

To Know and Share God's Love

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

The Transfiguration
Sunday, August 6, 2023

**HELP US
FILL THE BUS!**

**2023 SCHOOL
SUPPLY DRIVE**



SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 at 5:30 PM

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE **STMTTS.ORG/BACKTOSCHOOL**

It's already that time again - stores are stocking up on school supplies and our teachers are preparing for the next school year!

Help support local school children and teachers by donating items from their list of most requested items. Visit the link above to see the shopping list so you can pick up items while doing your own shopping, or click through to shop online. Items due August 13.

CONCERT AND BBQ FOR HAITI **SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 5:30PM**

Say Aloha to summer and Aloha to a new school year, as here and in Chapoteau, Haiti children are returning to school excited to learn.

Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt, and enjoy award-winning BBQ, live music, fun games, and more! Don't miss a visit to the Marigold Bus Photo Booth to capture all the fun!

Every cent raised will feed children and teachers at St. Mathieu's school. Learn more: stmtts.org/Haiticoncert

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.stmmts.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 visit our website: stmmts.org/Baptism or contact our office via email at Office@stmmts.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:

John S, Panita, Deepak, Flood Victims, Vicki, Greg, Mary Ann, Sharp Family, Anthony, Josh, Reatha, Athena, Kathleen, Heriberto, Rosaura, Matthew, Denise, Bellamy Family, Jose, Pete, Annie, MaryLea, Alan, Nishah, Marty, Damar, Jeremy, Kyeron, Abigail, Verdun, Candace, Sieg, Chuck, Lea, Bonnie, Arthur, John G, Gina, Glo, James, Sean, Deb, Teresa, Mel, Eric, Debbie, Marshall, Ginny, Andrew, Bob, Robby, Ron, Earthquake Victims, Train Crash Victims, Kathleen, Jenny, Corinne, AJ, Kassadi, Jordan, Amelia, Michael, Steve, Raven, Kenya, Josiah, Joy, Elizabeth, Rusty, Elizabeth, Michelle, Yutzy family, Sites Family, Frank, Tess, Brian, Mike, Zach, Paine, Arjun, Scotty, Brad, Mary W., Bobby, Elijah, Philip, Myers family, Phil, Terry, Kathy, Pat, Bob, Tonia, Bronwyn, Sanjay, Susanna, Lawrence family, Fabiano, McKeown family, Viola, and Harry.

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

8:00 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 • Exodus 34:29-35	
Psalm • 99:5-9	
Second Reading • 2 Peter 1:13-21	
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Sermon	Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.
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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>	
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Communion of the People	
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9:30 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Opening Songs (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Grace Like Rain

Song • These Thousand Hills

Gospel • Luke 9:28-36

Sermon

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.stmtts.org/give)

Great Thanksgiving (stand through Communion)

Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Song • Holding On to You

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Blessing

Closing Song • All the People Said Amen

Dismissal

11 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Processional Hymn	
Acclamation and Collect for Purity	355
Gloria • S280	
Collect of the Day (Contemporary)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • Exodus 34:29-35	
Psalm • 99:5-9	
Second Reading • 2 Peter 1:13-21	
Gospel • Luke 9:28-36	
Sermon	Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.
Nicene Creed	358
Prayers of the People	
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The Holy Communion

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Sanctus • S130	
The Lord's Prayer	364
Breaking of the Bread	364
Invitation to Communion	
Communion of the People	
Communion Song	
Post-Communion Prayer	365
Blessing	
Procession into the World	
Dismissal	366



SUMMER FUN - DETAILS & RSVP AT STMTTS.ORG/FOODFUN

Students are invited to make the most out of summer at these fun events. Friends are welcome! Chaperones and drivers are needed. Please use the link above to find more info and let us know your student will attend.

Monday, August 7, 1PM-6PM

Middle and high school students are invited to go tubing at Watermelon Park. Cost \$25, plus food money. Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel and change of clothes. Chaperones and drivers are needed

Friday, August 11, 5PM-7PM

Middle and high school students are invited to go bowling! \$30 includes bowling and snacks. Meet at Bowl America on Dranesville Rd.

Monday, August 14, 5PM-7PM

Middle and high school students are invited for Laser Tag fun! Cost: \$25 Meet at Monster Mini-Golf in Chantilly.

Friday, August 18, 6PM-8PM

Middle and high school students are invited for an end of summer hang-out with food and bonfire. Friends are always welcome to join in the fun!

**Questions? Ask Colin or Kassidy:
journey@stmmts.org**



BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 AT 9:30AM

Students of all ages, teachers and school staff are all invited to our annual Back to School & Backpack Blessing service.

Receive a blessing and tag for your schoolbag and stay for coffee hour following the service for treats and some Back to School fun.

Back to School prayers, lunchbox notes, printables, recipes for busy nights, and more are available on our website: [stmmts.org/Backpack Blessing](http://stmmts.org/BackpackBlessing)



BISHOP VISIT, SEPTEMBER 17 STMTTS.ORG/CONFIRMATION

Adults and youth who are interested in making an adult affirmation of faith, reaffirming their baptismal covenant, or being received into the Episcopal Church are encouraged to complete the interest form at stmmts.org/confirmation.

The Bishop's visit is also an excellent opportunity for baptism. Please email Office@stmmts.org for more information.

BIBLE STUDY

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Join Fr. Rob for a weekly Bible study. We'll meet on Wednesdays in August at 7pm, and finish promptly by 8pm.

FLOWER MINISTRY



FLOWER BOUQUETS

Pick up a bouquet on Sunday, August 13 so you can share with a friend, neighbor, or stranger. If you need inspiration, Miriam has a list of St. Matthew's friends that would love to be surprised with a bouquet! Volunteers are also needed. Contact Heidi at Garden@stmtts.org to learn more.



JOIN OUR NEW EFM CLASS
THIS SEPTEMBER!

EFM is a small group program where participants read, study, and discuss ways to live into their theological beliefs and to be an example of the heart and hands of Christ.

www.stmtts.org/efm

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY STMTTS.ORG/EFM

Visit the website to learn more, and then plan to join us for an Open House on Tuesday, August 22 at 7pm in the classrooms on the hill.



**CELEBRATION GARDEN
SUMMER VOLUNTEERING**
TUESDAYS 8:30 AM - 10 AM
JUNE - OCTOBER

VOLUNTEER IN THE GARDEN!

Volunteers of all ages are welcome on Tuesdays from 8:30am - 10:30am to work in the garden!

ARE YOU IN YOUR 20's OR 30's & LOOKING
TO ENRICH YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE? JOIN US!

**Young
Professionals
A.K.A YoPro**



CAITLIN.DRONFIELD@STMTTS.ORG

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

We'd love to meet you and we invite you to join our small group. We are meeting the 2nd and 4th Sundays in August. Contact Caitlin for info.

**WOMEN'S
retreat**

SIGN UP TODAY!

ST. MATT'S WOMENS RETREAT SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2023 STMTTS.ORG/RETREAT

You're invited to join the women of St. Matthew's to enjoy fellowship and relaxation as we cultivate fertile soil into our hearts. We are excited for the weekend's special guest speaker, Rev. Mary Margaret Winn. Visit the link above for details and registration. Space is limited.

DELIVER FOOD FOR LINK FOOD PANTRY



LINK FOOD PANTRY DELIVERIES STMTTS.ORG/LINK

LINK is an all volunteer, emergency food bank serving Sterling, Herndon, and Ashburn. It supplies food to approximately 60 families each month and your help is needed to deliver. This is a great service opportunity for a small group of friends or a family. Please use the link above to register to help this August. We need delivery drivers!



**HELPING
HANDS**
EMAIL LIST SIGN-UP

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY OFFICE@STMTTS.ORG

Our helping hands ministry provides meals, rides, and assistance with errands to community members. It's an easy way to help when it fits into your schedule. Email Miriam to be added to the distribution list.



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
**MESSAGE
ON THE GO**

CHECK OUT OUR WEEKLY PODCAST

Listen at
stmtts.org/podcast



SUMMER LADIES NIGHT OUT

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SATURDAY, AUG 19
6 PM - 9 PM



ST. MATT'S LADIES NIGHT STMTTS.ORG/LADIES NIGHT

Looking for a fun ladies' night out? Join some of your St. Matt's besties for an evening at Tarara Winery and enjoy DC Area's most popular party band Gonzo's Nose! Grab a friend and RSVP below to let us know you're coming, and don't forget to purchase your tickets ahead of time directly from Tarara Winery!

Purchase your ticket today at
tararaconcerts.com



SUPPORT BACKPACK BUDDIES

HUNGER RESPONSE TEAM OF STERLING - HRTS STERLINGHELP.ORG

HRTS is a new 501c3 started to address the growing needs of our community. Please help us spread the word by asking two friends or co-workers to join you in supporting a Backpack Buddies child. \$9/week provides six meals to a child right here in our community. Share the link above for more information, and ask your employer about corporate matching.



THE TRANSFIGURATION



Revised Common Lectionary

Sunday, August 6, 2023

COLLECT

Traditional

O GOD, who on the holy mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses thy well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Contemporary

O GOD, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

MOSES CAME DOWN from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished

speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Refrain

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God,
who is the Holy One.

Psalm 99 or Psalm 99:5-9 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; * he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake. | you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.” |
| 2 The LORD is great in Zion; * he is high above all peoples. | 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; * he is the Holy One. |
| 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; * he is the Holy One. | 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, * they called upon the LORD, and he answered them. |
| 4 “O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; * | |

- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 "O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; * you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:13-21

I THINK IT RIGHT, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

JESUS TOOK WITH HIM Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

Sunday, August 6th

8:00 am - Rite I Worship Service
9:30 am - Festival Worship Service
10:30 am - Backpack Buddies Packing
11:00 am - Classic Worship Service
2:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
6:30 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2274

Monday, August 7th

12:00 pm - Social Time with Candace
1:00 pm - Youth Watermelon Park
Tubing
7:00 pm - Bread of Life
7:30 pm - Free to Live
8:00 pm - Compline

Tuesday, August 8th

10:00 am - Staff Meeting
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
8:00 pm - Compline

Wednesday, August 9th

12:00 pm - Youth Retreat (8th grade and higher)
12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
8:00 pm - Compline

Thursday, August 10th

2:00 pm - CSA pick-up
8:00 pm - Compline

Friday, August 11th

5:00 pm - Youth Bowling Night
7:00 pm - Old Dominion Dancers
8:00 pm - Compline

Saturday, August 12th

8:00 am - Men's Group
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
8:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 6th: William Steinman
August 7th: Dan Signorini
August 8th: Steve Buck, Brendan Harvey, Arian Pazooki
August 9: Brenda Anderson, Eva Brennan
August 10th: Cheryl Gilligan, Jack Hart
August 12th: Roger Sternitzke

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Time or Place	Attendance Online	Attendance In-Person
8:00 AM	13	24
9:30 AM	23	142
11:00 AM	20	32
Faith Factory		

HELP SUPPORT
ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRIES

GIVE ONLINE

stmmts.org/give

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@stmmtssterling



CASH OR CHECK

Checks can be made payable to "St. Matthew's Church" and placed into the collection plate

For more ways to give and information on automatic giving:

stmmts.org/give

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In-Person & Online

8:00AM | This is a traditional communion service using Rite I from the Book of Common Prayer.

9:30AM | This is a vibrant communion service with our very own live band. If you are looking for a joyous family service with some of the best music around, this is the service for you.

11:00AM | A classic communion service with our fabulous choir. We use Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer.

Compline (evening prayer) Mon.–Fri. at 8pm on Facebook

Online Worship
stmmts.org/live

Sunday services are broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.

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