



February 5, 2012
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

What is hard for us to comprehend is that as much as we believe that Jesus healed the sick and can heal us too, his mission cannot be limited to that kind of action. We might think that is the most important action there is. However, the healing action of Jesus is a sign that all of creation is to be made new. Jesus' mission cannot stop at one individual healing, as wonderful as it might be. So in the gospel story today, after Jesus performs certain healings people begin looking for him. But he does not respond to their requests. He then moves on "to the neighboring villages" in order to proclaim the good news there. Jesus' mission is not to be bound within a certain geographical or religious area. Jesus is frequently teaching his followers to keep moving on to spread the word. At the end of his life before he ascends, he says "Go into all the world and teach them all that I command you". This is our mission, too.

The St. Matthew Finance Committee meets on Monday February 6 at 6:30pm in the rectory followed by the Pastoral Council at 7:30pm.

The Loch Raven Ministers Association will meet Tuesday February 8, 12 noon, at St. Andrew Episcopal Church.

The Savor the World Committee will meet on Thursday February 9 at 7pm in the rectory.

The Youth going on the summer mission trip to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota will meet at St. Anthony Church on Friday February 10 at 6pm.

The Blessed Sacrament Finance Committee will meet on Saturday February 11 at 11am in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Center.

The Men's Fellowship Mardi Gras Dance is Saturday Night, February 11 in St. Matthew Church Hall.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday February 22 in two weeks. The parish theme this year *is "READiscovering the Word"*. Bibles will be available in the church for your private prayer and reflection. Over the next few Sundays you will be receiving information about the history and makeup of the Sacred Scriptural texts we call the Bible.

Also during Lent, Operation Rice Bowl will be available for you to take action on the Word that you read.



Love and Prayers,
Fr. Joe



St Matthew Men's Fellowship: Monthly Meeting THIS SUNDAY January 29 after the 11am Mass. Discussion topic: "Imagine!" Business: Mardi Gras. For information contact: Tracy Smith, 410-444-8707, Tracy_s@cavtel.net (or) David Cramer, david@cramercrystal.com 410-323-7164.

CATHOLIC REVIEW SUBSCRIPTIONS: Your parish pays \$35 for each subscription. Parishioners are asked to donate \$25 for their subscription. To date 49 subscriptions have not received the donation. The parish will pay \$1715 for these subscriptions. If everyone makes their \$25 donation, the parish will pay \$490 in addition to your donation. If you are just procrastinating – please try to motivate yourself to make your donation soon! Thanks very much!..

At St. Matthew--

FREE Health Screening & Information

Sponsored by the Immigration Outreach Service Center on 2 Thursdays every month from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Rectory.

Topics include: Cholesterol and Diabetes; Stroke & Heart Disease Prevention; Vision & Glaucoma; Men's and Women's Health; Ask-a-Doctor; Immunizations; Child Safety Information; City & Community Information; Weight & Nutrition.

February: 9 & 23

April 28 Major Health Fair from 12 Noon to 5:00 p.m in the Church Hall.

Watch for more information.

READING THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Register now for the 33rd annual SOCIAL MINISTRY CONVOCATION, Saturday, **March 3, 2012**, 8 AM to 3 PM at Seton-Keough High School. Co-sponsors: The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Charities, Beyond the Boundaries, St. Vincent de Paul Society, African-American Ministries, Hispanic American Ministries, Pax Christi of Baltimore. A day of refreshment, learning, sharing with parishioners, workshop leaders and keynote speaker, Janine Carreiro, Brockton, Mass. Interfaith Organization, winner of the CCHD 2010 Cardinal Bernardin Award. \$10 Donation includes lunch. Share also in the Come to the Fair exhibits and the Parish Social Ministry Recognition Awards. Contact Carol Palmer: 410-261-6780 cpalmer@cc-md.org.

St. Matthew Sodality Spring Luncheon & Bingo Wednesday, March 14, 2012

Doors open 10:30am

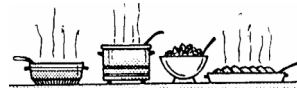
Luncheon Begins 12:00pm

Donation \$11

Tickets: Lorraine: 443-470-4390 or Carol: 410-252-4224

Annual Mardi Gras Dance & Fish Fry

Sponsored by St. Matthew Men's Fellowship



featuring
Island Cuisine
stew & fried fish

fried plantain, lentils, vegetables, rice
pasta salad, seafood salad & tossed salad
set-ups included, BYOB

Saturday, February 11, 2012

St. Matthew Church Hall

Music by Maze One International

7:00 p.m.? 11:00 p.m.

Dinner served 7:30 p.m.? 9:00 p.m.

\$20/ticket

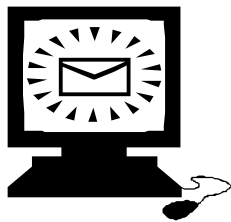
Curtis Mason: CURTISMASO@gmail.com

443-676-9992

**15 AUCTION ITEMS
FOR BIDS**



E-Mail Addresses: Your parish is trying to keep up to date E-mail addresses for all parishioners who have E-Mail so that in emergencies (closing, cancelation), and when important and timely information needs to be sent to all parishioners, you will be included. If you have not been receiving emails from stmatttc@gmail.com please send your E-mail address to this address. Recently a number of emails were returned because they were no longer active. If you have changed your email since you gave it to the CHURCH OFFICE, please send the new one. Only church related emails will be sent -- not jokes or other circulating emails. Thanks to all who have sent their E-Mail addresses!



ST. MATTHEW NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

stmatttc@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Are you a Catholic who has never been Confirmed? Do you wish to experience the fullness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in your life by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? Cardinal Edwin O'Brien will be conferring the sacrament of Confirmation on adult Catholics (age 18 and older) on Sunday, March 4, 2012, at 2p.m. at the Basilica of the Assumption. The Department of Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Baltimore in conjunction with the Basilica, will offer three sessions to prepare adults to receive this sacrament. The sessions are designed to review our core Catholic beliefs, practices and attitudes, discuss what it means to be a disciple in our Church today, and explore ways of living in a Catholic faith community guided by the Holy Spirit. The formation series will be held at the Catholic Center (320 Cathedral Street, 21201) on Saturdays, February 4, 18 and 25 from 3-5 p.m. To register or for more information, please contact Kathy Wandishin at 410-727-3565 x68 or E-mail her at: kwandishin@baltimorebasilica.org. **OR, contact Sr. Andre at St. Matthew and arrange to prepare for Confirmation here in our parish.**



St. Matthew had 2 empty freezers on Monday January 23 when only 45 casseroles were delivered to ODB.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, that is the first Monday in Lent, is also OUR DAILY BREAD DAY for our parish. Please plan now to make a casserole sometime before that day and bring it to a freezer in the rectory so it will be ready to transport on the 27th. We have 3 freezers – bring as many as you can! You may want to make this a Lenten project for your family. Many people unemployed or under-employed have to decide between paying their rent or mortgage, utilities, medication, or buying food for their family.

THE OBLATE SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE will host the **FOURTH ANNUAL FRIED CHICKEN DINNER** on **Saturday, February 25, 2012** at St. Frances Community Center (501 East Chase Street) from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. The price is \$10. Tickets can be purchased from parish representatives or contact Sr. Hellene Therese, OSP 410-536-5687 or Mr. Ralph Moore 410-539-5794. New items and jewelry will also be sold.

St. Matthew Praise and Worship Dance Ministry

is open to **males and females**. Just open your heart to DANCE for the LORD. If you can MOVE, you can DANCE. (No previous dance experience needed.)

YOUTH ages 6 -15 years.

ADULTS 16 years and older

(Adults will need to complete STAND Training.)

All REHEARSALS are held on Wednesday evenings.

Youth (5:30 – 6:16pm)

Adults (6:30 – 7:30pm)



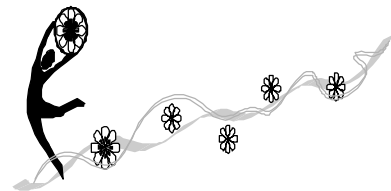
REGISTRATION & MEETING:

Wednesday February 8 from 5:30 – 6:30pm.

Contact for more information:

Mrs. Lisa Lee 443-872-7877

Ms. JoAnn S. Green 410-488-1433 (or)
443-681-8962



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

THIS SUNDAY: Jb 7:1-4,6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23; Mk 1:29-39 Job's cry of hopelessness stands in marked contrast to the hope of those who put their trust in Jesus, who "heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds". Such are the blessings of the good news.

MONDAY: 1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13; Ps 132:6-10; Mk 6:53-56 Solomon consecrates the temple, the resting place of the ark. All are invited to share in Messianic blessings. [*Paul Miki*, Jesuit scholastic, and his 25 companions, including 2 other Jesuits, 6 Franciscans, 15 Tertiaries, and 2 laymen, were crucified by order of the ruler Hideyoshi at Nagasaki. Among them was the Mexican, *Felipe de Jesus*, first martyr from the Americas to be beatified. They are proto-martyrs of the Far East.]

TUESDAY: 1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30; Ps 84:3-5,10-11; Mk 7:1-13 Solomon offers praise in the house of God. How often our traditions obscure the spirit of God's commandments.

WEDNESDAY: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6,30-32,39-40; Mk 7:14-23 The queen of Sheba acknowledges Solomon's great wisdom. Jesus speaks of evil in the heart. [*Jerome Emiliani* was a Venetian soldier whose conversion led to the founding of the Clerks Regular of Somascha, dedicated to the poor and the education of youth. He is patron of orphans and abandoned children.] [*Josephine Bakhita* (Sudanese) was raised in the Islamic faith, kidnapped at age of 7 by slave traders who gave her the name "Bakhita" meaning "lucky one." After a number of owners she was purchased at the age of 12 and brought to Italy. While serving as a nanny, she was sent to live with the Canossian Sisters in Venice, where she was baptized and eventually granted her freedom. Later she joined the Conossian Daughters of Charity, and for 25 years served her sisters as cook, seamstress, and portress at their houses in Venice, Verona, and Schio. She was beloved by her students for her sweet nature and musical voice. After a long and painful illness she died in 1947 and was the first Sudanese canonized a saint as a witness to evangelical reconciliation and a model of freedom.]

THURSDAY: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4,35-37,40; Mk 7:24-30 The Lord grew angry with Solomon whose marriages with foreigners led to idolatry. Jesus heals the daughter of a foreigner, a Syrophenician woman.

FRIDAY: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37 Jeroboam, an architect of the temple, learns of the kingdom's approaching schism for its failure to hear God's voice. Jesus heals the deaf and the mute. [*Scholastica* was the twin sister of St. Benedict. "She could do more because she loved more" (per Gregory the Great in "The Dialogues"). Saint Scholastica is invoked against storms and is patroness of Benedictine nunneries.]

SATURDAY: 1 Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7,19-22; Mk 8:1-10 Jeroboam, King of Israel, constructs two temples in which golden calves are worshipped. Jesus foreshadows the gift of the Eucharist. [*Our Lady of Lourdes*: According to Bernadette, the visionary at Lourdes in 1858, the Virgin Mary proclaimed herself "The Immaculate Conception." She is patroness of Portugal and the Philippines.] [**World Day of the Sick** is a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church, and of reminding us to see in the sick, the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying, and rising, achieved the salvation of human kind. (Pope John Paul II)

NEXT SUNDAY: Lv 13:1-2,44-46; Ps 32:1-2,5,11; 1 Cor 10:31—11:1; Mk 1:40-45

PERSONAL ITEMS NEEDED for the men of Christopher Place Employment Academy. Men coming to the 18-month program enter with only what they are wearing. **Full size bath soap bars, body wash, and shampoo** are needed. For more information, contact the volunteer office: 443-986-9031. They are located at the same address as Our Daily Bread: 725 Fallsway, Baltimore 21202.

REMARRIED COUPLES' RETREAT: Prayer That Makes a Difference: February 17, 18, 19 at Holy Trinity Retreat Center. Fr. Nicholas Amato is the retreat presenter. "The goal of communication is not communication; it is communion. In our world of laptops, smart phones, and Kindles, we find ourselves communicating more and more, yet the bonding and communion with God, ourselves and with our spouses has not kept pace with technology. We find ourselves even less understood, cared for, or nurtured by one another. On our retreat, we will learn the fine art of prayerful presence where God can be experienced directly. Such a way of praying can make a difference in our relationship with Jesus Christ and particularly in our marriages. From such prayer, we are able to "put on Christ," as our very lives begin to flow to and from God, and we discover who we are "in God." This is a weekend of self-renewal and self-understanding as we experience first-hand how prayer can change lives, particularly ours. \$330. Call 410-335-2897 or E-Mail: ck.kl.lahatte@verizon.net.

At Bon Secours Spiritual Center: Get all the event details and registration information at www.BonSecoursSpiritualCenter.org or call 410-442-1320:

VALENTINES DAY DINNER: Saturday, February 11. Mass 5pm; followed by wine and cheese reception and then Dinner & Program at 6pm. \$75/couple. Guided by Bill Coffin.

WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED PRAYER: Saturday, February 25, 9:30am – 3:30pm. \$55. Guided by Mary Jo Johnson.

CONFIRM YOUR WELLBEING: Saturday, March 24, 9:30am-3:30pm. \$55. Guided by Cindi Miller.

STELLA MARIS COUNSELING CENTER (2300 Dulaney Valley Road 21093) 410-252-4500, ext 7291 is offering Bereavement support to children, teens and adult groups. Bereavement Day Camp: Saturday, March 10 from 10am to 3pm. No cost for youth connected with Stella Maris Hospice Program. Others: cost is \$140 with a \$70 deposit due two weeks prior to camp. Additional siblings are \$80 each. Adult groups are 6 week programs from 7 – 8:30pm. These groups include: Loss of Loved One (Parent/Sibling); Loss of Spouse or Significant Other; Loss of Child, and Sudden Loss. No cost to Stella family & friends. Small fee to others for adult groups. Registration required at least 7 days prior to start. Call for schedule.

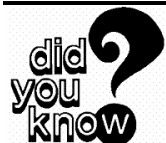
BALTIMORE CONCERT SERIES: presented by Brown Memorial Woodbrook Presbyterian Church (6200 N. Charles Street, 21212) March 2: Grannie Hambley & William Jackson – Masters of the Celtic Harp; April 6: Kevin Burke – Irish Fiddle Master. \$19 Adult; \$17 Senior 65+ & Students 19 and younger. visit www.commongroundonthehill.org or call 410-857-2771.

KENYAN MASS: St. Matthew at 2 pm March 22, May 13, July 8, September 8, and November 11, 2012.

Maryland Catholic Conference Lobby Night 2012: Join Maryland's bishops and hundreds of fellow Catholics on Presidents' Day – **Monday, February 20** for the 28th annual Catholic **Lobby Night in Annapolis** and *stand strong in the public square*. Lobby Night will be held from **3:00-8:00 pm** at **St. Mary's High School, 109 Duke of Gloucester St., Annapolis, MD 21401**. Tell legislators that we all have a duty to serve the poor and vulnerable, build up the common good and respect human life and dignity. Lobby Night is an advocacy event that gives Catholic voters the opportunity to speak in person with their elected officials about issues including abortion clinic regulations, support for pregnant women, poverty, immigration, Catholic schools, the death penalty and marriage. Registration is required. Call 410-269-1155 or 301-261-1979 for more information.

Lenten Lectio & Lunch? A Morning of Quiet Prayer and Reflection, Tuesday, March 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. "Lectio" is an ancient form of sacred reading, a way of being with the Scriptures that invites one to ruminate on the Word, allowing it to dwell deeply in the mind and heart of the pray-er. A passage from Sacred Scripture will be pondered and enhanced further through art and music. Participants will be free to spend the remainder of the morning in prayer and reflection amid the quiet of the monastery and its grounds. Morning ends with Noon Day Prayer. Suggested Donation: \$20. Option: brown bag your lunch, and coffee, tea, and water will be provided. Benedictine Monastery, 2229 W. Joppa Road, Lutherville MD 21093. **Call 410-821-5792 or go to www.emmanuelosb.org.**

LENTEN MISSION ? "Drawing Nearer to God" will be held at Our Lady of Grace Church, Parkton (exit 31 off 83N), on Monday and Tuesday, **Feb 27 and 28**. Morning sessions at 9:30am (repeated 7pm.) both days. Monday: ***The Role and Significance of the Holy Spirit in our Lives;*** Tuesday: ***How to Take on the Attitudes of Jesus.*** The presenter will be Dr. Jack Buchner. Questions, or to register, call 410-329-6826.



– that **cub scouting** is based on the principles of loving and serving God, of human dignity and the rights of individuals, and of recognizing the obligation of our boys to develop and use their potential?

–that **Cub Scout Pack 648** was re-established at St Matthew parish 5 years ago to serve first to fifth grade boys in the community?

– that **Cub Scout Pack 648** participates in community service activities like the Church cleanup and food drives to support the CARES pantry?

–that **Cub Scout Pack 648** has been voted the best pack in the Hopkins - East Baltimore District two years in a row - 2010 and 2011?

–that **Cub Scout Pack 648** is always recruiting and meets on Friday evenings at 6:30pm in the Cardinal Shehan School Cafeteria?

Pinewood Derby/Family Game Night **Friday, February 24th at 6:30pm**



Bring a board game, your family, and a dessert to share as we watch the Cub Scouts race their Pinewood Derby cars. This is a great way to fellowship as families of St Matthew Parish. Pizza will be provided.

