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What a busy couple of weeks!

The St. Michael's Conference was an awesome experience. In addition to great recreation experiences, the real work of theological formation was carried on in grand manner.

Our youth were treated to sessions from several great priests, and one from me.

We also participated in a full daily cycle of Eucharist and Office, with the youth taking on all the lay roles in serving at worship. I was impressed with how readily they volunteered and how excited they were to worship. They also have beautiful voices and took readily to "choir practice" and singing all the sung portions of the Eucharist and Offices, including the very challenging Healey Willan setting.

I am very proud of the young people we are raising and forming at St. Matthew's, and pray that they will continue to grow in their faith.

As you know we leave Saturday for the two-week mission in St. Vincent. Thank you for all your support of this project, and please pray for all who travel and work.

This Sunday, Fr. Geoffrey Scanlon will be our Supply Priest at both

The Good News

June 24th, 2016



Breakfast Fellowships

Men's Breakfast will be held on July 16th at 8:00AM.

Emergency Help

While Fr. Dave is away on the mission trip to St. Vincent, please contact Fr. Mark Evans, of Holy Trinity, Lincoln, IL. He can be reached through the Parish number: 217-732-7609.

St. Matthew's office will be open during regular morning hours (Monday through Friday, 8AM to Noon) for business and communications.

Construction Update

We are waiting for the custom door to be finished and installed. However, over the next couple of weeks you will see major renovation to the exterior stairs. While those are being replaced the main doors of the Nave will only serve as an emergency exit. This should only be for a couple of weeks, and we apologize for any inconvenience. We continue to be thankful that our Diocesan insurance plan is as good as it is!

Clergy Education Update

I had my first online tutorial today with Professor Christopher Veniamin. Professor Veniamin is an Oxford trained theologian whose thesis advisor was Metropolitan Kallistos (Timothy) Ware. I have long been an admirer of Metropolitan Ware's work since being introduced to it during my time at United Theological Seminary.

services. Please make him feel welcome.

On July 3, Tim Leigton will lead Morning Prayer with Homily.

While I should return the evening of July 9, there is always the possibility of travel issues. In the event that I miss a connection or weather interferes with travel, Robin Levine is prepared to lead Morning Prayer on July 10.

Many thanks to Fr. Scanlon, Tim, and Robin for their willingness to lead worship in my absence.

See you soon.

Have a safe and healthy summer.

Dave+

Ministry Links

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

introduced to it during my time at United Theological Seminary.

As a result of my tutorial, I was assigned two presentations to be made to the gathered students in August. The first of these will be on St. Ignatius of Antioch's theology of The Holy Trinity as seen in his epistles. The second is on The Holy Trinity in St. Basil the Great.

I will share this work after it has been presented.

I do expect to spend much of the remaining summer in study, reading and personal tutorials between now and the time of residency. Yet, though there is much work to be done, please do not hesitate to interrupt my study if you have any pastoral need.

Also, do expect the reading and work to influence homilies on a regular basis.

Thank you for all of your support in this endeavor, and for holding me accountable to this vocation.

Dave+

PS. I have already been asked by friends if this means that I am contemplating leaving The Episcopal Church for Eastern Orthodoxy. The answer to that question is an emphatic "NO". However, I am entirely intrigued with the question of how the Anglican "Fathers" were influenced by the Orthodox mind in their return to Patristics during the years preceding and following the Reformation.

A related question is "what will you do after?" My answer, "What I am doing now."

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.

Intercessory Prayer - Summer Schedule

Intercessory Prayer is offered at 8 p.m. on Monday, and on Thursday at 10 a.m. There is no Wednesday session scheduled for the summer.

Adult Study

Is on hiatus until July 13.

When we resume we will be moving through the New Testament into the Apostolic period. We will be reading together the Epistles of Paul to the Corinthians as well as those of St. Clement to the Corinthians. Copies of St. Clement's work will be passed out on the 13th.

Outreach Opportunities

Outreach Committee next meets on Sunday, July 31st, 8:30 a.m.

Our outreach committee has added another charity for the items of the month. It is The Society of St. Vincent de Paul. This organization was founded in Paris, France in 1833 by a student who saw the needs of the poor going unanswered. It has grown to be international and has been in Bloomington for over 50 years. Its mission is "to seek and find the forgotten, the suffering, or the deprived." St. Vincent has a food pantry, clothing pantry, a garden for fresh vegetables, and offers emergency financial assistance. It is maintained by volunteers. They serve an average of over 8,000 families with 25,000 members each year. They are very grateful for any items we could give them.

Items requested are canned food such as tuna fish, peanut butter, green beans, corn, and lima beans. Boxed goods such as instant oatmeal, rice, macaroni and cheese, cereals, and baby diapers are always in demand.

The Outreach Committee has also decided to collect funds for St. Vincent. These funds will be sent with those traveling this summer and will be used in case of any additional expenses are incurred in the reconstruction work at St. John's, Owia. A bowl has been placed in the aisle of the Nave for this effort. As you come forward to communion, please consider placing donations in the bowl. Cash, Checks, and coins from the couch cushions will be eagerly accepted.

Parish Schedule for the week of June 26 - July 2

Coffee Hour follows worship, in the Parish Hall

Sunday-8:30a.m. - Guild of the Holy Rosary

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

Monday-8:00 p.m.-Intercessory Prayer

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

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

Wednesday-5:30 p.m. - Guild of the Holy Rosary

Wednesday-6:00pm - No Bible study this week-resuming in mid July

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

Thursday-10:00 a.m.-Intercessory Prayer

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

Office Hours: Monday - Friday: Mornings, 8:00 a.m.- noon

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.

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 8:30AM each Sunday and 5:30 PM on 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.

Good News Daily

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

Readings & Music for June 26th, 2016

Hymns: #359, #460, #304, #518

Old Testament

1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21

The Lord said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Psalm 16

Conserva me, Domine

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O Lord, YOU are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the Lord always before me; *

because he is at my right hand I shall not fall

BECAUSE HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND I SHALL NOT FAIL.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Epistle

Galatians 5:1,13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.

For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Gospel

Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you,

Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Ministry Assignments for June 26th & July 3

26-June

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Julie Bennett

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolytes: Shelly Brenneman Carter, Jack & Nolan White

Crucifer: Alex Davingman

Lector: Dedee Champion

E.M.: Bob Kohlhasse

Monday Counter: Roy Laws

Coffer Hour: Susan & Jeffrey Clark

3-July - Morning Prayer

7:30

Greeters: Doug and Dede Dyson

Lector: Bill Johns

E.M.:

10:00

Acolytes:

Crucifer:

Lector: Robin Levine

E.M.:

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffer Hour: Leightons & Pitts

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE ERRORS LISTED
IN THE BULLETIN OF JUNE 26TH FOR JULY 3RD -
ACOLYTES AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS HAVE A
SERVING SUNDAY OFF DURING MORNING PRAYER

Birthdays & Anniversaries June 26th-July 2nd

Anniversaries

Shelley Brenneman Carter & Brad Brenneman

Birthdays

Christian Pitts

Sarah Pitts

Elizabeth Gordon

Matt Gromer

Phyllis Halt

Collect for Sunday, June 26th, 2016

O Almighty God, who hast built thy Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple acceptable unto thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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