

THIS WEEK

FEBRUARY 12:	8:00 AM – Rite I 9:15 AM – Rite II with Band 10:30 AM – Rite II with Choir 11:45 AM – Youth Minister Search Committee 11:45 AM – Pastoral Care 3:00 PM – MCVN 7:00 PM – Prayer Group 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts
FEBRUARY 13:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 7:30 PM – Free to Live NA 7:30 PM – Bread of Life
FEBRUARY 14:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 7:00 PM – ELL Classes 7:00 PM – AA 7:00 PM – Band Rehearsal
FEBRUARY 15:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 12:00 PM – AA 7:00 PM – Watch 7:30 PM – Grief Small Group (Closed)
FEBRUARY 16:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 6:45 PM – Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM – Women's Small Group 7:00 PM – ELL Classes
FEBRUARY 17:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 7:00 PM – MCVN
FEBRUARY 18:	7:30 AM – Men's Small Group 8:00 AM – Fellowship Breakfast 5:00 PM – Rite II 7:00 PM – AA 7:00 PM – MCVN 7:30 PM – LOL Movie Night

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY 12:	Mary Russell
FEBRUARY 12:	Sandra Gentry
FEBRUARY 12:	Kelsey Hancher
FEBRUARY 12:	Lacey Hancher
FEBRUARY 13:	Barb Merritt
FEBRUARY 14:	Kathy Curtis
FEBRUARY 16:	Rachel Dennis
FEBRUARY 16:	Chris Hallett
FEBRUARY 16:	Grant Tattersall

ATTENDANCE

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

Time or Place	Service	Attend.
8:00 AM	HE I	25
9:15 AM	HE	137
10:30 AM	HE II	153
Sunday School		66
Saturday	HE II	7
Sunrise	MP	7

FINANCIAL UPDATE

AS OF FEBRUARY 5, 2012

Revenue Required for 2012	\$574,087
Revenue Received YTD	\$48,958

Helping Hand Ministry

To volunteer with Helping Hand or notify us of a family in need, please contact Miriam Turner at helpinghand@stmatthewssterling.org or 703-430-6253.

Pastoral Partners

If you are in need of care, please contact the church office at 703-430-2121.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Saint Matthew's telephone and fax:
703-430-2121 (phone)
703-430-2638 (fax)

Saint Matthew's web site:
<http://www.stmatthewssterling.org>

A nursery for *children* is provided at all three Sunday services.

E-mail Us:

Father Rob can be reached at: Rob.Merola@stmatthewssterling.org
Reverend Anne can be reached at: Anne.MacNabb@stmatthewssterling.org
Our Office Manager can be reached at: OfficeManager@stmatthewssterling.org
Our Seminarian can be reached at gmaggiano@vts.edu

Vestry:

John Dickie, *Senior Warden*
Fred Brittain, *Junior Warden*
Annette Brennan, Robert Cranson, Heidi Lathrop, Chris Lesser, Mary Petersen, Dan Robertson, Hillary Tattersall

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE

EPIPHANY

SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH

February 12, 2012

Welcome...

...to Saint Matthew's. We trust you will find us to be a church of joyful worship, loving community, and vibrant witness to our Lord Jesus Christ. We could not be more excited about all that God is doing in our midst. We are grateful for this opportunity to worship with you today, and we invite you to fill out the appropriate pew card and place it in the offertory plate. We look forward to sharing our life at Saint Matthew's with you in whatever way God leads – whether just this Sunday or as a long time member.

Newcomers Welcome Reception

New to Saint Matthew's or just want to learn more? Join us on Friday, March 2nd at 6:15pm in the Parish Hall. Fr. Rob and the Newcomer Committee will be presenting Saint Matthew's past, present and future in an informal round table chat. Refreshments will be served, and Saint Matthew's monthly First Friday Game Night begins at 7:30pm for a chance to mingle with your fellow parishioners! Please RSVP to Miriam Turner at the church office at office@stmmts.org.

Flower Dedications

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Grady Cross' Great-Grandfather, Robert A. Schuman, who passed away this summer. The flowers are also given by Al and Jeane Nevarez in celebration of the baptism of their daughter, Isabel.

Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 21st at 5:30pm and 6:30pm – Join us for special flavored and plain pancakes, syrup, sausages, drinks, live music by the 9:15 band and more. Come dressed for Mardi Gras Carnival and be prepared for some serious fun. Oh Ya! Bring a friend or 2. Tickets will be available starting today.

2012 Mission Trips

Washington DC (youth)
June 17th - June 23rd
www.CSM.org

Appalachia - Rogersville, TN (youth)
July 22th - July 27th
www.adventures.org/youth

Return to Haiti (adult)

August 4 – August 10

<http://prayingpelicanmissions.org/>

Sign-up sheets for the trips are currently posted on the Spiritual Formation bulletin board. The cost of the youth trips is \$500 each and the deadline to sign up is March 15th. If you would like to learn more about any of the trips you may read about them on the websites listed above or contact Mary Petersen at mjpteach@yahoo.com regarding the youth trips or Fred Brittain (Fred_Brit@hotmail.com) or Thomas O'Neill (tandtoneill@verizon.net) regarding the Haiti trip.

Please contact Father Rob, Rev. Anne, or Mary Petersen if you are in need of a scholarship. Scholarships are provided on an individual as needed basis.

If you would like to learn more about the Haiti trip and hear from past team members, please join us for an informational meeting on February 27th at 7pm.

Intercessory Prayer Lists

The Saint Matthew's intercessory prayer list is for those in or related to our community who are in need of prayer. It is designed so that all members of our community can pray for each other on an ongoing basis. In order to pray for those on the list, simply ask God to be with them and help them in any way needed - God knows what is going on, so we don't need to. All requests for prayer may remain anonymous and will remain on the list for 60 days. After that time, they will be removed from the list but can be put back on as needed. Please pray for the following people:

Sue, America, Robby, Ryan, Verlande, Beverly, Molly, Marty, Betty, Marie, Terri, Christina, Jeanette, Katie and Dan, Althea, Kim, Isaac, Robyn, Cindy, Lisa, Mel, Jamey, Sean K, James, Gladys, Marie, Jim, Todd, RL, Brenda, Brooklyn, Liisa & Family, Brian & Family, Kevin & Family, Ruth, Jackie, William, Marcus, Jonne, Ray, Debbie, Eliz, Betty, Kiia, Priscilla, Chauncey, Danielle, Billie, Ann, Becky, Marilyn, Sean, Yutzy, Lopez, Walter, Elijah, Grace, Karen, Marilee, Debbie, Elizabeth, Katherine, Bobby, Ethan, Mike, Lesley, Cho & Family, Lynne, Peg, Bitia, Raelene, Phoebe, Sharon, Mary Bob, Kelly, Rob, Jennifer, Amanda, Meghan, Shawn, Elizabeth, Tom, Sierra, Nick, Bobby, Morgan, Debbie, Glen, Andre, Otha, Bob, Amanda, Barbara, Chuck, Karen, Mary, Shannon, Ted, Jackie, Marty, Mary, Lisa & Family, Mindy, Bob, Olive, Billie, Donna, Daisy and Phillip.

If you or someone you care about is in need of Pastoral Care, please do not hesitate to call 703-430-2121.

Creation 2012

We are organizing a trip to Creation Fest from June 28-30 at Agape Farm. This is the nation's largest Christian Music Festival. See over 50 live bands over three days and enjoy camping in the beautiful countryside of Pennsylvania. Cost is approx. \$150/person. Want to join us? Sign up on the bulletin board or find out more from Vicki Nelson or Jodie Leach at jodieleach2@aol.com

WatCH Continues

Perhaps you have heard of Positive Psychology, a relatively new branch of psychology which focuses not one what is wrong with people, but on helping them become happier, more satisfied, more engaged with life, find more meaning, have higher hopes, and even to laugh and smile more, regardless of one's circumstances.

As you might expect, things like faith, hope, and love are central to the quality of life that Positive Psychology is seeking to foster. Interestingly, while these may be relatively new areas of study to psychological science, they are not at all new to religion. Biblical literature dates back thousands of years, and it is full of these concepts.

Clearly, the findings of Positive Psychology only confirm that the Bible is a storehouse of wisdom and knowledge for successful and happy living. It is that wisdom that we will be exploring further for the next few weeks on Wednesday nights at 7pm.

ELL Volunteers Needed

Saint Matthew's English Language Learners program, needs an adult to provide child care on Tuesday evenings.

Classes are held from 7-9 Tuesday and Thursday evening beginning on the 24th and ending March 22nd. Please contact Katt Hancher at cathrinekatt@gmail.com or call 703-405-4057. Thank you very much!

30 Hour Famine

Worldwide, more than one billion people - 1 in every 6 - don't get enough to eat. But there is good news! Our students are going without food for 30 hours to help write a new story for hungry kids. On February 24th and 25th, our youth group will participate in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. We're getting a crash course in global hunger by fasting for 30 hours while raising money to help feed and care for hungry kids and their families around the world. If you are interested in participating in the 30 Hour Famine please see the Spiritual Formation Bulletin Board. Chaperones are needed for this event. For information contact Mary Petersen at mjpteach@yahoo.com.

Youth Retreat

Youth, it's finally here – the long awaited youth retreat you have been asking for. Join us for a weekend away (Sat. 3/10 - Sun 3/11) as we relax, prepare and eat meals, play games, enjoy nature, and generally just have fun being together and enjoying each other's company. The cost of the retreat is \$50. Sign up on the Spiritual Formation Board. Scholarships are available.

Spiritual Gifts Workshop

There are very few things that offer more satisfaction than using our unique make-up to serve God and our world well. If you are interested in learning more about your unique strengths, spiritual gifts, and passion, Rob Merola and Jodie Leach will be teaching a class March 3rd from 9am to 3pm at the church where you can discover your gifts and learn how to use them. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this valuable workshop!

Youth Group Families

Lots of activities are on the calendar for the youth group. Please make sure that you periodically check the hanging rack in the Parish Hall for the Youth Group Calendar and LOL Newsletter of Upcoming Events including movie nights, 30 Hour Famine, retreat, hikes, and service opportunities. We want to make sure that you are in the know and don't miss out on any events. Parents, want to get involved? Chaperone opportunities are also listed.

Volunteers for Eucharist Ministry

Saint Matthew's needs volunteers for our Eucharist Ministry. Volunteers in this ministry carry the Holy Eucharist to those in the Parish who cannot attend church services. If you are 18 or older and have received confirmation then you qualify. Training and necessities would be provided by St Matthew's.

If you have a few hours a month to donate please contact Mona Cosgrove at (703) 444-7023 or mlcosgrove@yahoo.com.