

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday
after Pentecost - Proper 28
November 17, 2024



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
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The Reverend Dina Carter Ishler, *Priest in Charge*
Welcome The Reverend Frederic Stevenson

*"There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God." 1 Samuel 2:2*

We are so happy you are with us! Please know you are always completely welcome here at St. Matthew's for everything we do- our fellowship, our mission and outreach activities, our regular Sunday worship at 10am, and our occasional evening services. We hope and pray you will find this to be one of your spiritual homes- please do not hesitate to let us know what your needs are. All our contact information is listed at the back of this bulletin.

Our Worship follows the Episcopal tradition using the 1979 Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal 1982, both of which you will find in the pew racks. We create a comprehensive bulletin for each service with the intention of making it easier to follow along and participate; if you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to ask someone near you. At services with music, you will need your Hymnal to sing the hymns and service music- **both are intended to be sung by everyone!**

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you wish to receive communion, place your hands together to receive the bread and you may take a sip of wine directly from the chalice. We also have individual cups available that contain a small amount of wine and a wafer (the consecrated bread); please put your hands in front of you as if you were praying if you'd like this option. Intinction (dipping the wafer in the chalice) is not permitted. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you wish to receive a blessing, please come forward to the altar and cross your arms.
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By mission does the church live: "you will be my witnesses," said the Risen Jesus as we hear in Acts 1:8, just before he ascended into heaven. As the Body of Christ alive and at work in our world, we are the church- gathered and fed in Word and Sacrament as we learn together to be the hands and feet of Christ everywhere we go. We are to see Christ in all others- to share the life-giving narrative of salvation with those to whom the Spirit sends us.

*Blessings and love to you on this holy day and always-  
Mother Dina*

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## Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 10:00 am

*Directions to stand, kneel, etc., in our services should always be considered an invitation. If you find any of these to be challenging, please worship in whatever pose may work for you, knowing you are fully in God's presence.*

### The Ringing of the Bells

*We ring the sacristy bells five minutes before each service to invite us into a respectful silence that settles our souls for this time of Spirit-filled worship.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude                    “Arioso”                    George Frederick Handel

Processional Hymn                    #48, The Hymnal 1982  
“O day of radiant gladness, O day of joy and light”

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*     **And blessed be thy kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The people and Celebrant say together*

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

The Gloria in Excelsis                    S-280, The Hymnal 1982  
“Glory to God in the highest”

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People*     **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons** *The people sit.*

**A Reading from the First Book of Samuel: 1 Samuel 1:4-20**

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was

not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, “How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine.” But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time.” Then Eli answered, “Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him.” And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your sight.” Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, “I have asked him of the LORD.”

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Please say this reading from 1 Samuel (chapter 2, verses 1-10) in unison.

**Hannah prayed and said,**

**“My heart exults in the LORD;  
my strength is exalted in my God.**

**My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in my victory.**

**“There is no Holy One like the LORD,  
no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.**

**Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.**

**The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.**

Those who were full have hired themselves out for  
bread,  
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.  
The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.  
The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.  
The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low, he also exalts.  
He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honor.  
For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,  
and on them he has set the world.  
“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;  
for not by might does one prevail.  
The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;  
the Most High will thunder in heaven.  
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king,  
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

### A Reading from the Book of Hebrews

#### Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds,”

he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no  
more.”

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering  
for sin.]

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the  
sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he  
opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and  
since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach  
with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled  
clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure  
water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without  
wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider  
how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting  
to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one  
another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

#615, The Hymnal 1982

**“Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee the passing ages pray”**

**The Gospel: Mark 13:1-8**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Mark.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him,  
“Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then  
Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone  
will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple,  
Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when  
will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about

to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**The Homily**

Father Fred

*A time of silence after the homily is held for reflection.*

**The Nicene Creed** *all stand and say together*

BCP 358

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The Prayers of the People**

BCP 328

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.  
Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us



to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe, and +Audrey, our bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. *Today, in the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for and with St. Andrews's, Lewisburg. In our Diocesan/Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Lockhaven, and The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.*

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially our President Joe Biden; our President-elect Donald Trump, our Governor Josh Shapiro, our Mayor Josh Brosnious, and our Senator Lynda Schlegel-Culver, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, remembering especially those listed in our bulletin: : Mother Dina and family, Father Fred and family, Frances, Angela, Tanya, Weston, Mike, Richard, the Sterner family, Dawson, Ellen and family, Erika, Stan,

Nancy, Frank, Tammy, Becky, Marley, Alexis, Tanner and family, Tyanne, Adam, Richard, Easton, Joan, Barry, Ariella, George and family, Roy, Cathy, Caitlin and Kevin, Greg and family, Ereda Garcia and Junior Jimenez, Eric, Brian, and Bena, and for those whose needs are known to God alone. Please pray for all healthcare workers, especially Dan, Kara, Melissa, Janice, and their co-workers. Also, please pray for all serving in our military, including Logan, and law enforcement.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, *especially Patricia, Deacon Alex, Tony, baby Oliver, Dr. Kenneth, and John*, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. Matthew and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.  
**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

**BCP 332**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Offertory Hymn**

#632, The Hymnal 1982

**“O Christ, the Word Incarnate, O Wisdom from on high”**

**The Presentation of the Offerings**

#380, v.3, The Hymnal 1982

**“Praise God from whom all blessings flow”**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Eucharistic Prayer II**

BCP 340

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**The Sanctus**

S-130, The Hymnal 1982

**“Holy, holy, holy”**

*The Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and

sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

**The Lord's Prayer** And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us,

we are bold to say: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*The people and Celebrant say together*

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says* These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

*The Sacrament is distributed to the people with these words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

### **Communion Hymn**

#711, The Hymnal 1982

**“Seek ye first the kingdom of God”**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

BCP 339

*The Celebrant says* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People* **Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and**

Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing *The Priest blesses the people.*

Recessional Hymn #607, The Hymnal 1982  
"O God of every nation, of every race and land"

The Dismissal *The Celebrant dismisses the People*  
Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!  
*People* Thanks be to God, and all God's people say, Amen!

Postlude "Praeludium" George Bohm

Serving today's liturgy

The Reverend Frederic Stevenson, *Celebrant and Preacher*

Tina Schlegel, *Music Minister; St. Matthew's Choir*

Barbara Sauter, *Eucharistic Minister; Mary Ann Loftus, Thurifer*

Barbara Sauter, *Lector; Barry Treon, Greeter and Usher*



PARISH NOTES for November 17, 2024

**COLE ALLEN DIAPER PANTRY:** The next Diaper Pantry will be Saturday, Dec. 7th, 2024 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We're in need of volunteers to distribute diapers. Please contact Connie Kistler at [kistinpa@ptd.net](mailto:kistinpa@ptd.net). Monetary donations are very much welcomed, please give in an envelope labeled "Diaper Pantry." **Donations of diaper wipes, pull-ups, and sizes 5 and 6 are so appreciated and urgently needed- We covered 140 baby bottoms in November!**

**HIS DISCIPLES FOOD PANTRY:** Is the last Saturday of each

month. Please contact John Blanchard, 570-286-5415, leave message to volunteer. Donations of canned soups, cereals, and canned fruit are welcome. **We fed 52 families in October!** The next Food Pantry will be held Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. **Any donations are greatly appreciated!**

**CHURCH SERVICE TIME is 10:00 AM.** Masks are now optional. Please follow any current COVID restrictions.

**CARLA'S OFFICE HOURS:** Office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday, 10AM to 2PM, and Thursday, 10AM to Noon.  
**MOTHER DINA'S OFFICE/PASTORAL CALLING HOURS:** **SWITCHING TO TUESDAYS AS OF 11/19, 11:30- 5:00pm** (or text/call (717) 481-0708 to plan a time to share together.) **I LOVE hearing from you!**

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY:** Please prayerfully consider participating in this vital ministry. If interested in guiding our young people in their faith, please contact Mother Dina or Anissa DeCapria-Sanduta, 570-898-2275.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** St. Matthew's is looking for altar servers of **all ages** for the ministries of: **Eucharistic Minister, Crucifer, Torch Bearers, Lector, Thurifer, etc.** Please contact Mother Dina if interested in participating in these or **ANY** of our other ministries!

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Rehearsals will continue to be Thursday evenings at 5:30pm. All are welcome to join us - **NO MUSICAL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

**COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS:** Volunteers are needed each month to sign up for a weekly coffee hour session. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Choir Room. Any questions, please contact Carol Hixson. This month's sign-ups are:  
Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> - Newtons                      Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> - Kistlers  
Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - **Need Volunteer**      Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - Reception for our Bishop's visit

**YOGA CLASSES:** Yoga classes will be held in the Social Hall every Thursday at 7:00PM. \$5.00 per class.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Please notify Elaine Schlegel, or the Parish Administrator, Carla Treon, of anyone who needs prayers so they may be added for the next upcoming Sunday.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** - St. Matthew's will be

participating in Operation Christmas Child this year, and our scout troops will be joining us in this wonderful ministry! Supplies are in the parish hall. **Please bring your shoebox on or before Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>**, so they can be blessed by Mother Dina on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>... any questions please contact Mary Newcomb or Mary Ann Loftus.

**WALK IN LOVE:** On 11/24, and 12/1 we will be gathering after church: coffee hour goodies first, then we gather- for some formation centered around the excellent book “Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices”, by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe. We are having some amazing conversations!! Come and join us- all are invited to be part of this. If you want a copy of the book, let Mother Dina know ASAP!

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** Adult Bible Study starts at 9:00AM on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please contact Nathan Blanchard.

**BRASS CLEANING:** Please join in helping with the brass cleaning on November 17<sup>th</sup> after the Service and Coffee Hour. **All are welcome to help!**

**VESTRY MEETING:** The monthly Vestry Meeting will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall.

**PIE SALE:** A Pie Sale will be held Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. All pies are 9”. **Must Pre-Order.** Pick-up after 4pm. Choices are: Pecan, \$15.00; Pumpkin, \$10.00; Apple Pie, \$10.00, and Praline, \$2.00. Sign-up Pie forms available.

**MONTHLY MORNING BREAKFAST:** The monthly morning breakfast will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00AM.

**ST. NICK’S FESTIVAL:** Our Annual St Nicholas Festival will be Sat., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm. Auction baskets, sticky buns, baked goods, Lunch, Soups: Italian wedding, Chicken corn, Ham Pot Pie - can be preordered by calling the church. *Any donations to the auction baskets, baked goods, etc. are appreciated! Please speak with Anissa, Justina, Connie or Cynthia with questions.*

**UP-COMING MONTHLY EVENTS:** Details to follow closer to the time of the events. Please visit our website for more information  
Sun., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>: Adult Bible Study, 9:00AM  
Sun., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>: Brass cleaning after Coffee Hour  
Wed., Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>: Vestry Meeting, 6:00PM



Sun., Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Blessing, 10:00 AM

Wed., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>: Pie Sale, pre-sale orders, more info to follow

Sun., Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>: Monthly Breakfast Hour, 9:00AM-10:00AM

Sat., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>: St. Nick Festival, 10:00AM-2:00PM

Sun., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>: Bishop Scanlan's parochial visit to our parish!

**VESTRY MEMBERS:** Fran Zartman, *Senior Warden*; Roy Casey, *Junior Warden*; Mary Ann Loftus, *Clerk of the Vestry*; Nathan Blanchard; Martha Bohner; Anissa DeCapria-Sanduta; Dana Kelly; Carol Lamparter; Pam Schlegel; Lynda Schlegel-Culver. Charlie Schlegel, *Senior Warden Emeritus*

**SEXTON** Sharon Baney

#### DONATIONS:

All tithes and offerings are most greatly appreciated, as we rely on your prayerful generosity to care lovingly for our physical space and to keep ourselves vital and active in our community through our worship, our witness, our outreach, and our presence.

You may now donate to Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church "online" at the link listed: <https://diocesecpa.org/stewardship>

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*“Diaper Need”*

**We need volunteers to donate money, diapers,  
or to organize a diaper drive!**

**With your help we can make a difference.**

