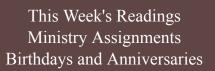
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# Rector's Ramblings



Next week six of our young people will be attending the St. Michael's Conference in Belleville.

While there will be plenty of excursions and time for recreation, the primary purpose of the conference is Christian Formation.

Each day the full cycle of the Daily Office will be prayed and Holy Eucharist will be celebrated. The youth will take on the proper lay ministry functions at each liturgy. They will also learn the "whys" and "hows" of our worship.

This year there will also be four different "conferences", or courses, focusing on various aspects of Christian Life, Philosophy, Scripture, and Liturgy.

Please pray that those who are attending this year's conference will be enlightened by the Holy Spirit and have their faith renewed.

Dave+

PS. I will be out of the office most of the month of June between the St. Michael's Conference and the trip to St. Vincent.

Emergency coverage during the mission trip will be handled by Fr. Evans from Trinity, Lincoln.

Have a safe and healthy summer.

## The Good News

June 10th, 2016



Mr. Matthew Dallman to be ordained.

By the Grace of God and the people consenting

The Right Reverend Daniel Hayden Martins Bishop of Springfield will ordain

**Matthew Christian Dallman** 

to the Sacred Order of Deacons in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

on Saturday, the eleventh day of June, two thousand sixteen,

being the feast of St. Barnabas, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

St. Paul's Church 60 Akenside Road Riverside, IL 60546

Your prayers and presence are requested.

**Clergy: red stoles** 

Reception following.

**Breakfast Fellowships** 

I stand corrected. The gentlemen of the parish have announced

that they intend to continue their fellowships during the summer. Thus, our next gathering will be held on 6/18.

The women's gathering is on hiatus until the start of the Fall program year.

**Update from Fr. and Mrs. Marcelle** 

Kayla-Rose was born on 5/27 to Fr. Kari and Kandis Marcelle. Please keep this family in your prayers.



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#### **Outreach Support of St. Vincent**

St. Vincent Support

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.

#### **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!

### **Staff Changes**

Vestry announces that Pat Meyer will once again be employed with St. Matthew's in the capacity of Parish Administrator. She will return to the office on 6/13.

The Vestry also wishes to thank Connor Bennett for his interim work over the past several months. He has been a joy to work with and we wish him well in his future endeavors.

### **Clergy Education Update**

I have received the first two courses for the Fall Term. The first residency course runs from August 29-September 2 and is entitled "Mystical Theology: The Biblical and Patristic Theology of the Orthodox Church". The primary emphasis is on the classic doctrines of Christology and the Holy Trinity in conversation with contemporary society.

The second course runs from September 5-9 and is entitled "St. Maximos the Confessor". The primary emphasis on

studying the St. Maximos' theology of theosis and the Church's role in striving to assimilate the faithful to God.

Though each course is one full, and I do mean full, week, there will be plenty of 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.

### **Bible Study**

Continues this Wednesday at 6PM. On June 15, Tim Leighton will present on the Diaconate. This is a requirement for his formation, so please plan on being present to support him.

Please feel free to bring your dinner to the study.

### **Outreach Opportunities**

Many thanks from the Outreach Committee for the success of the spring Book/DVD/Bake sale. Fiction books have been arranged alphabetically on the shelves in the parish hall. You may select books to read and leave a donation in the green file box near the shelves.

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.

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Schedule for the week: Coffee Hour follows worship, in the Parish Hall 7:30 Rite I Eucharist 10AM Rite II Eucharist Sunday-8:30a.m. - Guild of the Holy Rosary Monday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer Monday-5:30 p.m.-Intercessory Prayer Tuesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer Wednesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer Wednesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer Wednesday-12:30 p.m. - Intercessory Prayer Wednesday-5:30 p.m. - Guild of the Holy Rosary Wednesday-6:00pm - Bible study Thursday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer Thursday-10:30 a.m.-Intercessory Prayer Friday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer Saturday-8:30 a.m.-Men's Breakfast

Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

If you have anything you would like add to the schedule or announcements to add to the bulletin and news letter please send an email reply to the newsletter.

### 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 May 15th, 2016

Hymns: #493, 460, 699, 535

2 Samuel 11:26-12:10,13-15

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought

her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife."

David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan said to David, "Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die. Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the Lord, the child that is born to you shall die." Then Nathan went to his house. The Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and it became very ill.

#### Psalm 32

Beati quorum

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \* and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \* and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \* because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \* my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \* and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said," I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \*

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \* when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;

you preserve me from trouble; \*

you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \* I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \* who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
- or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \* but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*

shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

#### Galatians 2:15-21

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

#### Luke 7:36-8:3

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him-- that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

### **Ministry Assignments for June 5th-June 11th**

12-June 7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham Lector: Mona Johnstone E.M.: Chris Bennett

#### 10:00

Acolytes: Alex Davingman, Jack and Nolan White

Crucifer: Sarah Halt Lector: Chrissy Stoffer E.M.: Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis

Coffee Hour: Char Wald, Carole Cox, and Robin Levine

# 19-June 7:30

Greeters: Doug and Dede Dyson

Lector: Martha Carroll

E.M.: Bill Johns

#### 10:00

Acolytes: Shelly Brenneman Carter, Liam and Sarah Halt

Crucifer: Christian Pitts Lector: Sandy Kohlhase

E.M.: Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Susan Clark

Coffer Hour: Cris Embree and Gary Ploense

#### **Birthdays & Anniversaries June 5th-June 11th**

Anniversaries
Bill and Julaine Ingersoll

Birthdays
Meghan Dyson
Alexis Roberson
Anna Kohlhase
Nolan White
Charlie Casperson

### Collect for Sunday, June 12th, 2016

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **Contact Information**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

