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**Schedule Change**

I do not think this rises to the level of importance that this column normally has, but this may be the most effective way to get the news out.

Starting November 5th, I will be moving my day off to Monday instead of Friday. The is due to the schedule for Diocesan meetings.

If, however, there are any pastoral emergencies please use the number below to reach me on those days I am not in the office.

In Christ,

Dave Halt, Rector  
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## The Good News

October 19, 2018



**Christian Formation**  
continues this week... We meet for Eucharist at 5:30 with study to follow. Our topic for the fall is "Paul's Greatest Hits". We will follow a seminar format that includes a study guide published before each session.

This week we look at Romans 2.

### Diocesan Synod

Meets today and tomorrow. Many thanks to our lay delegates who make commitment to represent our Eucharistic Community in the Diocese: Ji Cooper, Rose Adams, and Gary Ploense.

Please see one of them if you have questions about Synod.

### Theology Uncorked Date Change in October

Will meet at 6PM on 21 October.

### Bishop's Homecoming

Bishop Daniel and Brenda will be making their annual homecoming visit 10/28 at both services. Please make yourself known to them and make them welcome at St. Matthew's.

### All Saints and All Souls

Holy Eucharist for All Saints will be celebrated at noon on 11/1.

A Requiem and Holy Eucharist for All Souls will be celebrated at noon on 11/2. If you have names you wish to be remembered at All Souls, please let the office know by 10/31.

the times listed by 10:00 AM.

## Men's Breakfast

Meets Saturday, October 21, at 8AM. All men of the parish are invited.

## Habitat Workday

We have been asked to provide volunteers to work on the Habitat Home in Kia and Georgia on Saturday 27 October. Work begins at 8AM and ends at Noon. Please let Fr. Dave know if you are able to work that day.

## Children's Formation

We offer Sunday School following our second service. Immediately after receiving Communion, the children will proceed to their classroom for a minute session. Keep in mind, this isn't your mother's Sunday School! Our curriculum will help the children explore the Mass readings more deeply and we will play together and pray together, too. In time, the older children will be able to coordinate their own prayer services-developing the habit of prayer along with meditation and a lot of fun.

## Outreach Opportunities

### Fall Book/DVD/Bake Sale

The Outreach Committee's fall Book/DVD/Bake Sale will be Saturday, October 27, 8 AM to 1 PM. Please bring donations of books, DVDs, VHS and other recordings to the parish hall near the bookshelves or backdoor under the coat-rack. Jigsaw puzzles are also welcome. If you need help getting your donations to church, please call Debbie Leighton at 662-7478. Bake sale items will be accepted Thursday, October 25 through Saturday, October 27.

### The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

## Worship Serving Schedule

21-October

7:30

Greeter: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte: Liam Halt

Crucifer: Sarah Halt

Thurifer: Brad Bauman

Lector: Martha Carroll

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

Monday Counter: Roy Laws  
Coffee Hour: Susan Long & Shelley Carter

28-October

7:30

Greeter: Ray Durham  
Lector: Liz Gordon  
E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Shelley Carter  
Crucifer: Brad Bauman  
Lector: Robin Levine  
E.M.: Emily Lavikoff  
Monday Counter: Gary Ploense  
Coffee Hour: Karyn Smith & Robin Levine

### **St. Matthew's Schedule beginning October 21st**

*Coffee hour follows 10:00 worship in the Parish Hall*

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I

10:00 a.m.-Rite II (& Children's Sunday School at  
HE)

11:00 a.m.-Guild of the Holy Rosary

1:00 p.m.-Green Scouts

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

6:30 p.m.-Theology Uncorked

Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-Holy Eucharist followed by Adult  
Formation

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Holy Eucharist and breakfast

Friday -7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m.-Book Sale set-up

Saturday-8:00 a.m.-Book/DVD/Bake sale

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.

*If you have anything you would like added to the schedule  
announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send  
an email reply to the newsletter, or call the office.*

### **Readings for October 21, 2018**

Hymns: #

Old Testament

Isaiah 53:4-12

Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions,

crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.  
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.  
They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.  
Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many  
righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.  
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Psalm 91:9-16

*Qui habitat*

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, \*  
and the Most High your habitation,  
10 There shall no evil happen to you, \*  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.  
11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, \*  
to keep you in all your ways.  
12 They shall bear you in their hands, \*  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.  
13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder: \*

you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; \*

I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; \* I am with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, \* and show him my salvation.

### The Epistle

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

### The Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Give us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to

with: They replied, we are able. Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared. When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries October 21 - 27**

*Anniversaries*

*Birthdays*

*Adrienne Ives*

*Chris Bennett*

### **Dedications for this week:**

### **Collect for Sunday, October 21st**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever Amen.

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