



Last Sunday After Epiphany
Sunday, March 2, 2025
9:30 AM Service



SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE
Supper

TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a festive Mardi Gras pancake supper! Great food, and fun activities all for a meaningful cause.

Enjoy a delicious meal

- Fluffy pancakes
- Breakfast meats
- Fresh fruit, juice, hot cocoa, coffee & tea

Fun for the whole family!

- Balloon animals from *Super Kicks Karate*
- Pancake art
- Kids craft

Support our Youth Mission - This is a free event - donations welcome! All proceeds go toward the Summer Youth Mission Trip to Miami, where our youth will serve communities affected by recent hurricanes.

Come hungry, bring friends, and celebrate before Lent begins!

stmmts.org/PancakeSupper



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, March 5th
 Services at 6 AM, 12 PM, & 7 PM

Begin your Lenten journey with the Imposition of Ashes, a reminder of our need for reflection, renewal, and grace. Live stream and nursery available at 7 PM.

WELCOME

We know that going to church or to a new church for the first time can be nerve-racking. We want to help make your first experience at St. Matthew's a great one!

If this is your first visit to Saint Matthew's, we welcome you. Please join us between services for coffee, tea and refreshments in the Parish Hall. For more information about our community, visit our website www.stmmts.org. We are so glad you are here!



COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are welcome to participate in communion. If you would like to receive, simply place one hand on top of the other, palms up, and the priest will place bread in your hand. You may then consume the wafer. If for any reason you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms across your chest and the priest will give you a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Would you like to learn more about baptism? Baptism classes are being held March 30 and April 13 at 10:30AM. Contact the office at Office@stmmts.org or 703-430-2121.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

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.

Please pray for the following:

Kay, Jane, Panita, Mary Ann, Sharp Family, Amelia, Kassadi, Samantha, Dawn, Rudy, Kay, Clarissa, Dottie, Jonathan, Ageanna, Becky, RL, Darla, Gerry, Jenny, Reena, Sarah, Brandi, Barbara, Michael, Peggy, Emmett, Cathleen, Ray, BMR, Asley, Robyn, Emma, Frances, Christy, Nick, Gus, Aldana, Clint, Chelsea, Edgar, Rusty, Anne, Shelby, Kiera, Marty, Candace, Kevin, John, Ome, Renee, Grace, Kristina, Fire and Hurricane Victims, Freya, Ava, Steve, Natalie, Kristen, Sophia, Sadie, Shaundra, Larry, Don, Fabiano, Luke, John, Brenda, Pete, Valorie, Cathy, Naomi, Dan, Christy, Dennis, Diane, Brent, Mary, Sybil, Judy, James, Rick, Avery, Emory, Mario, Molly, Cooper, Rose, Sarah, Jessica, Jay, Amanda, Venessa, Desira, Rose, Sarah, Natalie D, Natalie S, Paul, Katy, Randy, Maura, Kaufman Family, Rinker Family, Blair Family, Colon Family, Suaib Family, Gonzalez Family, Omar, Mona, Tala, Bayan, Dima, Carter, Jean, Martha, Tony, Nancy, Clara, Elijah, and Maria.

If you or someone you care about are in need of Pastoral Care, please call 703-430-2121.

8 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

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| Opening Prayer | |
| Acclamation and Collect for Purity | 355 |
| Gloria | 356 |
| Collect for Shrine Mont Centennial | |
| Lessons | |
| First Reading • Exodus 34:29-35 | |
| Psalm • 99 | |
| Second Reading • 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2 | |
| Gospel • Luke 9:28-36 | |
| Sermon | The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr. |
| Nicene Creed | 358 |
| Prayers of the People, Form III | 387 |
| Confession of Sin and Absolution | 359-360 |
| Peace | 360 |
| Announcements & Welcome | |

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

(An offertory plate is not passed at this service. If you wish to make a donation, the collection plate can be found at the back of the church, or donations are accepted online at www.stmmts.org/give)

All things come of thee, O Lord,

And of thine own have we given thee.

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| Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A | 361 |
| The Lord's Prayer | 364 |
| Breaking of the Bread | 364 |
| Invitation to Communion | 364 |
| Communion of the People | |
| Post-Communion Prayer | 365 |
| Blessing | |
| Procession into the World | 366 |

9:30 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Opening Songs (stand through the Gospel)

Song • Cornerstone

Song • Walk with Jesus

Gospel • Luke 9:28-36

Sermon

The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr.

Prayers of the People

Peace

Announcements & Welcome

The Holy Communion

Offertory

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Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus • It is You

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Song • First Things First

Closing Prayer (stand through dismissal)

Blessing

Closing Song • Hallelujah Feeling

Dismissal

11 AM SERVICE

The Word of God

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| Processional Hymn • #427 When Morning Gilds the Skies (vs 1, 2, 3 & 5) | |
| Opening Acclamation | 299 |
| Gloria • S280 | |
| Collect for Shrine Mont Centennial | |
| Lessons | |
| First Reading • Exodus 34:29-35 | |
| Psalm • 99 | |
| Second Reading • 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2 | |
| Gospel • Luke 9:28-36 | |
| Sermon | The Reverend C. Robert Merola, Jr. |
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| Confession of Sin and Absolution | 359-360 |
| Peace | 360 |
| Announcements & Welcome | |

The Holy Communion

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| Offertory Anthem • Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord | |
| Presentation of Tithes and Offerings | |
| Doxology • Hymn #380 • Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow (verse 3) | |
| Great Thanksgiving • Eucharistic Prayer A | 361 |
| Sanctus • Hymnal S130 • Holy, Holy, Holy Lord | |
| The Lord's Prayer | 364 |
| Breaking of the Bread | 364 |
| Invitation to Communion | |
| Communion of the People | |
| Communion Hymn • #671 Amazing Grace (all verses) | |
| Post-Communion Prayer | 365 |
| Blessing | |
| Procession into the World • #460 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! (vs. 1, 2, & 3) | |
| Dismissal | 366 |



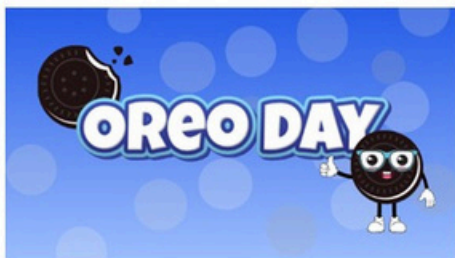
2030 TOP GOLF- SUN., MARCH 16

Our 2030 group is a great opportunity for those in their 20's and 30's to build friendships and community. Join Robby and Emily Stevens, to connect with others and enjoy an afternoon of fun. Meet at 12:30 PM at Top Golf - 20356 Commonwealth Center, Ashburn. Bring spending money for lunch or drinks.



2025 WOMEN'S MEET-UP SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 9AM

Join us for a delightful morning of coffee and fellowship! All women are invited to meet at Ridgetop Coffee and Tea, at 21631 Ridgetop Circle in Sterling for a casual morning of hot coffee/tea, conversation, and connection. Kids are welcome.



SUNDAY FUN DAYS!

Join us at 10:30AM on Sundays for fun, fellowship, and delicious treats.

Sun, March 9: OREO Day!

Enjoy taste testing a variety of Oreo flavors and treats.

Sun, March 16: St. Patty's Treats

Festive treats, hot coffee, and a touch of Irish cheer!

Sun, March 23: Chip & Dip Day

Celebrate National Chip & Dip Day with a festive spread. Snack, chat, and dip into some great fellowship. Have a favorite dip or chip? Bring it this Sunday to share.



LENT RESOURCES STMTTS.ORG/LENT

We welcome you to walk the Lenten journey with us at St. Matthew's. Visit the link above to find lots of resources: book group, recipes, book and blog recommendations, FAQ's, and the St. Matt's Lenten devotional. Printed copies of the devotional are available by the front door, and in the parish hall. Feel free to take a copy to share with a friend.



OUTREACH MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2PM

Outreach is one of the hallmarks of our shared life together, and one of the many ways we share God's love. We have many ways to participate. Will you prayerfully consider how you are called to serve?

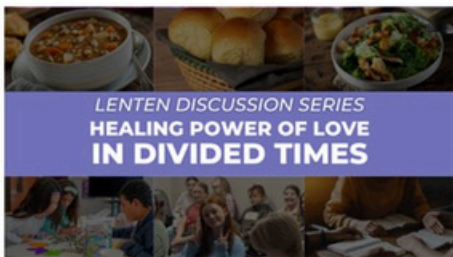
Please join us TODAY at 2PM at the home of Kristin Drummond to share ideas and make plans for an incredible year of loving our neighbors. Email the office for the address: office@stmmts.org



BACKPACK BUDDIES & BEIGNETS STERLINGHELP.ORG

Backpack Buddies (HRTS) continues packing 280 bags of food each week to feed local school children. Join us after church today at 10:30am in the Parish Hall. After packing, enjoy a delicious Beignet and celebrate Mardi Gras!

Learn more about feeding children in our community by visiting the link above or contact Hilary at Hilary.Hultman-Lee@hrtsterling.org.



LENTEN DISCUSSION SERIES HEALING POWER OF LOVE IN DIVIDED TIMES

WEDNESDAYS STARTING MAR. 12 STMSTS.ORG/LENT

Join us for a weekly discussion series exploring themes of love, healing, and connection from **Gregory Boyle's Cherished Belonging**.

On Wednesdays starting at 6:30PM we'll enjoy a light soup and salad supper, engaging discussions for all ages, and a short Compline worship to end the evening. Visit stmmts.org/len for all the details and sign up to share a soup or salad one evening.

Programming will also be offered for infants, children and youth.

Purchase the book from your favorite retailer or at church for \$15.



BAPTISM CLASS MAR. 30/APR 13 STMSTS.ORG/BAPTISMCLASS

If you or your child would like to be baptized, Seminarian Gabe Oakes invites you to join our Baptism Preparation Classes on Sunday, March 30 and April 13 at 10:30AM. Baptisms will be held on Sunday, April 27 at all three services. Register using the link above by March 9.



YOUTH GROUP

Activities, connection, and conversation designed specifically for middle & high school students.

Scan the QR Code to stay up to date with all the youth happenings, or contact our Youth Minister, Ben at Ben.Merola@stmtts.org.



DONUTS & DISCOVERY

Sundays at 9:30AM

Middle and high school students are invited to join us for donuts and engaging faith discussions tailored just for them.

PANCAKE PREP

Sunday, March 2, 12PM–2PM

The youth are leading our annual pancake supper as a Mission Trip Fundraiser. Stay after church on Sunday to prep pancakes and fruit.

SUMMER MISSION TRIP AUGUST 2-8 TO FLORIDA!

Join us as we serve communities, grow in faith, and make lasting memories. Before we head home, we'll take our minions on a detour to Universal Studios and spend our last day making magical memories and having big fun!

Register using the link below, and make a \$150 deposit by **March 15** to reserve your space. Payment plans and scholarships are available.

STMTTS.ORG/YOUTHMISSION



Sundays at 9:30 AM

KIDS SUNDAY FAITH & FUN

This March, join us at 9:30 AM Faith Factory as kids March Toward Easter—learning about Lent and the spiritual journey leading to the joy of Easter!

March Memory Verse:

I tell you. You will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." ~Luke 13:35b

Three classes are now offered each Sunday for Preschoolers, Kindergarten – 2nd grade, and 3rd–5th grade. Stay after service for fun & games at Kids Coffee Hour.

Learn more about Faith Factory and activities for kids by contacting our Faith Factory Director, Hilary at FaithFactory@stmtts.org.

EASTER EGG HUNT CANDY DONATIONS



CANDY DONATIONS WELCOME

Help us prepare for the much anticipated Easter Egg Hunt by donating wrapped candy and small toys. Place donations on the cart in the back hallway, and then join us at coffee hour to help stuff eggs.



LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



Revised Common Lectionary

Sunday, March 2, 2025

COLLECT

Traditional

O GOD, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Contemporary

O GOD, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

MOSES CAME DOWN from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had

finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Refrain

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God,
who is the Holy One.

Psalm 99 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; * he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake. | 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; * he is the Holy One. |
| 2 The LORD is great in Zion; * he is high above all peoples. | 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, * they called upon the LORD, and he answered them. |
| 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; * he is the Holy One. | 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; * they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them. |
| 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; * you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob." | |

8 “O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; * you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.”

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; * for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2

SINCE, THEN, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]

JESUS TOOK WITH HIM Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw

two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. [On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MATT'S

Sunday, March 2nd

- 8:00 am - Rite II Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Festival Worship Service
- 9:30 am - Faith Factory
- 9:30 am - Middle & High School Student
- 10:30 am - Back Pack Buddies Packing
- 11:00 am - Classic Worship Service
- 12:00 pm - Youth Pancake Prep
- 12:15 pm - Gabe's Lay Committee Mtg
- 2:00 pm - On That Note Rehearsal
- 2:00 pm - Outreach Meeting

Monday, March 3rd

- 12:00 pm - Social Time with Candace
- 5:30 pm - Girl Scout Troop 2157
- 7:00 pm - Bread of Life
- 7:30 pm - Free to Live

Tuesday, March 4th

- 9:00 am - All Ages Read Together
- 9:00 am - Staff Meeting
- 12:00 pm - HRTS/Backpack Buddies Packing
- 3:00 pm - Pancake Supper Set-up
- 6:00 pm - Pancake Supper
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Education for Ministry
- 7:00 pm - Band Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

Wednesday, March 5th

- 6:30 am - Ash Wednesday Worship
- 12:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Worship
- 12:00 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Ash Wednesday Worship
- 8:00 pm - Women's NA Group

Thursday, March 6th

- 9:00 am - All Ages Read Together
- 12:00 pm - Bible Study with Fr. Rob
- 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 7th

- 8:00 pm - Compline (on line)

Saturday, March 8th

- 8:00 am - Girl Scout World Thinking Day
- 8:00 am - Men's Group
- 9:00 am - Women's Coffee Mixer
- 9:00 am - Reverence Committee
- 6:30 pm - Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00 pm - Narcotics Anonymous
- 8:30 pm - Narcotics Anonymous

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- March 2nd: Grady Jackson
- March 3rd: Anne Martini, Pete Hester, Evie Emanuel
- March 6th: Pam Cooper, Gregory Drew, Randy Hurst
- March 7th: Sandra Harvey
- March 8th: Christie Olson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- March 8th: Lisa & Glenn Lintelman

ATTENDANCE February 23, 2025

| Time or Place | Attendance Online | Attendance In-Person |
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| 8:00 AM | 17 | 25 |
| 9:30 AM | 30 | 175 |
| 11:00 AM | 15 | 46 |
| Faith Factory | | 28 |
| Youth Group | | 11 |

HELP SUPPORT ST. MATTHEW'S MINISTRIES



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CHECK

Checks can be made payable to "St. Matthew's Church"

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

In-Person & Online

8:00AM | This is a traditional communion service using Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer.

9:30AM | This is a vibrant communion service with our very own live band. If you are looking for a joyous family service with some of the best music around, this is the service for you.

11:00AM | A classic communion service with our fabulous choir. We use Rite II from the Book of Common Prayer.

Compline (evening prayer) Tuesday & Friday at 8pm on Facebook

Online Worship
stmmts.org/live

Sunday services are broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.

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