

From: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church office@stmattsbldm.org
Subject: St. Matthew's Newsletter
Date: February 12, 2016 at 12:04 PM
To: roghollis@mac.com

PM

Having trouble viewing this email? [Click here](#)

Contents

This Week's Readings
Ministry Assignments
Birthdays and Anniversaries

Rector's Ramblings

Clarification: Last week, I opened with the following: The Doors! The Doors! In wisdom let us attend!--Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.

The Deacon's exhortation quoted above is not about the rock band responsible for "Riders on the Storm", but literally about closing the doors of the Church before the recitation of the Nicene Creed.

After several questions, I realized I failed to adequately explain that is not part of our liturgy, nor is it my expectation that we would close the doors at this point in our service. Actually, this is a part of the Eastern Orthodox liturgy and refers to the fact that those who had not been baptized are dismissed to catechetical lectures (Christian Formation) at that time. I apologize for any confusion.

Now for something completely different.

As I have been writing on the theological underpinnings of the architecture at St. Matthew's, I want to move towards our windows.

The windows themselves serve represent the transition between the Neo-Gothic and Modern in American ecclesiastical art. They are not "stained" glass. Rather all

The Good News

February 12, 2016



A Note on the Celebration of the Eucharist

During Lent we will be celebrating the Eucharist "Ad Orientem" or "east facing." This is not literally east, but liturgical east, meaning the direction one is facing when looking at the Altar from the Nave. This is among the options possible for a celebration of the Eucharist, and as is often the case in Lent, serves as an opportunity for Catechesis (Christian Formation/Education). In classic Christian theology the priest in celebrating serves as an icon of Jesus Christ our Great High Priest and the direction the priest celebrates communicates different meanings of that iconographic element.

Celebration in the position of "Versus Populum" or "towards the people" is our normative style, and while appearing inclusive actually derives from a theological position that the priest is, especially in the Eucharist, "in the person of Christ the head". Simply stated, this means that the priest, ritually becomes Jesus as the last supper as the host of the table.

Celebration in the position of "Ad Orientem", highlights another form of Christ's High Priestly ministry, that of intercessor as a fulfillment of the ancient type of the priesthood of Aaron. In this symbolism, the priest gathers (collects) the prayers of the faithful and offers them up to God. Traditionally, this also highlights the direction of communication flow. Outside of the invitation to communion, announcements (which were not included in the classic liturgies), and the request for permission to proceed (the salutation), whenever the priest is talking to God, the priest faces the Altar. Conversely, whenever the priest, or lector, speaks for God (lessons, Gospel, Homily) he/she will face the people.

Note, that the Church has used both forms of celebration in its history, and neither is "right" or "wrong". They just highlight different things. However, it is important to note that the Altar, and what takes place there, forms the focal point of the celebration in both.

I invite you to note the subtle differences as we celebrate in this manner during Lent, and to share your experience with it.

Dave+

the design, all the color, is a result of "painting" glass with metals and oxides then baking the glass so that the "painting" sets in the glass. For example, all the red that you see in the windows is actually composed of real gold, and all the yellow is composed of silver.

Between the combination of technique, subject matter, and the artistry itself, the windows are essentially irreplaceable and are unique to St. Matthew's. The current owner of Emil Frei (the company who produced and installed these windows), has told me that we could charge admission for lovers of ecclesiastical art to view these. In fact, when the accident occurred and the window was removed he stated that pictures of the windows were being displayed in an exhibit of ecclesiastical art at St. Louis Art Museum.

The artist, Rodney Winfield, is still a member of Emil Frei and has work throughout the country, including the Space Window at the National Cathedral.

Next week, I will begin to discuss the different subject matter of the windows in more detail, but ask that you prayerfully ponder them in three sets:

1. The Seven Sacraments
2. The Parables
3. Scenes and Stations of our Lord.

Dave+

PS I will be migrating my personal (and most often checked) email from gmail to frhalt@protonmail.com over the next month or so. The Church email for me (rector@stmattsblm.org) will continue to be "live".

Dave+

Flocknote

We are adding another tool to our communications box called Flocknote. This is a text/email messaging system to get important reminders and information out in a timely and user-friendly mode.

Please sign up for this tool in either of the following ways:

www.flocknote.com/StMattsBlm

or by texting STMEC to 84576 on your cell phone.

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

During Lent we will study the lives of the Apostles after Pentecost. Each evening will begin at 6PM with soup and salad and conclude no later than 730 with Compline.

Breakfast Fellowships

Women's Breakfast will meet tomorrow 2/13 at 8:30 in the Parish Hall. Men's Breakfast will meet on Saturday 2/20 at 8:00 in the Parish Hall.

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.

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.

Parish Mission Trip

If you are interested, please see Fr. Dave. The trip will leave the week of June 27 and return on July 8. The cost of the trip is \$1500 (inclusive)

Service Schedule for the week of February 14, 2016

Holy Eucharist (Rite I)
7:30 AM

Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
10:00 AM

Evensong 5:00 PM

Other Services:

Morning Prayer

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
and Friday 7:00 AM
and Thursday 7:30 AM

Rosary 5:30 PM Wednesdays.

Intercessory Prayer

Monday at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday
at 12:40 p.m., and Thursday at
10:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Ministry Links

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

(inclusive).

The goal of the trip is 1) to build relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ and 2) to rebuild a roof at St. John Church, Owia, St. Vincent.

No shots are required, but a passport is. All ages are welcome and you don't have to know how to swing a hammer.

Local Mission Opportunities

ITEMS OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2016-The old year goes and the new year comes, but the need never ends. The Salvation Army is always there to help; and we can all help this fine, historic organization feed, clothe, and shelter those in need by donating food for the Safe Harbor Shelter and the Army's food pantry. Please place supplies and imperishable foods in the Outreach baskets in the narthex and the hallway beside the fireplace. We bless and thank you!

Here are some suggestions from The Salvation Army: Ketchup--Mayo--Hot Sauce; Italian & Ranch Dressing; Butter, Sugar & Syrup; Coffee & Kool-Aid; Fruit Juice & Tomato Juice; Jell-O (not pudding); Cereal (hot or cold) & Grits; Canned Meats; Canned Fruits/Vegetables; Boxed Meals; Mac-N-Cheese; Cereal; Crackers.

Outreach Committee - next meets on Sunday, February 21, 8:30 a.m., in the Parish Hall

Good News Daily

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

Readings & Music for February 14, 2016

Hymns: #134 tune only, # 147

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and

of power, and with signs and wonders, and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalms 91: 9-15
Qui habitat

9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Luke 4:1-13

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"
Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,
'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"
Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from

temple, saying to him, "If you are the SON OF GOD, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Ministry Assignments for February 14 & 21

14-Feb

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Ann Nadakavukaren

E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

Lector: Dedee Champion

Acolytes: Shelley Brenneman Carter Alley & Devan Roberson

Crucifer: Brent Baughan

Shadow: Daniel

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Gary Ploense

Coffee Hour: Ingersoll Family

21-Feb

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: Mona Johnstone

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Lector: Robin Levine

Acolytes: Liam Halt, Jack & Nolan White

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Shadow: Georgia

E.M.: Shelley Brenneman Carter

Monday Counter: Pam Laws (Susan Clark)

Coffee Hour: Susan & Jeffrey Clark

Birthdays & Anniversaries February 12 - 28

Julaine Ingersoll

Abby Larson

Jarod Roberson

Marisa Owens

Kathy & James LeBreton

Kenneth Barling
Matthew Nadakavukaren
Ron Gordon
Lynn Gray
Carlos Levine
Elliott Genge
Robert Cooper
Tami & Bill Rolley

Collect for Sunday, February 14th

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations: and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Contact Information

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 1920 E. Oakland Avenue, Bloomington, IL 61701

[SafeUnsubscribe™ roghollis@mac.com](mailto:SafeUnsubscribe™_roghollis@mac.com)

[Forward this email](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by office@stmattsblm.org in collaboration with



Try it free today