest festival with him when he served Episcopal churches in Colorado and currently at St. James in Fairhope. It was a successful event at both places, and he wanted to share it with me in case Epiphany no longer celebrated a harvest festival.

Father De sent us a package outlining the Harvest Festival at St. James. This year, the festival kicked off with an in-gathering of food (obviously from the store, as there are, few if, any farmers at St. James) during a "Church of England Mass for the Harvest Festival" on Sunday, September 28, with the theme "First Fruits, First Love."

The parish's annual stewardship campaign ties in with festival over the next few weekends, with an in-gathering of pledges from the St. James congregation planned for October 22. The point of the theme "First Fruits, First Love" is to observe the Christian message that we offer our best to God, not our leftovers.

I presented the idea of renewing the Harvest Festival at Epiphany to the vestry, which endorsed the idea. Our Harvest Festival will be a little different, because we are getting a later start. We will kick off our festival on November 9. We will also celebrate the "Church of England Mass for the Harvest Festival" at the end of the campaign on November 23, with both the in-gathering of food to be shared with those in need and the in-gathering of our pledges. This ties in with the American tradition of celebration of the harvest with Thanksgiving.

I hope all of you will join this celebration of the Harvest Festival and share your first fruits with those in need, as well as supporting the work of our church family in this community and beyond.

Peace be with you,

Father David+



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



Shop Local Artisans and enjoy all things Plants!!!

Caffeine & Chaos and Annabel's Donuts will be serving up everyone's favorite breakfast duo while you shop for your next plant baby.

Don't have a green thumb?
Don't worry!!!

We have amazing vendors that will be happy to guide you on your new found plant journey.



VETERANS DAY PARADE

NOVEMBER, 11TH
9:00 AM

HISTORIC
Downtown
CRESTVIEW, FL

Veterans Day Parade on Tuesday, *November 11.*

The parade follows Main Street and starts a *9am.*

The **Veterans Day Recognition Ceremony** will follow at *11am*
at the Memorial Wall on Main Street.

Please come out and support our Military Veterans!



FREE ADMISSION!!

Games, silent auction, petting zoo, hayride, eating contest, shopping, and more! Come join us for a day of fun, celebrating what God has done for Saving Grace Women's Home and the Project Hope recovery center.



UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS

Choral Evensong for All Souls' Day



Nov 02, 2025, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Christ Church Parish, 18 W Wright St, Pensacola, FL



St. Paul's Episcopal Chapel, 14755 Oak St, Magnolia Springs, AL

A Christmas market featuring local art, crafts, and products, with free admission, festive seasonal beverages, and snacks. St. Paul's presents an afternoon of shopping and fellowship to make the season bright.



Property Report for October

The following are the projects that we have been working on; some have been completed, some are still in work, as well as some new projects requiring attention.

Completed

- ◆ Several burned out light bulbs were replaced in the hanging lights in the church nave.
- ◆ Inspected, cleaned up and organized the church's garden hoses.
- ◆ Replace inoperative light fixture in the garage shed with a new fixture.
- ◆ Plants at the entry of the church and under the sign are now being watered twice a week.
- ◆ The church's riding lawn mower completely repaired and operational.
- ◆ Reorganized material in the small shed.

In Work

- ◆ The handrails on the handicap ramp and front steps still need to be replaced with sturdier handrails.
- ◆ The new doors on St. Joseph Hall and the Garage Shed will be painted will be painted soon as the weather is now cooperating.
- ◆ The additional handicap pad is still being researched and bids requested to determine the cost and acquire the funding needed to complete it.
- ◆ The kneelers in the choir pews need repair.

New Projects

- ◆ Three church pews need the seats reupholstered.
- ◆ We are researching to build a chain link fence on north west side of the property.

If you would like to assist on a project, or know of something else that needs attention, please let me know.

- *Maurice Phillips, Junior Warden*

The Blessing of the Animals

October 19 at 2 pm Epiphany held its blessing of the animals. We do this every year on a Sunday following the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. St. Francis is associated with patronage of animals and the environment. It became customary for churches to hold ceremonies blessing animals on his feast day of 4 October, which became World Animal Day.

The service was well attended by 22 people, 8 dogs, 2 cats, plus 3 more cats blessed by photo. Even though the morning was rainy the weather cleared and the ground was dry with a gentle breeze blowing, so the service was held outside under the trees.



Thanks to Monica Black and Kat Ivanov for the Photos!

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



November 2 — The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Potluck Lunch

November 9 — The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Vestry Meeting

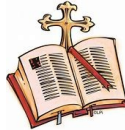
November 16 — The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Healing Service

November 23 — The Last Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

November 30 — The First Sunday of Advent
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Healing Sounds, St Joseph Hall

December 7 — The Second Sunday of Advent
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Potluck Lunch

LECTOR SCHEDULE



November 2 — The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading -
2nd Reading - Tracy Kueczynski

November 9 — The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading -
2nd Reading -

November 16 — The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading -
2nd Reading - Michele Dennis

November 23 — The Last Sunday after Pentecost
1st Reading - Cathy Clothier
2nd Reading -

November 30 — The First Sunday of Advent
1st Reading -
2nd Reading -

ALL SAINTS' DAY

On November 1, we remember and honor all the saints, known and unknown, who have gone before us and are in heaven with God. We recognize our shared unity with them, the Church Triumphant.

What does 'All Saints Day' Mean

One of the most moving commemorations on the Church Calendar is the Feast of All Saints. We will celebrate All Saints this year on Sunday, November 2 (although the official date for this feast is November 1).

According to the Episcopal Church's *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*, which is a supplement to the *Book of Common Prayer*, All Saints came into being out of a need for Christian people "... to express the intercommunion of the living and the dead in the Body of Christ." In other words, All Saints is a reminder that through Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus, we who are alive in this life are still connected with, in communion with, our loved ones who have died and are now in the direct presence of God.

Since the living and the dead are still connected in Christ, the liturgy on that day will include a necrology, special prayers for those in our community who have died in the previous year. These prayers are rooted in the Church's observance of All Faithful Departed.

Because of what All Saints means, it is a Principal Feast of the Church. It is also one of the four observances on the Church Calendar when Holy Baptism is especially appropriate (along with the Baptism of our Lord, the Easter Vigil, and Pentecost).

<http://stjohns-saginaw.org/what-does-all-saints-day-mean-to-us/>

Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day is celebrated in the United States on the fourth Thursday in Nov. This custom is based on the celebration of three days of prayer and feasting by the Plymouth, Massachusetts, colonists in 1621. There was also a Thanksgiving celebration with prayer by members of the Berkeley plantation, near what is now Charles City, Virginia, in 1619. The first national Thanksgiving Day was celebrated in 1789. Under President Abraham Lincoln, Thanksgiving Day came to be celebrated annually on the last Thursday of Nov. However, Thanksgiving Day was celebrated on the third Thursday of Nov. in the three years 1939-1941 under President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The Thanksgiving Day commemoration was moved back to the fourth Thursday in Nov. by Congress in 1941.

Thanksgiving Day is a major holy day and a national day listed in the Book of Common Prayer calendar of the church year (pp. 16-17, 33). The Proposed Prayer Book of 1786 included "A Form of Prayer and Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the Fruits of the Earth, and all the other Blessings of his merciful Providence." The first American Prayer Book (1789) replaced the four national days of the 1662 English book with propers for Thanksgiving Day. The collect for Thanksgiving Day gives thanks to God the Father for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. It asks that we may be faithful stewards of God's great bounty, providing for our own necessities and the relief of all who are in need (BCP, p. 246).

www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/thanksgiving-day/

EPIPHANY's

BIRTHDAYS

and

ANNIVERSARIES



Sam Sewell Nov 1st
David Bryant Nov 2nd
Michael Mazzerat Nov 5th
Linn Lukert Nov 9th
Elizabeth Gilliam Nov 9th
Douglas McCartney Nov 11th
Wayne Ansley Nov 13th
Gideon Warren Nov 18th
Annie Mae Warren Nov 29th
Sarah Kent Nov 30th

Dennis and Patricia Jackson Nov 4th
Jay and Flo Procino Nov 4th
Sheila and Clyde Fahie Bryant Nov 25th



EPIPHANY'S FAVORITE RECIPES

Crock Mock Lasagna

by Ginny Bauer

Ingredients:

1 12oz pkg lasagna noodles, broken in pieces OR shells or other pasta

1 lb. Ground Beef

½ lb. Italian Sausage

1 Onion, chopped

1 Garlic Clove, minced

12 oz Mozzarella Cheese, grated

1 12oz carton Cottage Cheese

2 6oz cans Tomato Paste

½ cup Water

1 tbsp dried Basil or Italian Seasoning

Salt and Pepper to your taste

Directions:

1. Brown meat and drain.
2. Add the onion and garlic to the meat.
3. Place the mixture in a greased crockpot Place in greased crockpot.
4. Add remaining ingredients, and mixing well.
5. Cook on Low for 7-8 hours, or on for Hi 3-5 hours.



Please remember in your prayers:

Addice Thomas, Addison Hendrix, Adley Hipwell, Amelia Gorman,
Amy & Anthony Lehatto, Barbara Murrell, Barbara Procino,
Betty Schwartzkopf, Bill Jones, Brenda Faulkner, Buni O'Brien,
Carol McCartney, Charlotte Green, Debbie Evans, Dennis Jackson,
Donna Andrews, Eddie Stevens, Florie Angelini, Herselie Hendrix,
Janice Tyler, Jeannine Quilliams, Jeff Evans, Judy Tinsley,
Karen Traggorth, Karrie Schwartzkopf, Kelly Cutter, Lester Taylor,
Lynn Smith, Mary Meehan, Maureen Marcotte, Michael Mazzerat,
Michele Dennis, Mitzi Purvis, Nancy Delierre, Nikole Webb,
Phyllis Alles, Rocky Robinson, Sebert Samples, Sharon Lundy,
Susan Cole, Sybil King, Terry Algood, Ward Hendrix
and Yisrael Goldman.

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