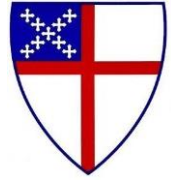


# Grace to You and Peace

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## Outreach for October

### Socktober!



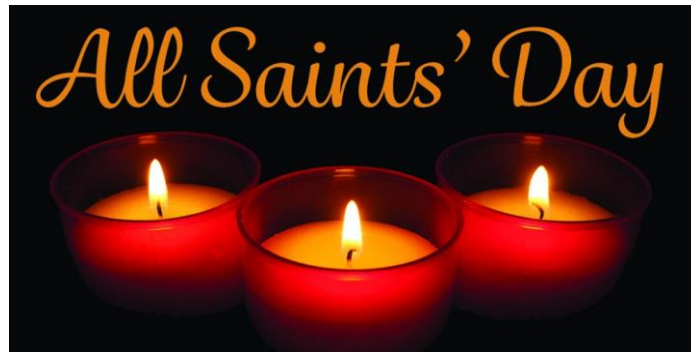
For the month of October, we will be collecting new, unopened packages of socks to be delivered to those who are unable to procure socks of their own. Please bring the socks to the church office and place them in the basket next to the portico

## *Reflection from Father Jason*

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I am tired, and I don't think I am alone in this. When I preach I usually try to stick to speaking about myself; this happened organically after the service one Sunday, when a parishioner was upset that I said we didn't do a good job caring for the poor. He listed all the various ways that he took care of poor people, and I apologized, and told him that from then on I would do my best to speak for myself. But I believe it's safe to say that we - that is, all of humanity in general - are tired. Our souls are tired, weary and wary. We are tired of violence, uncertainty, deceitfulness, tragedy, dissension and conflict. We are tired of controversy, which dominates nearly every source of news we have. The root meaning of controversy means to turn against, which is unfortunately appropriate for this day and age; it feels like we are continually turning against each other, looking for and picking fights where none should exist, while ignoring our basic call to love and help one another. This isn't a call unique to Christianity - it's one shared by every significant faith in the world. I feel that we collectively know that our souls are tired, but instead of looking for rest, we find ways to become even more busy. One of the telling things that happened during the pandemic was society's unwillingness to stay still for any length of time. It's as if the earth knew we needed to slow down - that we are sick, and we need our rest. But we are not good patients, nor do we have patience, and it wasn't long before we turned against each other over how to live with and during a world-wide pandemic. Sides were taken almost immediately - and if you were on one side, you were as good as dead to the other. And this is as much as I feel I can safely say about some of what's made our souls so weary. I don't know how to talk about the presidential election of 2020, the Black Lives Matter movement, immigration, gun violence, non-gun violence, the war in Ukraine or the significant uptick in natural disasters, without causing some kind of controversy. But I definitely think that all of those things have added to the stress on our souls.

What are we doing to refresh and renew our souls? What are we doing to renew our hope in the world? How are we renewing our faith? "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen," (Hebrews 11:1, ESV). In our Sunday school class on discernment, one of the primary things we discussed was sharing with God our true selves, with the faith that there is nothing we can do that would make God love us less. We believe that God knows everything about us, so it's not for God's benefit that we confess, but for ours. Doing the work we are called to do - loving one another - is exhausting, even when we are in great spiritual shape. But when we are tired and run down, it can seem impossible. We need to be able to tell God that we are tired - that we need help. We need to tell God what it is we hope for, and how we hope to achieve it. Until we can admit that our souls are tired, and take the time to rest them, the world will continue to wear us down. We are tired, weary, and worn; we have all been through a lot; even just standing on the sidelines has been exhausting. We need to admit this - pray on it, talk to God about it, tell God every bothering us, and ask Him to help and heal us. Be honest - say how you feel about the people you disagree with, unload everything to God, and when you finish, say the Lord's Prayer. It might take several days or weeks of doing this to find relief, but it will come. As we unburden our souls of worry, angst and anger, we will find room for grace, hope and love. We are tired, but there is hope for rest and renewal, and it starts by talking with God.



The All Saints Service is scheduled for **November 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel**. Father Jason will read the names of those who have died since November 2, 2021.

All Saints Sunday will be observed on **Sunday, November 6**.

Please submit names you wish to have read during the services to the church office by October 25.

## Children's Parade of Saints



Attention all kids!

We will have our annual Parade of Saints on Sunday, November 6th at the 10:30 service. Pick out a saint and join the parade! Need ideas?

Contact Pam Rhea: 662-386-2839 or [deaconrhea@gmail.com](mailto:deaconrhea@gmail.com)



Our Annual Fall Festival, held in partnership with First United Methodist Church and Annunciation Catholic Church, will take place on Sunday, October 30. Individually wrapped bags of candy are needed. More information to be announced.

**BLESSING OF THE COSTUMES** will be held during the 10:30 morning worship service, so be sure to wear your favorite costume to church!





New Study with Deacon Rhea  
October 12 – November 16

# THE BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE ENNEAGRAM

The Enneagram is a spiritual tool for personal growth and development in order to deepen our understandings of ourselves and our relationship to God and the world.

This class will introduce you to this fascinating and evolving concept as we explore the nine Enneagram types.

This is not one of those 'touchy-feely' kind of classes, but you will feel more in touch with our creator when it is over.

Come join us for this Wednesday night class and *bring a friend*.

If you want to know more about this class before it begins, please contact Pam Rhea. 662-386-2839 or [deaconrhea@gmail.com](mailto:deaconrhea@gmail.com)



OCTOBER 12 – NOVEMBER 16  
5:30PM



St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
318 College Street  
Columbus, MS 39701  
662-328-6673  
[stpaulscolumbus.dioms.org](http://stpaulscolumbus.dioms.org)

*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.*

*Psalm 139:14*

## From the Senior Warden

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The nominating committee is now accepting recommendations for four Vestry members for 2023 – 2026 and a recommendation for Senior Warden for 2023 – 2025. In addition, recommendations are requested for three delegates and an alternate for the 2024 Diocesan Council.

**Recommendations will be accepted until Noon on October 17, 2022.** To recommend someone, please place the name in a sealed envelope and turn in to Lori in the church office. Please indicate the person and the position for which you are recommending them.

The nominating committee is made up of the outgoing vestry members, outgoing Senior Warden, Stewardship co-chairs, and two at-large members appointed by the vestry. The committee will prepare a slate to be published in November. The committee considers upcoming needs of the parish as well as people who are faithful in service and attendance. As in the past, the congregation can, until late December, make additional nominations of people willing to serve. The final slate, with short biographical sketches about the nominees, will be published before the annual meeting.

**Marian Hazard**

## SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00 am — Eucharist

10:30 am — Eucharist

All services are recorded and may be found online at

<https://stpaulscolumbus.dioms.org/Sermons/sermons.html>

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## Parish News

### Deacon's Mass

The Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea will lead a service of Communion from the Reserved Sacrament, also known as a Deacon's Mass, on the second Sunday of each month at 5:30 pm in the chapel. This is meant to be a "come as you are" service in a relaxed atmosphere.

The next mass will be held on **October 16 at 5:30 pm. Please note the date change!**

### Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes needs 20 - 25 packages of Bear Creek Soup to serve one meal. There is an **urgent need** for **Vegetable Beef Soup** and **Minestrone Soup**. Your assistance is needed as we continue our mission to help feed those in need. To volunteer, contact Ann Sparkman at **662.328.2133**.

St. Paul's serving days **are October 10 and 12**. St. Paul's served **558** lunches during September.



### Stewardship Campaign Kickoff

The kickoff for our 2022-23 Stewardship Campaign will take place on **October 2**, which is Stewardship Sunday.

We will convene at 11:00 at MUW's Plymouth Bluff Center. Feel free to arrive early and explore the grounds! After the service of Holy Communion, we will have a parish lunch in the dining hall.

Please plan to join us for what promises to be a fun Sunday at Plymouth Bluff! If you have not already done so, please call the church office with your number attending.

### Wednesday Night Study

Join Deacon Pam Rhea for a new study: The Beginner's Guide to the Enneagram. **The class begins on October 12 and meets each Wednesday evening at 5:30 in the Earline Robertson Room thru November 16.**

### Men's Club

Our next gathering will be **November 16**. We are looking for volunteers to host the main course; group members will bring sides, drinks, and desserts. More information will follow in the November newsletter.

### Parish Breakfast

Thank you to Marian Hazard and her team for preparing and serving the September breakfast. The next Parish Breakfast will be held on **October 9** between the two services. Watch your service bulletin for more information.

### November Newsletter

The deadline for submissions for the November edition of the newsletter is **October 24, 2022**. Please email your information to [officeadmin@stpaulscolumbus.com](mailto:officeadmin@stpaulscolumbus.com)



## October Observances

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### *Birthdays*

- 1 Emilie White
- 3 Georgia Starr
- 4 Trey Atkins
- 5 Lee McCullough  
Lee Ann Starr
- 6 Elijah Hanes  
Tyler Sundman
- 8 Amber Brislin
- 10 Chance Laws
- 13 John Brady  
Melody Winton
- 14 Cora Mastley
- 16 Darlene Walrod
- 17 Linda Blakeney  
Sara Montgomery
- 18 Carmen Montgomery
- 19 Libby Atkins
- 23 George Hazard, Jr.
- 24 Bethea Smith
- 25 Nancy G. Smith
- 26 Francis Cox
- 27 Jo Harper
- 28 Don Bryant
- 29 Karen Benglen  
Mickey Brislin
- 30 Katharine McClanahan

### *Anniversaries*

- 6 Josh and Lindsay Clemons
- 7 James and Chase Hazard
- 12 Paul and Anna Bolton





## *Intercessions*

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Sherri Fairley and family	Rose Loftis	Frances Benton
Anna Myers Bolton	The Kemp Family	Vernon Gregory
Ann and Jesse Sparkman	Peggy Gentry	Steele Family
Katharine McClanahan	Richard Thomas	Teen Stallworth deRoode
Harriet and Cleatus Doyel	John David Hardy	John Simpson
Carmen and BJ Montgomery	Katherine Horton	Matt and Alice Parker
Donalyn Pieschel Cissell	Jacob Davis	Rusty Holleman
Walter Stubbe	Gale Holland	Patsy McDaniel
Dan Waldrop	Jan Ballard	Bruce Howell
Sue Monesmith	Beth Rice	Juanita Trimuel
Taylor Fields and family	Samantha Turner	Billy Buck Staggers
Eric Niebuhr	Paulette Frank	Wink Wright
Don Callaway	Linda Horn	Cathy Hatch
Billy and Linda Ross	Kevin Alexander	George Richards
Gina Swartz	Peter Huggins	Kim Sanders
Mark Clay	Linda G.	Nancy Smith
Carolyn Laster	Tammie Damron Dolan family	Mallory Caissie
Josh Bowman	Faye Tabor	Allison Whitaker
Rufus Ward	Betty Lou Jones	Dot Breland
Doug Phillips and family	Mollie Hamblin	Eddie Mauck
Jean Floore	Valerie Gonzolaes	Emily Hayden
Pat Jones Kinder	Dudley Davis	Eugene Blaine and Family
Axel Durr	Carole Knie	Jamie McCollum
Bobby	Kevin Hogan	Martha
Family of Colby Waldon	Sandra Mims	James and Ann Masinelli
Lynne Rosamond	Myra Rowzee	Jeana L. Whitacre
Chip Billups	Marquita Kirk and Yvonne Sanders	John Barron

9TH ANNUAL  
**LOAVES & FISHES**  
**FUNDRAISER**

"HELP US TO FEED THE NEEDY IN COLUMBUS"

ANNUNCIATION ACTIVITY CENTER, 823 COLLEGE STREET, COLUMBUS

5:00P.M. - 7:00P.M.

THURSDAY, OCT. 20, 2022

★★★ TICKETS ARE \$15 ★★★

MUST PURCHASE IN ADVANCE AT:

ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC CHURCH, ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, OR ANY BOARD MEMBER

TAKE OUT — OR — DELIVERY

DELIVERY IN COLUMBUS CITY LIMITS ONLY

ALL DELIVERY TIPS BENEFIT THE ANNUNCIATION CYO

**MENU:** PORK LOIN, POTATO SALAD,  
COLE SLAW, BAKED BEANS, CORNBREAD &  
DESSERT!



# October 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2 --- 8 a.m. 11:00 Stewardship Kickoff – Plymouth Bluff	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 --- 8 a.m. 9:00 Parish Breakfast 10:30 a.m.	10	11	12 5:30 Enneagram Study with Deacon Rhea	13	14	15
16 – 8 a.m. 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Deacon's Mass – Chapel – 5:30	17 Nominations due for Vestry/Sr Warden Clergy Conf.	18 Clergy Conference – Meridian	19 5:30 Enneagram Study with Deacon Rhea Clergy Conf.	20 5:00 – 6:00 Loaves and Fishes Fundraiser	21	22
23 – 8 a.m. 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.	24 VESTRY – 5:30	25 Names due for inclusion in All Saints service	26 5:30 Enneagram Study with Deacon Rhea	27	28	29
30 – 8 a.m. 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 – Blessing of the Costumes TBA - Fall Festival	31					

## NOTES

Looking ahead: All Saints Service November 1 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.



