

To Know and Share God's Love

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday, January 29, 2023

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

**SAVE THE
DATE**

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!

NEWCOMER'S

RECEPTION

NEWCOMERS RECEPTION SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 3PM

Are you new to St. Matt's or just want to learn more? Join us this afternoon at the home of Justin and Sara Warnick for conversation and treats. We'd love to have the opportunity to get to know you better.

Please email the church office for directions at Office@stmmts.org.

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, Artur, Mel, Eric, Ginny, Andrew, Bob, Robby, and Ron.

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 • Micah 6:1-8	
Psalm • 15	
Second Reading • 1 Corinthians 1:18-31	
Gospel • Matthew 5:1-12	
Sermon	The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.
Nicene Creed	326
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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
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Communion of the People	
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Blessing	339
Procession into the World	339-340

The Word of God

Opening Song

Opening Prayer (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Good Morning Mercy

Song • Grace Like Rain

Gospel • Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon

The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.

Presentation of Candidate for Baptism

Eleanor Sophia Rose Barta

Baptismal Covenant

Baptism

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 • Bring the Rain

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Song • If I Stand

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Blessing

Closing Song • Hallelujah Anyways

Dismissal

11 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Processional Hymn • #427 (verses 1, 2, & 3)	
Acclamation and Collect for Purity	355
Gloria • Hymnal S280	
Collect of the Day (Contemporary)	Insert
Lessons	
First Reading • Micah 6:1-8	
Psalm • 15	
Second Reading • 1 Corinthians 1:18-31	
Gospel • Matthew 5:1-12	
Sermon	The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.
Nicene Creed	358
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Confession and Absolution	360
Peace	360
Announcements & Welcome	

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem • Light of the World	
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
Doxology • Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow	
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Sanctus • Hymnal S130	
The Lord's Prayer	364
Breaking of the Bread	364
Invitation to Communion	
Communion of the People	
Communion Hymn • #325 (verses 1, 2, & 3)	
Post-Communion Prayer	365
Blessing	
Procession into the World • #437 (verses 1, 2, & 4)	
Dismissal	366



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.

Youth will also enjoy indoor and outdoor games, sharing meals together, and participating in morning and evening worship and study programs.

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



DONUTS & DISCOVERY

Middle and high schoolers – Join Genevieve in classroom four at 10:30AM on Sundays! The current series is called "That's in There?!?" – a look into some of the weirdest and most surprising things you didn't know were in the Bible.



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!
January 29 - Lego Party & Backpack Buddies Packing
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



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

Join us following the 8AM & 9:30AM services in the Parish Hall.



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.

St. Matthew's LUNCH MEET UP



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 & 27¢ at company. Friends are welcome.

Ash Wednesday
REMEMBER YOU ARE DUST

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

FLOWER DEDICATION

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The flowers behind the altar this morning are given by the Barta family in joyful celebration of the baptism of their daughter Rosie, and in gratitude towards the St. Matt's community.

MEN'S GROUP

SATURDAYS AT 8 AM
IN THE TRAILER & ON ZOOM

Email Linden@stmtts.org

MEN'S GROUP SATURDAYS AT 8AM

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

LADIES' NIGHT OUT

LOS TOLTECOS AT
DULLES TOWN CENTER

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.

DELIVER FOOD FOR LINK FOOD PANTRY



LINK FOOD DELIVERIES [STMMTS.ORG/LINK](https://stmmts.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 January and March 2023. Visit stmmts.org/link to choose a delivery date. Invite a friend - it's a great way to serve together!

WATCH WEDNESDAYS AT CHURCH

FEBRUARY WATCH
WEDNESDAYS FROM 7 PM - 8 PM

TRUTH: Is it really out there?
And if so, how can we discover it.

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.

BACKPACK BUDDIES GROUP PACKING

BACKPACK BUDDIES [STMMTS.ORG/BACKPACKBUDDIES](https://stmmts.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, January 29 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@stmmts.org if you can help with set-up, serving, or clean-up. We hope to see you there.



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4 EPIPHANY

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



Revised Common Lectionary

Sunday, January 29, 2023

COLLECT

Traditional

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING GOD, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

HEAR WHAT THE LORD says: "Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel." "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Refrain

The righteous shall abide upon God's holy hill.

Psalm 15 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 LORD, who may dwell
in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon
your holy hill? | 4 In his sight the wicked
is rejected, * but he
honors those who fear
the LORD. |
| 2 Whoever leads a blame-
less life and does what
is right, * who speaks
the truth from his
heart. | 5 He has sworn to do no
wrong * and does not
take back his word. |
| 3 There is no guile upon
his tongue; he does no
evil to his friend; * he
does not heap contempt
upon his neighbor. | 6 He does not give his
money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe
against the innocent. |
| | 7 Whoever does these
things * shall never be
overthrown. |

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

THE MESSAGE ABOUT THE CROSS is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

WHEN JESUS SAW THE CROWDS, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those

who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

Sunday, January 29th

8:00 am - Rite I Worship Service
9:30 am - Festival Worship Service
10:30 am - That's in There?!? Youth Grp
11:00 am - Classic Worship Service
2:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
6:30 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2274
8:15 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

Monday, January 30th

9:00 am - Classroom of Discovery
12:00 pm - Social Time with Candace
5:00 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2157
7:00 pm - Bread of Life
7:30 pm - Free to Live
8:00 pm - Compline
8:20 pm - Social Time with Kevin

Tuesday, January 31st

9:00 am - All Ages Read Together
9:00 am - Classroom of Discovery
9:00 am - Staff Meeting
12:00 pm - Backpack Buddies Packing
6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 pm - Education for Ministry
8:00 pm - Compline

Wednesday, February 1st

9:00 am - Classroom of Discovery
12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00 pm - Wednesdays At Church
7:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
8:00 pm - Compline

Thursday, February 2nd

9:00 am - All Ages Read Together
10:45 pm - Anam Cara
8:00 pm - Compline

Friday, February 3rd

7:00 pm - Old Dominion Dancers
8:00 pm - Compline

Saturday, February 4th

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 29th: Mason Turner, Jennifer Dunstan
January 31st: Danny Cox
February 2nd: Luiz Gazoni
February 3rd: Eliza Hayes, Danielle Rickard, Dawn Deaso

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, January 22, 2023

<i>Time or Place</i>	<i>Attendance Online</i>	<i>Attendance In-Person</i>
8:00 AM	16	19
9:30 AM	34	107
11:00 AM	14	46
Faith Factory		14

HELP SUPPORT ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRIES

GIVE ONLINE

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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
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Sunday services are broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.

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