

THIS WEEK

JANUARY 22:	Chili and Cornbread Cook-Off Small Group Sign-Ups 8:00 AM – Rite I 9:15 AM – Rite II with Band 10:30 AM – Rite II with Choir 3:00 PM – MCVN 7:00 PM – Prayer Group 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts
JANUARY 23:	7:30 PM – Free to Live NA 7:30 PM – Bread of Life
JANUARY 24:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 7:00 PM – ELL Classes 7:00 PM – AA 7:00 PM – Band Rehearsal
JANUARY 25:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 12:00 PM – AA 7:00 PM – WatCH
JANUARY 26:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 6:45 PM – Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM – Women's Small Group 7:00 PM – ELL Classes 7:00 PM – Knit 2, Prayer 2
JANUARY 27:	Diocese of Virginia Annual Council 9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery 7:00 PM – MCVN
JANUARY 28:	Diocese of Virginia Annual Council 7:30 AM – Men's Small Group 5:00 PM – Rite II 7:00 PM – AA 7:00 PM – MCVN

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

JANUARY 24:	Renee & John Martin
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANUARY 22:	Fabeka Rodriguez
JANUARY 22:	John Runski
JANUARY 23:	Robert Wheeler
JANUARY 24:	Natalie Brennan
JANUARY 26:	Alex Davenport
JANUARY 26:	Alice Otis
JANUARY 27:	Grace Kelly

ATTENDANCE

JANUARY 15, 2012

Time or Place	Service	Attend.
8:00 AM	HE I	32
9:15 AM	HE	135
10:30 AM	HE II	162
Sunday School		68
Saturday	HE II	11
Sunrise	MP	9

FINANCIAL UPDATE

AS OF JANUARY 8, 2012

Revenue Required for 2012	\$574,087
Revenue Received YTD	\$15,663

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:

Darrell Breed, *Senior Warden*
Fred Brittain, *Junior Warden*
Annette Brennan, Robert Cranson, John Dickie, Erin Leary, Mary Petersen, Dan Robertson, Hillary Tattersall

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE

EPIPHANY

SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH

January 22, 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.

Backpack Buddies

We have approximately 50 students enrolled in our backpack buddies program! This works out to 300 meals per week. Please help us keep the Backpack Buddies racks full. Items needed are listed on the Outreach board and include individual servings of the following: oatmeal, fruit cups, shelf stable milk, and Chef Boyardee.

Backpack Buddies packing will happen each Tuesday at 1:30. Please sign up on the Outreach bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Ute Gill at utegil@att.net.

Flower Dedications

Your dedications for flowers are welcome. Remember loved ones, honor birthdays, anniversaries, baptisms, or any special occasion. Please use the cards provided in the pews or advise Miriam in the office.

Year-End Giving Statements

Please pick up your 2011 year-end giving statements today. They are in the Narthex. If you find an error on your statement, please contact Erin Leary at saffireii@gmail.com.

Saint Matthew's Photo Directory

Thank you to Matt Harmon and Margot Dickie for working on our new photo directory. If you missed having your photo taken, you can still be included. Email a family photo to office@stmatts.org by February 6th.

To view pictures, please visit <http://photos.mtharmon.com/stmatts>.

Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 29th immediately following the 10:30am service for our annual meeting in the parish hall. We will discuss our successes from 2011 and talk about our plans for 2012. We will also vote for our new Vestry members. All are welcome. Childcare will be provided.

Chili and Cornbread Cook-Off

It's time to break out those winning family recipes or pull out that favorite cookbook and take part in the 2012 Chili and Cornbread Cook-Off today after the 10:30am service. You have the chance to win the title of Saint Matthew's Best Chili and Tastiest Cornbread, as parishioners all taste tantalizing treats and vote for the winner.

Cooks, bring your entry to the kitchen by 10:30 a.m. so we have time to set up. After the 10:30 service, the parish hall will be the scene of some good eating! Everyone's invited to take part in this festive parish event!

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, 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, Bit, 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 and Olive.

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

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. It may be possible to add additional spots if more wish to attend, but this cannot be guaranteed so please sign up as soon as possible. The cost of the youth trips is \$550 each, with a \$100 deposit required to reserve your spot.

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.

An information meeting will be held on February 5th at 11:45am.

Youth Sunday

On February 5, at the 9:15 service, the youth will be leading the music. Any youth interested in participating should contact Matt Merola.

We have many aspiring, young musicians in our congregation. Please show them your support by coming out and singing along.

WatCH Continues January 25th

Over the next 4 weeks we will be offering a program for adults and two programs for our youth.

The High School boys will be discussing dating and relationships with Pete Hart. Middle school students and high school girls will complete the "Beverly Hillbillies" Bible study. Join us for dinner at 7:00, with the programs following from 7:30 - 8:30.

ELL Volunteers Needed

Saint Matthew's English Language Learners program, needs the help of a few good people willing to provide child care on Tuesday and/or Thursday evenings beginning January 24th. This is an important Outreach program - we had people who wanted to attend the program last term but could not due to lack of child care. We do not want to exclude anyone!

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!

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.

Valentine Dinner Dance

Join us on Sunday, February 11th for our Annual Valentine Dinner Dance. This event is open to couples, college aged and older. Appetizers will be served starting at 6pm, dinner at 7pm and dancing will follow. Please sign up to reserve your spot. Cost is \$30/couple.

Please contact Neil Hansberger at n_hansberger@yahoo.com or Heidi Lathrop at HLathrop@me.com with questions or to help with this great event.

Thanks from the Maggiano Family

Saint Matthew's family,
Thank you so very much for the lovely baby shower welcoming Isabella Ruth. We were overwhelmed by your generosity. The many gifts, frozen meals and always needed diapers filled our car! It's a blessing to know that as we celebrate the milestone of the birth of our child, we're doing so surrounded by the wonderful community at Saint Matthew's.

Thank you!
Grey, Monica and Isabella Maggiano

Hygiene Kit Ministry

Saint Matthew's is collecting travel sized bottles of personal hygiene items to create kits that can be distributed to the homeless. A big thank you to those of you who have been placing supplies in the hygiene kit container. Please keep this ministry in mind when you travel. We are always in need of travel size shampoo, conditioner, lotion and soaps. Other items that we use for our kits include: gallon and quart size freezer bags, washcloths, disposable razors (both men and women), tampons or feminine pads, Q-tips, travel sized deodorant, toothbrushes, Chap-Stick, and tissues.