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All Saint and All Souls

Over the years these days have been conflated in the liturgical practice of The Episcopal Church, but they are distinct commemorations and worthy of their own celebrations.

All Saints' Day is the commemoration of all those who have received the blessing of full sanctity in this life, but may not be officially remembered in any Church Kalendar of observances. These would be holy women and men who lived lives of service and holiness, and whose passing may have been noticed locally; but escaped the attention of the Church at large. These would also be those who gave the ultimate witness to the faith through martyrdom, and whose names are now forgotten. All Saints' might appropriately be called the Commemoration of the Anonymous Saints.

All Souls' Day is the day of prayer for all the faithful departed. In other words, all those who are not recognized as saints, but who were united to Christ in Baptism. At the service on this day we remember all who have died, especially those of the last year, and any whose names are given to the clergy.

If you wish to have a particular person commemorated at the Mass on All Souls' Day please let me or Deacon Tim know. Since the celebration is held in the Chapel, all those whose names are recorded at the Columbarium will be remembered as well.

The Good News

October 26, 2018



Bishop's Homecoming

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

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 your 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.

Coffee of the Week

The results are in and we have two winners. We will be purchasing Breakfast Blend and Ethiopia Sidamo for future Coffee Hours. Thank you for all your opinions and support of this move to Direct Trade Coffee.

Christian Formation

is on hiatus this Wednesday due to Halloween.

Children's Formation

We offer Sunday School following our second service.

In Christ,

Dave Halt, Rector
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Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage
The Episcopal Diocese of
Springfield
Rector's Blog

Immediately after receiving Communion, the children will proceed to their classroom for a 50 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, but 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.

All Saints and All Soul's

Holy Eucharist for All Saints will be celebrated at **5:30 PM** 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.

Clergy Conference

The clergy of the Diocese will be in conference beginning 11/12 and returning the afternoon of 11/14.

Parish Thanksgiving

The Parish Thanksgiving Meal will be held on Sunday 11/18. Watch this space for more details.

New Email

Fr. Dave is closing out his GMail account. His new email is frhalt (at) protonmail.com.

The Daily Devotional Reading

is available by clicking of the link below:
[Good News Daily](#)

Worship Serving Schedule

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

4-November
7:30
Greeter: Doug & Dede Dyson
Lector: Kathryn Morris
E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00
Acolyte:
Crucifer:
Thurifer: Brad Bauman
Lector: Amy Halt
E.M.:
Monday Counter: Pam Laws
Coffee Hour: Sandy Kohlhase & Danielle Ward

St. Matthew's Schedule beginning October 28th

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 after HE)

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

1:00 p.m.-Green Scouts

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

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

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

Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer and breakfast

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

6:00 p.m.-Girl Scouts

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

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

Readings for October 28, 2018

Hymns: #

Old Testament

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,

"Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;

a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,

and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,

in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,

and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Psalm 126

In convertendo

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."

4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Epistle

Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were
prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds
his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

Consequently he is able for all time to save those who
approach God through him, since he always lives to make
intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy,
blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above
the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to

offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Birthdays & Anniversaries October 28 - November 3

Anniversaries

Birthdays

Mark Smith
Alley Roberson
Rex Schaeffer
Bob Kohlase

Dedications for this week:

Collect for Sunday, October 28th

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever Amen.

Contact Information

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