



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Sunday, February 5, 2023



VISION SUNDAY/ ANNUAL MTG SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

The annual meeting will be held in two parts: voting on new members of the vestry/leadership team and the Rector's Vision presentation will take place during all services. The financial overview, 2023 budget, student ministry update, and Q&A will take place between the 9:30am and 11am services. We hope you'll plan to be here as we look ahead to the great things in store for our community in 2023!



WEDNESDAYS AT CHURCH WEDNESDAYS, 7PM-8PM

WatCh will meet on February 1, 8, and 15 at 7pm. The topic will be Truth: Is it really out there? And if so, how can we discover it. We'd love to have you join us for what promises to be some lively discussion.

We hope you'll also join us on February 22 for Ash Wednesday, services at 6am, 12pm, 7pm.

WELCOME

We know that going to church or to a new church for the first time can be nerve-racking. We want to help make your first experience at St. Matthew's a great one!

If this is your first visit to Saint Matthew's, we welcome you. Please join us between services for coffee, tea and refreshments in the Parish Hall. For more information about our community, visit our website www.stmtts.org. We are so glad you are here!



COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are welcome to participate in communion. If you would like to receive, simply place one hand on top of the other, palms up, and the priest will place bread in your hand. You may then consume the wafer. If for any reason you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms across your chest and the priest will give you a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Would you like to learn more about baptism? Please contact our office via email at Office@stmtts.org or phone at 703-430-2121.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

The Saint Matthew's intercessory prayer list is for those in or related to our community who are in need of prayer. It is designed so that all members of our community can pray for each other on an ongoing basis. In order to pray for those on the list, simply ask God to be with them and help them in any way needed - God knows what is going on, so we don't need to.

Please pray for the following:

Pete, Skip, Desmond, Jeannie, Michael, Tim, Susan, James, Sean, Joe, Deb, Beltrane family, Teresa, victims of violence, Emma, Amber, Yimam family, Fredericks family, E, Laura, Will, William, Frank, Florence, Jerry, Warren, Eddie, Janice, Charlie, Dillon family, Zach, Amy, Julia, Langenkamp family, Nicholas, Crystal, Paulo, Mary W., Jon, Joyce, John S., Panita, McKeown family, Deepak, Flood victims, Vicki, Greg, Mary Ann, Sharp family, Anthony, Josh, Reatha, Athena, Kathleen, Heriberto, Rosaura, Matthew, Denise, Bellamy family, Jose, Pete, Regina, Neil, Annie, MaryLea, Alan, Nishah, Marty, John G, Damar, Jeremy, Kyeron, Abigail, Verdun, John, Candace, Lea, Bonnie, Arthur, Mel, Eric, Ginny, Andrew, Bob, Robby, Ron, and Jenny.

If you or someone you care about are in need of Pastoral Care, please call 703-430-2121.

8 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Opening Prayer	
Acclamation and Collect for Purity	323
Glory to God	324
Collect of the Day (traditional)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • Isaiah 58:1-9a, 9b-12	
Psalm • 112:1-9, 10	
Second Reading • 1 Corinthians 2:1-12	
Gospel • Matthew 5:13-20	
Sermon	The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.
Nicene Creed	326
Prayers of the People	328
Confession of Sin and Absolution	330
Peace	332
Announcements & Welcome	

The Holy Communion

Offertory	
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
<i>All things come of thee, O Lord,</i> <i>And of thine own have we given thee.</i>	
Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer I	333
The Lord's Prayer	336
Breaking of the Bread	337
Invitation to Communion	338
Communion of the People	
Post-Communion Prayer	339
Blessing	339
Procession into the World	339-340

9:30 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Opening Song

Opening Prayer (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Joy

Gospel • Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.

Prayers of the People

Peace

Announcements & Welcome

The Holy Communion

Offertory

(An offertory plate is not passed at this service. If you wish to make a donation, the collection plate can be found at the back of the church, or donations are accepted online at www.stmmts.org/give)

Great Thanksgiving (stand through Communion)

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus • Bring the Rain

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Song • Be Thou My Vision

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Blessing

Closing Song • My Story

Dismissal

11 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Processional Hymn •	
Acclamation and Collect for Purity	355
Gloria •	
Collect of the Day (Contemporary)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • Isaiah 58:1-9a, 9b-12	
Psalm • 112:1-9, 10	
Second Reading • 1 Corinthians 2:1-12	
Gospel • Matthew 5:13-20	
Sermon	The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.
Nicene Creed	358
Prayers of the People, Form III	387
Confession and Absolution	360
Peace	360
Announcements & Welcome	

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem •	
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
Doxology • Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow	
Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A	361
Sanctus •	
The Lord's Prayer	364
Breaking of the Bread	364
Invitation to Communion	
Communion of the People	
Communion Hymn •	
Post-Communion Prayer	365
Blessing	
Procession into the World •	
Dismissal	366



LINK FOOD DELIVERIES STMTTS.ORG/LINK

Make a difference in the lives of families and individuals in our community by delivering food for the LINK Food Pantry. St. Matt's is specifically helping with deliveries the last two weeks of March 2023. Visit stmtts.org/link to choose a delivery date. Invite a friend - it's a great way to serve together!



DONUTS & DISCOVERY

Did you know that EIGHT people other than Jesus get resurrected in the Bible? And Jesus wasn't the only one who did it.

This Sunday in Donuts and Discovery join Allison Dodd in classroom four at 10:30AM to find out why nodding off near an open window is a bad idea, and who else came back from the dead.



BACKPACK BUDDIES STMTTS.ORG/BACKPACKBUDDIES

Join us Tuesdays at noon in the Classroom on the Hill as we pack bags to support families in our community. We'll also be packing together on Sunday, March 5 at 10:30am in the parish hall. Learn more ways to help at the link above.



PANCAKE SUPPER TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 5:30PM

Join us for a Mardi Gras themed party the evening before Lent begins. We'll enjoy delicious pancakes and breakfast treats. Contact Lisa Caselli through the church office at Office@stmtts.org if you can help with set-up, serving, or clean-up. We hope to see you there.





YOUTH MISSION TRIP JULY 9-15, 2023

This summer, rising 6th graders and up will partner with Group Mission in Erie, PA to repair and transform homes while deepening their faith & building relationships with peers and youth leaders.

Find more information or register today at stmmts.org/youthmission.

A \$50 deposit is due to reserve your spot. Friends are always welcome! Scholarships and payment plans are available. Contact Office@stmmts.org



COFFEE HOUR KIDS

Elementary aged kids are invited to join Ms. Aurelia between the 9:30am and 11am worship services for coffee hour fun while parents enjoy fellowship in the parish hall. Grab a snack and head to classroom two for fun!

Lots of fun coming this winter!

February 5 - Games & Crafts

February 12 - The Big Game Party

February 19 - All About Lent with Fr. Rob

February 26 - Lego Minute to Win It



TABLETOP GAME NIGHT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 6-10PM

Do you love tabletop games? Parks, Forbidden Desert, Sushi Go, Wing Span, Monopoly, Trouble? There are so many great games! Which is your favorite? Have a fun game that you've been wanting to play? Bring your favorite board or card game and a snack to share, as we enjoy hanging out and trying new games.

QUESTIONS? Contact Mason Turner at Office@stmmts.org



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 24-29, 2023, 5:30-8:30PM STMMTS.ORG/VBS

Shine a light on Jesus' love and launch into a cosmic quest this summer! Save the date for the best week of summer! Register today using the link above, then invite a friend to join you.

Rising 6th graders and above are welcome to join us volunteers!



COFFEE HOUR

Do you love coffee hour? It's a chance to visit with friends & catch up after a long week. Do your kids love coffee hour? Do they race to the parish hall to enjoy a treat?

New teams are forming so we can all keep enjoying this special time together. Email Miriam in the church office at Office@stmtts.org if you are willing to bring treats and assist with set-up/clean-up once per month.



FLOWER DEDICATION

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Flower dedications are welcome to honor special occasions like baptism, birthday, & anniversaries.



MEN'S GROUP

SATURDAYS AT 8 AM

All men are welcome to meet in the classrooms on the hill for prayer, discussion, and fellowship.



WINTER LUNCH MEET-UP

FRIDAY, FEB. 10, 11:45AM

Let's enjoy lunch together. Head over to Choolaah (21426 Epicerie Plaza) at 11:45am, grab a bite to eat, & enjoy good food & great company. Friends are welcome.



LADIES NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 7PM

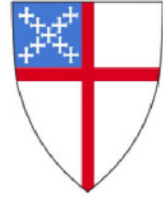
The ladies of St. Matt's are headed out for a night of delicious food and great company. Join us at Los Toltecos at Dulles Town Center Mall. Email Miriam in the church office (Office@stmtts.org) to save a seat.



FEBRUARY 22 WITH SERVICES AT 6AM, 12PM, AND 7PM

The Lessons Appointed for Use on the
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Year A
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Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]
1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]
Matthew 5:13-20
Psalm 112:1-9, (10)

The Collect

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament

Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]

Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.
“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

[If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.]

The Psalm

Psalm 112:1-9, [10]

Beatus vir

1 Hallelujah!
Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
- [10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.]

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the

human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. [And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.]

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord
so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.]

The Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Optional parts of the readings are set off in square brackets.

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