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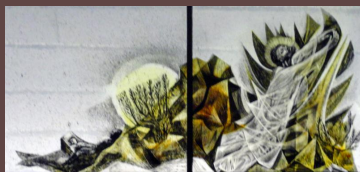
Rector's Ramblings

He is Risen!

We resume our circuit of the stained glass windows in the nave of St. Matthew's.

After the window portraying the Jesus in the temple at age twelve, the scenes move quickly to the Passion.

The first in this sequence is Jesus' Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-45; Luke 22: 29-46; Mark 14:32-42). If you look closely at the left panel, you can just make out one of the sleeping apostles.



Next is the Scourging of our Lord by the Roman soldiery (John 19.1).



Christ, a king with a Crown of Thorns, a cloak, and a reed staff is then mocked (Matthew 27:27-30; John 19:2-70). Notice the use of hand-held crosses to denote the end result of this mocking.

The Good News

April 29th, 2016



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.

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--Morning 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 are available in physical copies and in digital [here](#).



A smaller part of the window depicting the Crucifixion portrays Jesus as he is falling while carrying his cross (Matthew 27:32; Mk 15:21). Here we see that the soldier in charge of the execution has a foot on the upright as if to cause the stumbling.



Finally, the darkest image in the set is that of the Crucifixion. In the background is Christ crucified between the two thieves (Matthew 27:33-56; Mark 15:22-41; Luke 23:33-49; John 19:16-37). Superimposed upon the scene is a close-up of Jesus suffering on the cross reminiscent of the sentiment in the Third Collect for Mission at Morning Prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace...".



May these windows help increase our devotion to our Crucified and Risen Lord!

Dave+

Ministry Links

St. Matthew's Webpage
The Episcopal Diocese of
Springfield

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. Tim Leighton, Candidate for Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons will preach this Sunday, May 1st.

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 (202) 662-7472 or (202) 662-7600.

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 May 1st, 2016

Hymns: #487, 304, 529

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Psalms 67

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
2 Let your ways be known upon earth. *

your saving health among all nations.

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3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

REFRAIN

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

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Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

John 5:1-9

After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a Sabbath.

Ministry Assignments for May 1st-May 8th

1-May

7:30

- Greeters: Ray Dunnham
- Lector: Mona Johnstone
- Lector: E.M.: Susan Long

10:00

- Lector: Robin Levine
- Acolytes: Sarah Halt and Devan Roberson
- Crucifer: Christian Pitts
- Boat: TBD
- Thurifer: John Stoffer
- E.M.: Bob Kohlhase
- Monday Counter: Pam Laws
- Coffee Hour: Sandy Kohlhase and Danielle Ward

8-May

7:30

- Greeters: Doug and Dede Dyson
- Lector: David Hanck
- E.M.: Bill Johns

10:00

- Lector: Johns Stoffer
- Acolytes: Liam Halt, Jack and Nolan White
- Crucifer: Brent Baughan
- Boat: TBD
- Thurifer: Bill Johns
- E.M.: Shelley Brenneman Carter
- Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis
- Coffee Hour: The Brays

Birthdays & Anniversaries April 22nd- May 8th

Anniversaries

Ade & Jane Ogunmokun

John & Chrissy Stoffer

Dave & Phyl Halt

Birthdays

Charles Stuckey

Justin Palm

Diane Gardener

Barbara Williamson

Carole Cox

Shelley Carter

Liam Halt

Collect for Sunday, May 1st, 2016

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving

you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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