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## Rector's Ramblings

He is Risen!

Repairs to the building are underway. The dust containment area has been installed, and we should start seeing some real progress in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you to Bob and Roger for all their work to get us to this point!

As the repairs are underway, I would like to re-run last week's column on the changes in "set-up" and "choreography" in the Sanctuary.

1. We will not be using the organ until the end of construction. The loft will be sealed to keep dust from entering the organ pipes and to repair the stairs. To this end we have moved the piano from the choir room to the west side of the Nave.

2. The choir will be sitting in the Sanctuary forming a true Chancel Choir. In order to accommodate the extra seating capacity needed, the pulpit has been removed (temporarily) and replaced with an additional small pew.

3. With the change in seating, the altar area has been arranged in a Basilica style seating arrangement. The Bishop's chair

## The Good News

April 22nd, 2016



### Morning Prayer - Standard Schedule

Morning Prayer is offered at 7AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and at 7:30 AM on Thursday. The fourth Thursday at 7:30 AM is Holy Eucharist.

### Bible Study

Continues this Wednesday at 6PM. We will be studying Paul's Letter to the Galatians and the Letter of James. It will be a compare and contrast study of Faith v. Works.

Please feel free to bring your dinner to the study.

### Seminarian Sermons

Mr. Matthew Dallman will deliver the homily this week (4/24) and Mr. Tim Leighton on 5/1.

### Call to a Wave of Prayer

Bishop Daniel has released a pastoral letter calling for a wave of prayer in the Diocese of Springfield. Here is a link if you would like to read it.

<http://www.episcopalspringfield.org/6015-2/>

Ascension to Pentecost prayer events in response to the Bishop's call to a wave of prayer for revival and renewal of the mission of the Diocese.

Ascension will be celebrated at 6:30 on May 5. Christ the King will host, the joint choir will sing, and Fr. Dave and Fr. Stormer will share leadership of the service.

Friday 5/6--Morning Prayer and Novena at 7AM.

and the two benches in the East Narthex have been placed behind the altar against the reredos. The Celebrant and Eucharistic Ministers will be seated on the benches. The Bishop's chair will remain empty, unless he is actually present with us. This is a visible reminder that we are simply a parish in the one Church called the Diocese of Springfield.

4. Crucifer and Torchbearers will sit on the Epistle (east) side of the Sanctuary. The Bookbearer and Thurifer (if scheduled) will sit next to the credence table on the Epistle side.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we make these changes during the reconstruction period.

Please let me know what you think of this new set-up.

Dave+

## Ministry Links

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

Saturday 5/7--Evening Prayer and Novena at 5PM.  
Sunday 5/8 --Standard service schedule with Novena prayed at 9:30. Evening Prayer at 5:00 PM.  
Monday 5/9--Morning Prayer and Novena at 7AM.  
Tuesday 5/10--Morning Prayer and Novena at 7AM. Eucharist at Noon.  
Wednesday 5/11--Moring Prayer and Novena at 7AM. Eucharist at 5:30PM.  
Thursday 5/12--Morning Prayer and Novena at 7:30AM.  
Friday 5/13--Morning Prayer and Novena at 7AM.  
Saturday 5/14--Ordination of David Wells to the Sacred Order of Priests (St. Paul's Cathedral) at 11AM. Vigil of Pentecost (with CTK) at St. Matthew's at 5:30PM. A wine and cheese fellowship hour will follow the vigil.  
Sunday 5/15--Pentecost. Standard schedule with Novena prayed at 9:30. Evening Prayer at 5:00PM.

Please plan on attending as many of these times of prayer as you can. If you are not able to be present, please set aside time to pray for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our Diocese and Parish.

Resource booklets with suggested prayers will be made available.

### **St. Michael's Conference**

The second annual St. Michael's Conference for youth 13-19 will be held from June 12-17th at Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL. Registration forms are available in the Church Office or from Fr. Dave.

Highlights of this years conference:

Mo. Beth Maynard will teach on the sacraments.

Fr. Dave will teach on Genesis 1-3.

Fr. Ian Wetmore will lead a conference on the Parables.

Fr. David Baumann will teach on practical prayer.

Also, afternoon trips for rock climbing, a Cardinals game, and a pool party.

Ask any Michaelite from last year to find out how exciting and transforming this conference is.

### **Local Mission Opportunities**

ITEMS FOR THE MONTH FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2016 - As we progress into the New Year please consider assisting those in our community who are seeking help to escape the abuse of domestic violence. Mid Central Community Action's (MCCA) emergency shelter, Neville House, provides safe harbor, assists and provides families in crisis situations with individual and group counseling for adults and children, and serves as a community resource providing awareness, advocacy, and education on the issue of domestic violence. Neville House has suggested some necessary supplies for the shelter and its residents: laundry and dish soap, paper products (paper towels and toilet paper), and cleaning supplies/products. In addition, personal hygiene items such as (bath soaps, lotions, shampoos, toothpaste and brushes) are always needed along with gift and gas cards. Please place supplies in the Outreach baskets in the narthex and the hallway beside the fireplace. We bless and thank each and every one of you.

The Outreach Committee will hold a Book, DVD, and Bake Sale on Saturday April 23, 8:00AM-12:00PM. Please bring your donations of Books, DVDs, CDs, LPs, and other recordings and place them near the Bookshelves. If you need help getting your donation to church, please call Debbie Leighton at Home (309)-662-7478 or at Work (309)-828-7600

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

Several of our members have formed a guild for the promotion and praying of the Rosary. The Guild has put together a devotional manual that they are eager to share with anyone who wishes. They meet at 5:30 PM each Wednesday to pray together, and invites all members of St. Matthew's to join them in prayer. Please join the Guild in prayer for our Church, our Parish, our clergy, and each other.

## **Parish Mission**

We have a small group who will be travelling to St. Vincent this summer (26 June-9 July) to work on repairs to a small church. We will be joined by six members of St. John's, Lancaster, Ohio.

Please pray for those who will give of their time, energy, and treasure to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Currently, we have \$4750 towards our goal of \$5000 for repairing the roof at St. John's, Owia. Please consider making a small donation to help our fellow Anglicans worship in a safe and secure building.

## **Good News Daily**

This Week's Good News Daily is [here](#).

## **Readings & Music for April 24th, 2016**

Hymns: #487, 304, 529

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord. how he had said. 'John

baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

#### Psalm 145:1-9

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness. REFRAIN
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness. REFRAIN
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works. REFRAIN

#### Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

#### John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another "

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## **Ministry Assignments for Holy Week April 24th-May 1st**

24-April

7:30

- Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson
- Lector: Bill Johns
- E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00am

- Lector: Dedee Champion
- Acolytes: Liam Halt, Jack & Nolan White
- Crucifer: Alex Davingman
- Thurifer/Boat: Sarah Halt & Georgia
- E.M.: Jack Pitts
- Monday Counter: Pam Laws
- Coffee Hour: Martha Lakin & Linda Stawic

10-May

7:30

- Greeters: Ray Durham
- Lector: Mona Johnstone
- Lector: E.M.: Diane Gardner

10:00

- Lector: Robin Levine
- Acolytes: TBD
- Crucifer: TBD
- Boat: TBD
- Thurifer: TBD
- E.M.: Bob Kohlhase
- Monday Counter: Pam Laws
- Coffee Hour: Sandy Kohlhase and Danielle Ward

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries April 22nd- May 8th**

### Anniversaries

Ade & Jane Ogunmokun

John & Chrissy Stoffer

Dave & Phyl Halt

### Birthdays

Gary Ploense

Susan Clark

Amy Halt

Kevin Roberts

Justin Palm  
Diane Gardener  
Barbara Williamson

**Collect for Sunday, April 24th**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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