



St. Matthew's Church

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GOD'S MISSION and ST. MATTHEW'S

We are a community centered in Jesus Christ

Being led by the Holy Spirit

Learning and spreading the good news

Living and sharing the love of God

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Pastoral Care: If you know of someone in need of pastoral care, please contact the parish office at (609) 737-0985 or call The Rev. Barbara Briggs on her cell: (860) 560-6992.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, Mar 11	8am Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist Daylight Savings Time Starts 11:30am Mission Trip 2 nd Prep Meeting 11:30am Sermon Reflection - Chapel 4:30-6:00pm, Spiritual Practices, Library
Monday, Mar 12	8:30am Lectionary Bible Study, Chapel 10:30am Healthy Bones 7:30pm Lectionary Bible Study, Chapel
Tuesday, Mar 13	7-8:30pm Spiritual Practices, Rectory 9:30-11:00am Study of a book of the Bible, Library
Wednesday, Mar 14	7:00am Holy Eucharist, Chapel 5-6:30pm Spiritual Practices, Belmont Hall 7:30pm Evening Compline, Church
Thursday, Mar 15	11:30-12:45pm Devotional Classics study in Library 7:30-9pm, Spiritual Practices @ the Bell's
Sunday, Mar 18	8am Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist 11am Bake Sale 4:30pm Confirmation Class

HOLY WEEK

March 25	<u>PALM SUNDAY</u> 8:00 Liturgy of the Palms, Belmont Hall, procession (inside) Holy Eucharist, nave 10:00 Liturgy of the Palms, Belmont Hall, procession (outside) LOGOS at 5pm
March 26	8:30am Lectionary Bible Study 11:00am Healthy Bones 7:30pm Lectionary Bible Study
March 27	7:00-8:30pm, Spiritual Practices, Rectory
March 28	5:15-6:30pm, Spiritual Practices, Belmont Hall
March 29	<u>Maundy Thursday</u> 11:30am Lenten Study 8:00pm Holy Eucharist (with footwashing)
March 30	<u>Good Friday Ecumenical Service at 12:00pm</u> <u>Children's Good Friday Service at 3pm</u>
March 31	<u>Easter Vigil at 8:00pm</u>



St. Matthew's Church Easter Flower Memorials

Anyone who would like to contribute to the Easter Flowers in the Church is asked to fill out the envelope and return it together with a contribution to the parish office **no later than March 23** to be sure that your gift will be included in the bulletin.

THE RECONCILIATION PROCESS

PRAYER—We are each invited to participate through prayer and listening. Lord, we entrust to you this parish of St. Matthew's. Deepen in all of us— Congregation, Rector, Wardens, and Vestry—your spirit of reconciliation

SURVEY—To help our consultant understand the level of participation and interests of the folks in the pew, please complete the six-question survey found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XV9Z6LK>

LISTENING—The Rev. Joanne Izzo will host listening sessions in April and May. This will include the possibility of signing up online. These sessions are a way for the church to engage in the reconciliation process. Neither Barbara, the wardens nor vestry-members will be present.

CONFIDENTIALITY—All participants are to agree to confidentiality and to refrain from taking sides or speculating about outcomes.

CONSENSUS—The consensus of the people will be brought forward by the consultant, or the concerns if there is no consensus

FROM THE RECORDING CLERK

To all who are using pledge envelopes for 2018...as many of you have experienced some of your envelopes do not have your envelope number on them. We are asking that you hand write your envelope number on the front of the envelope in the lower right hand corner as it is on your envelopes which do have numbers. If you can't find your envelope number email nj60aj@yahoo.com or call, 609-737-8591, John Eckel and he will give you your number. If your envelope does not have date that is ok to use as your payment is recorded by the date it is received not the date on the envelope.

EVENING COMPLINE

Wednesday, April 25 at 7:30pm in the church. Compline is a candlelit and meditative service that concludes the Daily Office. It includes chanting by an Officiant and Choir, a confession of sins, psalm(s), reading(s) from scripture, verses and responses, the Lord's Prayer, collects which ask for God's protection during the night to come, and the canticle Nunc dimittis, or Song of Simeon. The service is a wonderful way to end the day and it lasts about 20-25 minutes. All are welcome!

KAIROS



Looking ahead:

On Sunday, March 25th, Palm Sunday, we will begin the 10am service with the **Procession of the Palms**. We will once again have the pleasure of being accompanied by bagpipes as well as Bernie the burro! All Kairos youth will begin the morning with the procession and then go to their classrooms for lessons and the baking (and eating) of Empty Tomb rolls.

Our Children's interactive Good Friday Service will be held on Friday, March 30th at 3pm. This service is appropriate for all ages (including adults!).

Eucharist instruction for our **second graders** will be held on **Sunday, April 15th and Sunday, April 22nd from 11:30 – 12:15.** We invite the entire congregation to join us for a **Family Worship Service in honor of our Eucharist class on Sunday, April 29th.**

REMEMBRANCE CANDLES

Many of us have lost loved ones and while we don't need anything tangible to remember them because they are in our hearts always, sometimes having a quiet place to go and something to hold on to or to look at centers our thoughts and feelings and does help in the remembering.

We now have a remembrance table in our chapel. The table has two marble trays, each one filled with votive candles. There is also a wooden heart shaped bowl that holds small prayer hearts.

We encourage and invite you to go to the chapel, light a candle and choose a prayer heart to hold onto while you spend some time remembering and loving the person or people who you've lost -- for now.

You will find a candle snuffer on the table as well. For safety reasons, we ask that you extinguish your candle once you finish your prayer time. Just as we say with our Christ candles in Kairos ~ Let the Light that is in one place at one time, be in all places at all times.

May peace with you and those you love.

ACOLYTES NEEDED! BE A PART OF THE ACTION ON SUNDAYS! JOIN THE ACOLYTE TEAM FOR THIS ENJOYABLE AND MEANINGFUL ROLE AT ST. MATTHEW'S

With many our "veteran" acolytes having graduated high school in recent years, the Acolyte Team needs new members. Potential acolytes should be between 2nd grade and high school. We need young parishioners who are interested in being torchbearers, crucifers, and servers. Don't just sit there – be a part of the action on Sunday! A training of new acolytes will likely occur in the late winter or early spring. Younger acolytes can still attend their Kairos classes *and* serve as acolytes. Please email Mike Olin at molin@princeton.edu for more information and to be added to the list for the upcoming training.

ARM IN ARM

The St. Matthew's Pantry Team has been regularly working the **3rd Monday of the month**. You can also bring non-perishable foods to St. Matthew's and drop them off on the shelves across from Pam's office.

2018 LENTEN MEDITATIONS

Please pick your copy up in the narthex.

TASK VOLUNTEERS

The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen always needs volunteers. Anyone interested in joining the St. Matthew's effort at TASK should call Bob Holmes at (609) 730-8354 for more information and to sign up.

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Fear not.....If you didn't complete your "2017 Pledge" in full you can still finish it up in 2018. So that we can keep our records straight for 2017 in the memo section of your check write "2017 Pledge" and leave your check in the offering plate or put your check in a plain envelope in the plate (don't use your 2017 envelopes or your 2018 envelopes for a 2017 payment so that you receive proper credit). If you have any questions about your 2017 pledge contact John Eckel, our Recording Clerk (n60aj@yahoo.com) or at (609) 737-8591.

DID YOU KNOW?

It takes quite a few people and their time and talent to keep up with the finances of St. Matthew's:

- There are the counters, a group of eight who weekly count the offerings and deposit them.
- Then there is John Eckel who keeps the records of your giving and maintains the pledge list from Grateful Giving and sends you a statement every quarter.
- Then there is our treasurer who prepares our financial statements and reviews them with our monthly Finance Committee and Vestry meetings and at our annual meeting. The treasurer also prepares a budget with the Finance Committee for approval by the Vestry.
- Then there is our assistant treasurer who pays our bills and keeps the books.
- Then there is the treasurer of the Parish Life Guild who keeps the books of the PLG, pays all of the bills associated with our PLG activities, reviews the PLG financial statements monthly with the Finance Committee and prepares the PLG budget for approval.
- Then there are our payroll clerks who prepare the input for our bimonthly payroll.
- Then there is our Audit Committee which conducts an annual audit of our finances in accordance with Diocesan requirements.

- Then there is our Finance Committee. This group of eleven meets monthly to review our financial statements and monitor our budget. It also approves our budget for recommendation to the Vestry and makes recommendations for unbudgeted spending to the Vestry and oversee other financial matters of St. Matthew's.

If you have questions about St. Matthew's finances contact Kevin Margiatto, Treasurer (kmargiatto@withum.com) or Bruce Weise, Vestry Member/Finance Chair/Assistant Treasurer(finance@stmatthewspennington.org) 609-737-1064.

PRAYERS OF THE PARISH

In Need of Continual Prayer: Amanda Buchanan, Bill Comiski, Liam, John Cannon, Bob Hunt, Shirley Swanson, Emily Flanders, Flo and Jim Cunningham, Jeff Winegar, Ruby Clarke, Jean, John Elliott, Juanita Gibbs, Valerie Kozak, Pam Inman

Prayer Requests

Kelly (friend) - disabled, homeless
Steven Ferguson –Hill's nephew
Phil Boone - father of Phyllis Jones
Abi (healing) – Sara Ritchie
Emily & Kimberly (infectious disease)
Julianna (toddler-healing) - Cheryl
Barbara Beaulieu – (rapid onset dementia) Joan
Doc (cancer) - friend of Kinnamons
Reid – (bone infection) – friend Tom Pearse-Drance
Alex (seizure disorder) – Godfrey's
 Brother of John Krisulewicz

Billie Bowden Sanderson
Joyce Harbourt – recovery from surgery
Ann Scott – (healing) – Joan Verplanck
Paul & David – (healing) – Diane Zompa
Bob Hunt – (healing)
Daniel Suthers - (cancer) – son Hannah Suthers
Dianne Frantz - (Healing) friend of Joan Verplanck
David Palmer - (recovery knee replacement surgery)
 husband of Dabby
Pam Krisulewicz (Shingles) wife of John
Bruce Ashforth – recovery from Rotator Cuff Surgery

In an effort to stay current, names will be removed after 90 days, unless there has been a request for them to remain. Thank you.

Birthdays this week: Paul Bell, Sally Kuppek, Paul Lupinacci, Kenneth Coakley, Alexa Udy, Nick Piccoli, Howie Dumhart and Eliese Ottinger.

PLEASE NOTE: If any of your birthday or anniversary dates are incorrect, please contact the Parish Office at admin@stmatthewspennington.org. Thank you!

Lenten Study Opportunities

A course in Spiritual Practices Based upon six major dimensions of the spiritual life found in the life of Christ and Christian tradition: The Contemplative Tradition - The Holiness Tradition - The Charismatic Tradition - The Social Justice Tradition - The Evangelical Tradition - and The Incarnational Tradition, this program is a course of spiritual learning which offers fresh perspectives on Christian faith and practice.

Offered by several trained small group leaders at various times and locations. Please sign up for the day and time that work for you:

Sundays, 4:30-6:00, Library, led by Tricia Adams, beginning February 18

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30, Rectory, led by Barbara Briggs, beginning February 20

Wednesdays, 5:15-6:30pm, Belmont Hall, led by Ron Spych, beginning February 21

Thursdays 7:30-9:00, location the home of Colleen & Paul Bell, 26 Eglantine Avenue, Pennington, led by Paul Bell, beginning February 22

To register, sign up at church on the sheets by the office for the day and time you prefer, or call the office, (609) 737 0985, or email the office, admin@stmatthewspennington.org, or email the group leader Ron Spych, lakehenry@mac.com Paul Bell, paul.d.bell@icloud.com Tricia Adams, triciaadams@verizon.net Barbara Briggs, rector@stmatthewspennington.org

Devotional Classics This is a collection of readings that are divided into the six traditions of the Spiritual Formation Workbook. The readings are beautifully edited with reflection questions and suggested exercises of Devotional Classics.

Thursdays, 11:30-12:45, library, led by Ellie Driscoll

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Lectionary Bible Study We will read the selections from the Bible assigned for the following Sunday and choose the text that we want to study, asking,

- What word, phrase, or idea caught my attention?
- Is there a personal message coming through to me from the text, or love, or God?
- Is there an invitation to me to do or change something because of what I heard in the text, or love, or God?

Mondays, 8:30-9:30am, chapel and 7:30-8:30pm, chapel, led by the Rector

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A study of a book of the Bible (An ongoing and regular Bible study that meets throughout the academic year, begun years ago by Sylvia Hunt)

Bring a study Bible to this class. We will read a chapter of the book we are studying together and discuss what we read in the text and in the study notes in our study Bibles.

Offered *Tuesdays, 9:30-11:00, Library, led by members of the study*

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"Shakespeare's History Cycle in Biblical Perspective: A Lenten Journey" taught by Rev. Dr. Gordon S. Mikoski, see previous page for sign-up information and more details.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL SERIES ON THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

For each of the five Sundays in Lent, we will explore the fourteen Stations of the Cross. As a way for us to prepare for worship and in lieu of an organ or handbell prelude, a short devotion will be offered in the morning bulletin based on a group of several stations and their corresponding lessons and collects. This will culminate in a Stations of the Cross liturgy, also known as the Way of the Cross, on Good Friday, March 30. The Stations will be grouped each Sunday in Lent as follows, with ribbons matching our altar, lectern and pulpit hangings adorning the corresponding Station paintings in the church:

Fourth Sunday in Lent

- Station 9 “Jesus falls a third time”
- Station 10 “Jesus is stripped of his garments”

Fifth Sunday in Lent

- Station 11 “Jesus is nailed to the cross”
- Station 12 “Jesus dies on the cross”
- Station 13 “The body of Jesus is placed in the arms of his mother”
- Station 14 “Jesus is laid in the tomb”

Thank you to American theologian The Rev'd Canon Dr. Thomas Williams of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida for permission to share these devotions, based on Dame Julian of Norwich. Father Williams is a priest in the Diocese of South Florida, Professor of Philosophy at the University of South Florida, Canon Theologian and chamber choir member at the Cathedral Church of St. Petersburg, Florida, and was a clergy fellow at St. Paul's Church, K Street, Washington, DC. His work focuses on medieval Christian thought and his published works focus on St Anselm of Canterbury and John Duns Scotus.

As you arrive for worship on the Sunday mornings in Lent, take a moment to have a look at the Stations along with the provided devotions. -The Worship Team