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The Parish Newsletter of
St Matthias' Church, Dallas, Texas

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Beloved in Christ,

Actually, we are trying to get this issue before your eyes before we get into Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday on the 25th of March. Hopefully by now you have picked up your Holy Week Handbook for this year.

I do want to inform you of one more opportunity during The Week of the Christian Year. It takes place at 10:30 in the morning on Holy Tuesday at Saint Vincent's Cathedral in Bedford. It is the Annual Diocesan Chrism Mass, a.k.a. the Mass of Collegiality. The clergy of our diocese will gather with our bishop in order to renew our ordination vows and concelebrate the Mass with him.

At the Mass, Bishop Iker will consecrate the Holy Oils to be used by the diocesan clergy throughout the coming year. He will also consecrate additional hosts to be taken by each of the parish priests back to his parish. This additional host is called the *fermentum*. It is broken on Maundy Thursday at the parish Mass and included with the hosts distributed then as a sign of our communion and unity with our bishop. If you are able to make it, I encourage you to do so. The Mass of Collegiality is

a powerful service. And there is just nothing quite like a Mass with a full choir of all the diocesan clergy singing!

I want to encourage you, if it is at all possible, to be with us for the Great Vigil of Easter. It truly is the Mass from which all other Masses come. And we will be baptizing Madison McGehee into the Body of Christ! And rightly so it is also the parish's principal celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord. But let us also not forget that Easter is an entire season of 50 days duration. So, by special arrangement, and because I have connections, we are going to be having an Easter Egg hunt on the Second Sunday of Easter following the Solemn Mass. The Paschal Rabbit, a.k.a. "The P.R.," and I are old and dear friends. He has agreed to pay us a visit here on the 8th of April in order to keep our focus on the Great Vigil and to allow us to have some seasonal fun! (*Besides, all the candy will be on sale after April 1st, so it's a win-win*). You too can help by bringing candy-filled plastic eggs by the church during Easter week. The event will afford us all an excuse to invite someone we know (*with children, hopefully!*) to come experience an Eastertide Sunday with us. Most folks make plans for Easter Sunday, but the Sunday after is frequently wide open. Everybody knows children like a good egg hunt. In case you haven't figured it out, we do need to be about some apostolic fishing. (*See St. Mark 1:17*)

Holy Week awaits. And we don't get to Easter without passing through Holy Week. So, see you in Church!

God bless you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Chris" followed by a small cross symbol.

PRAYERS AND SQUARES MINISTRY

The Prayers and Squares Ministry meets Thursday, April 12th at 6:30pm in the Education Center. We have given over 175 quilts and many prayers to those in need. If you know someone who would benefit from extra prayers and support, please consider a quilt for them. Contact nitahinshaw@aol.com to make a request.



APRIL COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Shelter Team: *Captains* Raymond & Cynthia Turnbull, Danelle Harris, Timothy, Amy and Abigail Harwood, Patrick & Megan McGehee, Savannah Brown, David & Dixie Turnbull. Team meets at church 4:00pm, Sunday, April 15th.

Sandwich Makers: Team 4 - Patricia Goodwin, Patrick & Megan McGehee, James & Deborah Nugent, Susan McQueen, David & Dixie Turnbull, Donna Wheeler, Savannah Brown, Niesa Page, Raymond & Cynthia Turnbull, Amy White.



NEW SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASS

beginning April 8th through May 6th

HEAR, O ISRAEL!

Instructor: Father Christopher Cantrell, *Rector*

What if you could walk where Jesus walked? Fr. Chris recently experienced what is called a Clergy Familiarization Tour of Israel and got to do just that. This class will be a first-hand look at the Holy Land as it is today. There will be maps, photos, history, pilgrim tales and discussion.



SAVE THE DATE! ANNUAL SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER EGG HUNT

Mark your calendars now for the St. Matthias' Annual Second Sunday of Easter Egg Hunt on **Sunday, April 8th** following Solemn High Mass. Gather up those children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors and join us for egg hunting and treats! We are collecting contributions of plastic eggs and/or candy for the big day. Please leave your donations in the purple box by the front door of the Great Hall. Thank you.



2018 LENTEN OFFERING



Consider for a moment this Lenten Season...

*How Jesus fed the hungry and the poor,
often prior to spiritually helping them.*

You too have an opportunity to feed hungry children, by generously giving to our St. Matthias' Lenten Offering. The recipient this year is *True Awakening* whose primary mission is feeding hungry orphans in East Africa.

True Awakening is a 501c3; IRS approved public charity that uses only volunteers, so there is no payroll in the United States or Africa. This means that all the monies received go directly to the missions of *True Awakening*.

True Awakening started about nine years ago feeding 30 children, and in 2018 we will feed over 500,000 meals to children in Malawi who would not otherwise have a nutritious meal. We co-ordinate this work through our sister Diocese – the Diocese of Northern Malawi. We need your help to continue feeding these children. Please give generously to this worthwhile cause.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies, please join us on Monday, April 30th at 6:30pm for our annual Ladies Dinner out. Details on the restaurant location to follow.

We had many wonderful suggestions at our potluck dinner. From that discussion, Virginia and I have planned the following activities for the balance of the year.

- May - A trip to the Biblical Arts Center
- June - The Heritage Homestead in Waco
- September - Blueberry picking/lunch/shopping in Winnsboro
- September - Ladies Tea/Luncheon
- October/November - The Arboretum
- December - Church of the Nazarene in Carrollton for their display of Nativities.

Instead of selling cheeseballs this year to help support the Angel Tree, we will be hosting a bake sale. Details to follow later. We are looking into making plastic mats out of grocery bags to donate to the Austin Street Shelter.

Any questions, please call Nancy Perrine 214-929-7529 or Virginia Wallace 214-912-2546.

THANK YOU

to all who donated to the Women's Ministry, Support the Girls endeavor. We took 102 bras to the Austin Street Shelter last Sunday evening. We will continue to support this cause. The bin for donations will be in the Great Hall.



EASTER CELEBRATION DINNER

The Vestry invites you to dinner on **Saturday, April 28th**, when our annual dinner returns to the Easter Season. We hope everyone will come for food and fellowship during this joyous season. The evening will begin at **7:00pm** in the Garden and Great Hall. Make your plans now, and watch for your opportunity to RSVP in the bulletin in April.

