

Update from All Saints'

Email to the Parish from The Venerable Christopher Dunn

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These are certainly strange days. I suspect that many of us were quite taken aback by the events that happened yesterday in Washington DC. I hope that we are all praying for our friends, family and neighbours who live to the south of us as they move through these trying times.

I have posted Julie's **Church School Video** on our Facebook page. This Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord and Julie spends some time talking about our baptisms and about remembering to offer thanks. The craft this week is the creation of paper doves. Let us all remember the things that we are thankful for and pray for the guidance of God's Spirit through these challenging days. So the video can be seen at this link:

www.facebook.com/allsaintswestboro/videos/222571969448654

Our prayer for today is the prayer from the American Prayer Book that the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Michael Curry, asked that all Americans and their friends pray:

"Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen."

Peace be with each of you this day and as we move forward,

Chris