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We have heard from the Halts - they safely arrived in St. Vincent and are enjoying the time with the wonderful members of that parish.

These items from Fr. Dave are repeated for your information: Thank you for all your support of this project, and please pray for all who travel and work.

On July 3, Tim Leighton 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
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The Good News

July 1, 2016



Breakfast Fellowships

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

Rejoice and Make Music

The family of St. Matthew's joins Heidi, Justin, Scarlett and Philip Brookes in welcoming Josephine Renee Brookes into their family. She arrived this week and we praise God for this blessing.

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

As you can see, great progress is happening around the front entrance and the stairs will appear soon. We are still waiting for the custom door to be finished and installed. While all these improvements are taking place 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.

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 July 3 - 9

Coffee Hour follows worship, in the Parish Hall

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

Monday-Office Closed for the 4th of July

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 July 13th

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

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

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

Office Hours: Tuesday - 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 July 3rd, 2016

Hymns: (see above)

First Reading

Numbers 27:12-23

12 The Lord said to Moses, 'Go up this mountain of the Abarim range, and see the land that I have given to the Israelites. 13When you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was, 14because you rebelled against my word in the wilderness of Zin when the congregation quarrelled with me. You did not show my holiness before their eyes at the waters.' (These are the waters of Meribath-kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.) 15Moses spoke to the Lord, saying, 16'Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint someone over the congregation 17who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall lead them out and bring them in, so that the congregation of the Lord may not be like sheep without a shepherd.' 18So the Lord said to Moses, 'Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand upon him; 19have him stand before Eleazar the priest and all the congregation, and commission him in their sight. 20You shall give him some of your authority, so that all the congregation of the Israelites may obey. 21But he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the decision of the Urim before the Lord; at his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he and all the Israelites with him, the whole congregation.' 22So Moses did as the Lord commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole congregation; 23he laid his hands on him and commissioned him-as the Lord had directed through Moses.

Second Reading

Mark 1:14-20

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake-for they were fishermen. 17And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' 18And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee

and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Ministry Assignments for July 3 & July 10

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

10-July

7:30

Greeters: Ray Durham

Lector: David Hanck

E.M.: Chris Bennett

10:00

Acolytes: Alex Davingman, Jack & Nolan White

Crucifer: Brent Baughan

Lector: John Stoffer

E.M.: Robin Levine

Monday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffer Hour: Cris Embree & Gary Ploense

Birthdays & Anniversaries July 3rd - 9th

Birthdays

Dave Halt

Loren Thomson

Abigail Bray

Zachary Jones

Collect for Sunday, July 3rd, 2016

O God, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for

ever and ever. Amen.

Contact Information

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