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This Week's Readings

## Rector's Ramblings

### 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 devotion, 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, except maybe by their own loved ones. So, 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 did not quite make it to sainthood, 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 27, 2017



### Parish Education

Parish study of the Book of Judges on Wednesday evenings - 6:00 p.m. We begin with a very light meal at 5:30 if interested.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children meets at 5:45 after the supper.

All are invited.

### Sunday, 29 October

Due to a schedule change, there will be no evening events this coming Sunday, 29 October. We apologize for any inconvenience this creates.

### All Saints and All Souls

The Feast of All Saints will be celebrated at 7AM on November 1st with Mass. Evensong for All Saints will be held at 5PM.

The Commemoration of All Souls will take place at 5:30 PM on November 2 in the chapel.

### Supporting Oakland School

The Student Council and School Promise Council of our neighborhood grade school, Oakland School is holding a 'Fun'draiser on November 3rd, 6-8 p.m. It is a team trivia contest called *Racing Into 1st*.

*Cost is \$15 per person and teams can be pre-arranged or formed at the event. Please see the poster on the main hallway bulletin board.*

In Christ,

Fr. Dave  
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## Ministry Links

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

### **Clergy Conference**

Fr. Halt and Deacon Leighton will be attending the mandatory Diocesan Clergy conference from mid-morning on 6 November through lunch on 8 November.

### **Breakfast Fellowships**

Women's Breakfast will meet at 8:30 AM on 11 November in the Parish Hall.

Men's Breakfast will meet at 8AM on 18 November in the Parish Hall.

There will be no Breakfast fellowships in December.

### **The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:

[Good News Daily](#)

### **Guild of the Holy Rosary**

Meets immediately after the 10:00 service on Sunday morning.

### **Serving Schedule**

29-October

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolyte: Christian Pitts

Lector: Amy Halt

E.M.: Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Pam Laws (trade)

Coffee Hour: Susan Long & SB Carter

5-November

7:30

Greeter: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Mark Gibson

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Acolyte:

Lector: Sandy Kohlhase

E.M.: Jack Pitts  
Monday Counter: SB Carter  
Coffee Hour: Chrissy & John Stoffer

### **Outreach Opportunities**

#### ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH

Why the big white box in the hallway across from the office? That's where we're asking you to place clean, gently used coats you no longer wear. We will deliver them to The Salvation Army's local headquarters for distribution to needy people this fall and winter. We'll also collect other gently used winter wear (gloves, hats, scarves). THANK YOU! The Outreach Committee

### **Parish Schedule for the week of October 29th**

*Coffee Hour follows 10:00 a.m. worship in the Parish hall*

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

Sunday-10:00 a.m.-Rite II '

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

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

Monday-5:30 p.m.-Brownies

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

Tuesday-10:00 a.m.-Quilters

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

Wednesday-5:30 p.m.-Light supper

Wednesday-6:00 p.m.- Adult formation & CGS

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

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

Office Hours: Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.- 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 & Music for October 29, 2017**

Hymns: #423, #517, #680

Old Testament

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of

your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Psalm 1

*Beatus vir qui non abiit*

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*

nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer,

asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet"?"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries from October 30 - November 4**

### *Anniversaries*

Valerie & Rex Schaeffer

### *Birthdays*

Alley Roberson

Rex Schaeffer

Bob Kohlhas

## **Collect for Sunday, October 29th**

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**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

