



THE ANTIPHON

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

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Beloved in Christ,

Alleluia, Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Many, many thanks to absolutely everyone who helped to make our observance of Holy Week and Easter Sunday the glorious experience that it was! Fr. Ivor did a magnificent job singing the Exsultet at the Vigil. The feast following the Vigil (and Easter morning!) was a feast indeed! From the Spring Fling all the way through to the 7th Annual Second Sunday of Easter Egg Hunt, most everyone in the parish has been engaged and very busy! Wow! Many thanks to all who worked to make it come together, you are wonderful!

God willing, and his health permitting, Bishop Iker will be with us on Sunday, May 12th for his final annual Episcopal Visitation as our Diocesan Bishop. He prefers for us to gather as a whole parish together, so Matins will be at 9:00am with Solemn Mass at 9:30am. There will be no 8:00am Mass that Sunday. I realize that it is a change from our normal routine, but I believe it is quite important for us to make the effort to be together to welcome our successor to the apostles and to support Cheryl Cook who is being confirmed by him. Do plan to be in attendance, please. After Mass, there will be a reception in the Great Hall to welcome the bishop and to celebrate with the newly confirmed. Please continue to pray for those being considered for election as Bp Iker's successor, as well as for those who will vote in that election. Our delegates are Jack Stotz and Donna Wheeler. The Convention to elect will meet on June 1st at St. Vincent's, Bedford.

Please plan also to be with us on Thursday evening, May 30th at 6:30pm to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord. It is the 40 Day marker of the Great Fifty Days, therefore it is always a Thursday **and** a holy day of obligation. We will begin with a sung Mass and then finish up with a wine & cheese reception in the Lady Garden (*weather permitting, of course!*)

I am very grateful to Frs. Kalimi, Ivor, and Hightower for covering for me while I was away on a week's vacation. Karen and I had a great time in Mexico City. It is good to have some time away and it is also quite good to be back. I never thought that I would find myself looking forward to breathing the clean air of Dallas, Texas, but I did, and it is, in comparison to Mexico City! It's all relative it seems.

My thanks also to Dick and our choristers for singing the minor propers throughout these Paschal Sundays. The Major Propers are the set of readings proper to each Sunday. The Minor Propers are the little pieces of Scripture chant scattered throughout the Mass; the Alleluia and gradual, the offertory, and communion verses. They are unique to each Sunday's observance and are included to provide thematic structure to our worship. And they add even a little more beauty.

I am gearing up for our fourteenth (!) annual Saint Michael's Youth Conference at Camp Crucis in early June (the 16th - 22nd to be precise). The Conference is an intense week of immersion in the Anglo-Catholic Faith. Participants are youth between the ages of 12 and 19. Each year, I assemble a team of priests and committed laity to provide our youth with a good foundation upon which to build their spiritual houses. This year we will have both a deacon and a priest on our faculty that have come up through the ranks of our Conference, Deacon Spencer Stubblefield and Fr. Joseph Francis. Both of them fine new members of our diocesan clergy. The week is made up of excellent worship, solid Catholic teaching, activity (*and fun*). This means we are in registration season - if you are coming to St. Mike's this year, it is now time to get your paperwork in to me! Please pray for us as we prepare for the week. Pray for God to send us plenty of young people, benefactors to provide scholarships, and angels to protect us. (*The Enemy does not like Saint Michael's Conference!*)

We have so much to celebrate. Through his Incarnation, Death, and Resurrection, our Lord Jesus Christ has won for us a great victory over sin and death, and we are the heirs of his conquest. And that is all very good news worth sharing. Alleluia, Christ is risen!

God bless you all,



PRAYERS AND SQUARES MINISTRY

The Prayers and Squares Ministry meets **Thursday, May 9th** 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.



THE VISITATION OF THE BISHOP OF FORT WORTH TO ST MATTHIAS' CHURCH

Sunday, May 12th

Matins 9:00am // Solemn Mass 9:30am

(One Mass only this day. Please note the time.)

You will not want to miss this Mass at which one candidate will be confirmed. A reception follows in the Great Hall.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER RETURNS
SATURDAY, MAY 11th, 7:00pm
Theme: "A Celebration of Spring"

This month, Fellowship Supper will be hosted by Penny Schuchat and Nancy Gaines at the home of Misty (Nancy's daughter) and David Krawetzke at 501 Byron Court, Irving, Texas 75038. Maps are on the narthex table. Do not use your GPS, it will take you to the wrong entrance. We will be celebrating "SPRING" with a "good, old-fashioned cookout". Bring hot dogs and/or hamburger patties for yourself and your guests. Buns will be provided. Dress casual, so you can dip your hot feet in the cool pool! Make your reservation by completing the form in the Sunday bulletin.

Please make your selection from the following:

<u>If your last name begins with</u>	<u>Bring</u>
A, B, or C	Coleslaw
D, F, or G	Tomato, Lettuce (sliced)
H, I, or J	Pickles, relish, onion (chopped/sliced)
K, L, or M	Potato Salad
N, O, or P	Baked beans
R, or S	Assorted chips & dips
T, U, V, or W	Hors d'oeuvres or dessert



MAY COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Shelter Team: *Captains* Donald & Susan Conley, Ida Perryman, Thomas Coughlin, James & Gracie Hamilton, Donna Jarecke, Danelle Harris, Nancy Perrine. Team meets at church 4:00pm, Sunday, May 19th.

Sandwich Makers: Team 1 - Ida Perryman, Donald & Susan Conley, Richard & Dianne Couch, Donna Jarecke, Kathryn Magruder, Nick Vilay, Jo Neese, James & Gracie Hamilton.

GOT A SOFA?

A parishioner has very generously offered to donate the cost of cleaning the carpet and sofa in the nursery. Unfortunately, after inspection, it was determined that the sofa is in such bad shape, it's not worth the cost to have it cleaned and should be replaced. Do you have a sofa that you could donate to the nursery? Please contact Niesa Page at 214 280 5057 or niesa57@yahoo.com.



WHO YOU GONNA CALL...?

Parish Care is the ministry of Parish members who look after all of us at one time or another. When we filled out our Time and Talent form last fall, these Parishioners volunteered, and I thought I'd give you a brief overview of each ministry so you'll know who to contact should the need arise.

Nursery

Our children are the most precious gift God gives us. This ministry looks after the nursery by cleaning/sanitizing once a month and working with our professional care-giver to ensure our littlest Parishioners are safe and happy. Right now, we don't have a coordinator for the nursery, so if you're thinking, "Hmmm," give me a call.

Care of those in need or adversity

Well that's a broad topic isn't it? Simply, this ministry steps in for those who need a bit of help or cheer. Been sick and not up to cooking? This ministry will bring you a meal or two. Have a doctor's appointment but can't drive yourself? Parish Care's got you covered! Our transportation ministers will even get you to and from church if you need it.

Don't have time to cook or help someone get to or fro but could make a phone call? We even have a Calling Ministry who take a few minutes when needed to chat and visit by phone.

None of us wants to think of something catastrophic happening to us, but if it does, Parish Care will swing into action. We'll care for you as best we can to help you through whatever crisis you're experiencing.

Special note: The number of parishioners who volunteered to provide food or be on the calling ministry is very small. If you'd like join us, please let me or the church office know.

Card Ministry

What a delight to open your mailbox and find someone sent you a card! Regardless of the circumstances, it's a comfort to know someone cares. Whether it's a get well card, a birthday card, a celebration card, a bereavement card, or a "we're thinking of you" card, the members of the Card Ministry want you to know they care and are praying for you. Next time you think of a Parishioner who needs a card, let Jim Nugent or me know.

There's more to Parish Care, but you're reading The Antiphon, not War and Peace. Look for more information next month. In the meantime, keep in mind:

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

NORTH DALLAS SHARED MINISTRIES (NDSM)

Support the Pantry Month

It is time once again for us to start saving our paper bags, and cleaning out our closets. However, the way in which we can be most helpful to NDSM is to reach deep into our pocketbooks. As you can see from the print out on the table in the narthex, NDSM has tremendous buying power. If we spend \$1.00 at the grocery store to donate to NDSM, with that same dollar they could purchase \$12 worth of goods. Just think how much they could buy with \$50 or even \$100.00. So I would like to ask you to seriously consider giving as much as you possibly can. In 2017, our cash donation was \$1,400.00. Let's see how much better we can do this year!

Of course, gently used clothing for both men and women in all sizes is also needed. On the table you will also find a list of items that NDSM cannot purchase at wholesale. If you plan to buy things to donate, these would be most appreciated. A basket will be on the table for your check and containers for your physical donations on the northwest wall in the narthex. Let's make this the best year ever!

Nancy Gaines, NDSM Liaison

