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## Rector's Ramblings

He is Risen!

Returning to our exploration of the windows of St. Matthew's.

After the window featuring the Nativity, there continues scenes from the life of our Lord.

The next window is a representation of the Feast of the Presentation (February 2) forty days after the Nativity. This is also known as the Purification. In the text from the Gospel of Luke (2, 21-40) we hear of St. Simeon who had been promised by God that he would not see death until he had witnessed the Messiah.

His great song upon seeing the infant Jesus is still a key liturgical component as a canticle of Evening Prayer and Compline called the *Nunc Dimittis*.



Here it is St. Simeon receiving the infant Jesus from the arms of his mother. A turtledove is seen in the right background, which is the proper offering for purification.

Following on from this we have a representation of the twelve year old Jesus discoursing with the doctors of the law in the Temple

## The Good News

April 8th, 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.

### Breakfast Fellowships

**Women's Breakfast will meet Saturday at 8:30.**

**Men's Breakfast will meet on 4/16 at 8AM.**

### Pastoral Letter

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/>

Plans for our implementation of this plan will be announced in the near future.

### St. Michael's Conference

The second annual St. Michael's Conference for youth 13-19 will be held

(Luke 2:41-52). In this text we hear of his mother's agitation and the amazement of the elders.

Jesus responds to his mother's agitation, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"



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## Ministry Links

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

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 year's 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.

### 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.

### 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

**Good News Daily**

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

**Readings & Music for April 5th, 2016**

Hymns: #208, 204, 550

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." [The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

Psalm 33:1-11

1 Re - jice in the LORD, you / righteous;

\* it is good for the just / to sing praises.

2 Praise the LORD with the / harp;

\* play to him upon the / psaltery and lyre.

3 Sing for him a / new song;

\* sound a fanfare with all your skill up - / on the trumpet.

4 For the word of the LORD is / right,

\* and / all his works are sure

and / all his works are sure.

5 He loves righteousness and / justice;  
\* the loving-kindness of the LORD / fills the whole earth.  
6 By the word of the LORD were the / heavens made,  
\* by the breath of his mouth all the / heavenly hosts.  
7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a / water-skin  
\* and stores up the / depths of the sea.  
8 Let all the earth / fear the LORD;  
\* let all who dwell in the world / stand in awe of him.  
9 For he spoke, and it / came to pass;  
\* he commanded, / and it stood fast.  
10 The LORD brings the will of the nations to / naught;  
\* he thwarts the designs / of the peoples.  
11 But the LORD'S will stands fast for / ever,  
\* and the designs of his / heart from age to age.

#### Revelation 5:11-14

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,  
"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!"  
Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,  
"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"  
And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

#### John 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.  
Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.  
When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

### **Ministry Assignments for Holy Week April 10th-17th**

10-April

7:30 AM

- Greeters: Doug and Dede Dyson
- Lector: Martha Carroll
- E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00 AM

- Acolytes: Liam Halt, Jack and Nolan White
- Thurifer/ Boat: Bill Johns
- Crucifer: Christian Pitts
- Lector: TBD
- E.M.: Shelly Brenneman Carter
- Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis
- Coffee Hour: Lynne Baldwin and Kathryn Morris

17-April

7:30 AM

- Greeters: Ray Durham
- Lector: Ann Nadakavukaren
- E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00 AM

- Lector: Sandy Kohlhase
- Acolytes: Chris Bennett, Shelley Breneman Carter & Hally
- Crucifer: Christian Pitts
- Thurifer/Boat: Collin Bennett and Daniel
- E.M.: Robin Levine
- Monday Counter: Susan Clark
- Coffee Hour: The Baughans

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

### Birthdays

A.J. Holderby  
Barbara Allsup  
Lewis Garrison  
Cristan Embree  
Grace Leighton  
Sue Jones  
Morgan Kimmerling

### **Collect for Sunday, April 10th**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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