



THE ANTIPHON

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

JUNE 2019

The Summer Time for Solemn High Mass

10:00am

Begins Sunday, June 2nd

Every Sunday, a Nursery is provided from 7:50am - 11:50am

Beloved in Christ,

God willing, and the diocesan convention cooperating, by the time you get this we will have just elected a new bishop for the diocese of Fort Worth. Assuming that the ACNA College of Bishops (*meeting in a couple of weeks*) cooperates also, the new man will be consecrated the 4th Bishop of our Diocese in mid-September. These are momentous days!

And if that wasn't enough - as I write this, I am, once again, in the midst of all of the preparations for this year's Saint Michael's Southwest Youth Conference. This year's conference, which commences on the afternoon of Sunday, June the 16th, will be our fourteenth conference! Praise God!

Each year, the immediate run-up to the Conference is a roller-coaster of triumphs and challenges. The challenges are manifold - How can we provide space for the number of boys that are registering. We have to maintain a certain ratio of counselors to kids, counselors are volunteers (*suitable volunteers!*) and then we are limited by the available space in the chapel. Always, no matter how much we beg, the registrations arrive in clusters and bunches and at the last minute. Schedules have to be made. T-shirts and medals have to be ordered. Classes have to be sorted out.

Then there are the multiplicity of special arrangements - kids arriving late and needing to leave early. Gluten-free diets. Do we have enough counselors? Have we got enough supplies? The list goes on and on. Some of the difficulty is caused by fallen human nature (*procrastination and the like*) and some of it, truly is the work of the enemy! Satan despises Saint Michael's Conference, which is all the more reason why we do it! And it is because of that resistance that we depend upon the protection of the angels. And in the midst of all of that - we pray! You can help too. Please, please, please, pray for our Conference and all of those involved, from now straight through the 22nd when we get everyone safely home. (*Donations are always welcome too - wink, wink! Some of you have helped with that already - Thank you very much!!*)

We begin our Summer schedule of 8am & 10am this Sunday. The Church School year has come to a close. It is about to be time to shift liturgical gears from Eastertide to Ordinary time. In case you were wondering, the "clutch" is the feasts of Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, and Corpus Christi - the 9th, 16th, and 23rd of this month respectively.

With all of that, the choir's year is about to finish up. Many, many thanks to our choristers, Lisa Crain, David Aldrich, Lisa Wells and Da'On Hinton, and to Dick Abrahamson, our Parish Musician, for all of your efforts this past season.

And, a very hearty Congratulations to Abby Harwood and to Andrew Martin upon their recent graduation from High School. Abby, Andrew, well done!! They get to judge the Pentecost Pie competition this year!

Thanks be to God for all of his goodness to all of us.

God bless you all,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Crain", followed by a small cross symbol.

JUNE FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Little Bites to Eat and Your Toes in the Pool
Saturday, June 8th, 7:00pm

Jack and Laura Stotz, along with co-hosts Larry and Nancy Perrine, welcome you to their home for June Fellowship Supper. So whether you call them Appetizers, Finger Foods, Tapas, or Hors d'oeuvres, pull out your favorite recipes to bring. It'll be an informal evening, so you can even kick off your shoes and dip your toes in the swimming pool, if you like! The address is 1412 Palo Duro Drive, Carrollton 75007. To make your reservation, please complete the form in the Sunday bulletin. Maps will be available on the narthex table the Sunday prior to the event.



PENTECOST PIE

We all know that Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles 50 days after the Resurrection. And we know that when the Apostles began to speak, everyone heard them in his own language. **What's lesser known is that after all that excitement, the Apostles celebrated with a pie contest!** OK, that last part may not be



entirely true. But it has become our tradition here at St Matthias' to have a Pentecost Pie Contest after Solemn Mass to celebrate God's great gift to us of the Holy Spirit, so get your recipes ready!

Pentecost Pie day is June 9th.

Here's how it works:

- We need as many parishioners as possible to bring a pie – the type of pie is up to you and there is no limit to the number of pies you can bring. (*Note: you don't actually have to bake! Store bought pies are welcome too, even the thaw and serve kind.*)

- We'll have a panel of impartial pie-loving judges taste your pies, render a verdict, and award prizes in the following categories:
 - a) Cream pie
 - b) Fruit pie
 - c) Savory pie

Why Pentecost pie? Simple – this event is co-sponsored by the Evangelism Commission and Fellowship & Parish Activities to provide an easy avenue for inviting others to join us for Mass – and pie. Bring your pies and your pals! And even if you can't bring a pie, please consider bringing a friend, family member, neighbor, co-worker, or anyone else you know to come and learn about the coming of the Holy Spirit – and enjoy the coming of the Pentecost pies.

Judge for yourself: We need three judges for each category of pie. Judging is great fun, and you get to help decide who wins in your category. If you're willing to serve as a judge, please contact Donna Wheeler (wheeldi@msn.com or 214.263.8979) or Tommye Marr (marrtommye@sbcglobal.net or 214-797-3304).



SAVE THE DATE - ROUGHRIDERS GAME

St Matthias' night at the Frisco Roughriders game is Tuesday, June 11th, 7:00pm. Sign up in the Great Hall.



PRAYERS AND SQUARES MINISTRY

The Prayers and Squares Ministry meets **Thursday, June 13th** at 6:30pm in the Education Center. We have given over 200 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.

JUNE COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Shelter Team: *Captains* Ken & Jackie Martin, Danelle Harris, James Nugent, Andrew Martin, Gene Polson, Karen Cantrell, Nancy Gaines, Van Neinast, Penelope Schuchat. Team meets at church 4:00pm, **Sunday, June 16th.**

Sandwich Makers: Team 2 - Nancy Gaines, Penelope Schuchat, Jackie Martin, Van & Margaret Neinast, Dusty Hurry, David & Rene Murray, Karen Cantrell, Gene Polson, Donald Montgomery.



WHO YOU GONNA CALL...? PART DEUX

Last month, I introduced you to a few of the Parish Care ministries—what they do and who leads that ministry. This month, I'll give you a brief description of the remaining ministries under Parish Care. Remember, these ministries serve you and the Parish.

Prayers & Squares

We've all seen and prayed over the lovely quilts that this ministry creates for parishioners and non-parishioners. This isn't a ministry that Nita thought up, it's a real "thing" begun in 1992 by a group of quilters at Hope United Methodist Church in San Diego, California. Read about the history here: <http://www.prayerquilt.org>.

How can you help this ministry? Ask Nita Hinshaw. She and the other members of this ministry will joyfully welcome any assistance you can provide.

Memorial Receptions

It's a sad day when one of us dies. While we know their journey continues, it's still hard for those left behind. There are so many things to be done and so many decisions to make. Led by Margaret Neinast, this ministry will help with planning and implementing a memorial reception, including providing food and the clean up afterward.

Guild of Intercession

Y'all have seen the monthly requests for an update for the Intercessory Prayer Guild. Those of us in the Guild pray daily for those on the Prayer List. It's as simple as that. If you know of someone who needs prayer, let us know. Prayers can be for healing (physically, emotionally, or spiritually), for a situation (job interview, school test, or a co-worker who is hard to work with), for a peaceful death, or for repose of soul. There are no rules or guidelines for whom we pray or for what we pray—we even pray for pets!

Just two requests: when asking for our prayers, please provide us with at least a first name and why we're praying for them—Sara, cancer, undergoing chemo OR Richard, lost his job OR Emily, admitted to hospice.

Second request? When you receive the request for an update email, please respond! Let us know whether the need for prayer is the same or should change. If we don't hear from you, we don't know that Sara is in remission or that Richard is still searching or that Emily died three months ago.

Photographing New Members

This is a fun one, isn't it? When you have your picture taken, you feel special, and Jackie Martin and Donna Wheeler do just that for new Parishioners.

So, there you have it: Parish Care—a ministry for Parishioners by Parishioners. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ, and family looks after family.

Oh, one more thing: God has not blessed Father Chris or me with the gift of mind reading. Unless you tell us, we don't know you or someone you know in the Parish needs assistance. Please call the church office or me and give us a heads up.

Yours in Christ,
Niesa Page

NEWS FROM OUR CENTURION

On May 3rd, Father Joseph Golden Marama, our Centurion, wrote the following in response to an inquiry into his well-being and ministry. He is the priest in charge of St. Mark's in Nkhwazi Village on Likoma Island (situated in Lake Malawi.)

Hello,

It's so good to hear from you and from my family of St. Matthias' Church in Dallas, TX. I am so happy that I've been communicated from you there.

I together with my family are doing good and we thank God for His mercies and love and protection. We're all good regardless of the weather Malawi faced.

Yes, God also blessed us with a new baby girl born on Thursday of February 7th, 2019. Her name is Sarah Princes. This is the third month since she was born. She's growing in good health.

My brothers and sisters from St. Matthias, I want to let you know that we are still building the church but on the foundation level. This is still the current work we as the church are doing. It has been on the foundation level for a long time. We've been praying in a school hall since I came here in 2017 of October. The hall we are using is not enough and it's our desire to complete the building of the church. We're asking your prayers so that resources be available as we all know that all things come from God Himself. Prayer is indeed our great weapon.

I'll be doing visitations in different locations of our areas starting very soon, probably from the end of this month. It's also one way of taking census, visiting the elderly people/sick people and those who do not like to come to the church. It's part of encouraging them so that they know the goodness of praying, etc.

Wishing you all the best and indeed let's remember each other in our prayers so that we remain being faithful to God Almighty.

Yours in Christ service,
Fr. Joseph Golden Marama