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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

Bulletin

Announcements are due on Monday by 10:00 a.m. for

Readings for the Week of June 24, 2018

Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/
Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40 [33a]/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 [19b]/Mt

June 24, 2018

Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m.

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

and by appointment

Prayer Line

Hope 651.457.0228 Cathy 651.455.5473



“WHY THE FUSS?”

The following is an edited version of a homily for the *Birth of John the Baptist* by Fr. David Sanders, OP who teaches scripture at Blackfriars, Oxford.

“Why is there all this fuss about John the Baptist? Why is he so important that the celebration of his birth overrides the ordinary Sunday Mass? We are told that he was the precursor, the one who introduced Jesus to the people. But surely Jesus could have introduced himself and just stated, “I am the messiah”: Why the need for this guide?

The answer lies in our blindness. Often we are so wrapped up in our society that we cannot see what its real needs are, and what sort of person can meet them. John the Baptist is one of those figures in history who stand apart from society and gain the insight which allows them to judge society. John spent most of his adult life in the wilderness, abstaining from alcohol, living on locusts and wild honey, and dressed in a camel skin, which recalled the dress of Elijah, another great prophet from Israel's past who was also ablaze with a reforming zeal.

This craggy figure, like the Mandelas, the Dorothy Days and Solzhenitsyns of today, refused to be fooled by the spin which denies the evil around us and pretends there is peace when no peace exists. He taught 'the whole people of Israel' to see the rottenness at the heart of their society, and then to acknowledge their sins and repent by being baptized in the waters of the Jordan. He was a prophet who had the courage to challenge the people and teach them what they really needed, but he was more than a prophet because he showed them how to find the one who could bring them salvation. He pointed away from himself to Jesus, the greater one, the only one who could deal with sins at the deepest level through the baptism of fire and the Holy Spirit which he would undergo when he offered himself in sacrifice upon the cross.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & PARISH NEEDS

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!” **Isaiah 6:8**

Mary Leibl,

We need volunteers to continue the work of serving our parish and community. Currently we have 3 immediate opportunities and 4 continuing opportunities.

DIRECTOR/CO-DIRECTOR FOR FALL FESTIVAL

Fall Festival is September 22-23.

Meet with volunteers to plan activities, determine schedules, discuss publicity, delegate responsibilities. Oversee festival details as they develop. This is one of our major fundraisers! Karen Thompson, previous Director, has offered to mentor the Director/Co-Director.

GRANT WRITING

Utilize your grant writing skills to work with the website Grant Station to find funding and apply for grants for the Church of St. Matthew and its sponsored ministries.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT CERENITY CAMPUS

2 Eucharistic Ministers to distribute Communion on Tues. mornings, 9:30 – 10:30 at Cerenity Building 512.

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Need volunteers to count collection 1 Monday a month, as well as subs to count when needed.

Will train.

POWER WASH

Volunteers to power wash Social Hall tables & chairs. Power washer available

POWER WASH AND PAINT

Chapel Door needs to be power washed and painted. Power washer available.

I invite anyone who could help with these volunteer opportunities to contact me through the parish office or email me at mleibl@st-matts.org

THANK YOU TO:

Our Volunteer Receptionists who answer the phone and greet visitors to the Parish Center:

Mon AM: Linda Sellers

Mon PM: Corrine Brengman

Tues AM: Diane Heitzinger

Wed AM: Chris Wilfahrt

Wed PM: Eileen Goldberg

Thurs AM: Patty Kane

Thurs PM: Ann Myron

Fri AM: Patty Kane

Al Showalter & Greg Lothenbach who have offered to take care of sheet rocking and taping damaged walls in Parish Center. Cover art ©Liturgical Publications

The staff and parishioners of St. Matthew parish thank you for your generosity of time and talent!

News and Events

BELLS OF ST. MATTHEW

The Bells of St. Matthew will ring on June 27th for **Dave Hicks**.

(Why The Fuss, con't)

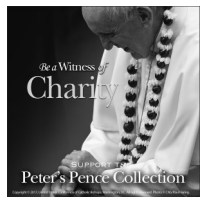
John not only taught them how much they needed a savior, but then through his particular witness he helped them to see the contrasting way in which Jesus brings salvation to people standing under the judgment of God. In Christ, God comes close to his people, so close that he was willing to submit himself to John's baptism as a sign of solidarity with sinful humanity. So close that he did not live in the desert, but mixed with the crowds in the towns and villages of Galilee. He did not fast alone but spent his time eating and drinking with sinners; he is not only the messenger of God's wrath, but in himself he makes present the good news of the salvation of God.

John's witness continues to play a crucial role for us. In a society which finds judgment offensive and yet craves to find ways of dealing with its guilt, which denies sin but demands forgiveness, John shows us that forgiveness is not possible unless you first recognize that there is something that needs to be forgiven.

We need John to enlighten us, so that we can see our need for repentance and then to recognize the one who can save us. No wonder we celebrate his birth with such honor before the kingdom of God appeared."



FALL FESTIVAL MEETING: Saturday, July 7th following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. in the Parish Center. Our Fall Festival will be held Sept. 22nd & 23rd this year. We welcome all who want to make our annual festival a success. Come share your ideas! We invite all volunteers. Veterans of past festivals and newbies who want to be involved. Everyone working together will make our festival a success. Come join the team!



JUNE 23-24
POPE FRANCIS' COLLECTION FOR THE POOR AND MARGINALIZED OF THE WORLD.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 06-17-2018

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 15
Hours in service 12

Parish		School	\$	58
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 2,918			
Electronic Giving	\$ 200			
Vigil Lights	\$ 25			
Peter's Pence	\$ 27			
Bells.	\$ 20			
Masses	\$ 300			
Rental	\$ 5,100			
Total	\$ 8,610	Total	\$	58
Thank You				

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 23

4:00 pm Rose, Joseph Karas Jr. & Sr.†

Sunday, June 24

10:00 am Our Parish
Brian Ahern†

Monday, June 25

8:00 am Arthur Geis†

Wednesday, June, 27

8:00 am David Andrews†

Friday, June 29

8:00 am Raymond Galep†

Saturday, June 30

4:00 pm Pam, Robert, Sr. & Lucille Stickler†

Sunday, July 1

10:00 am Our Parish
Mary Pat Tritz, Special Intention

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 23

4:00 pm Mass with Peter's Pence Collection

Sunday, June 24

10:00 am Mass with Peter's Pence Collection

Monday, June 25 - Friday June 29

5:00 - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes SH

Monday, June 25

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic SH

Tuesday, June 26

Wednesday, June 27

No Clinic Today

Thursday, June 28

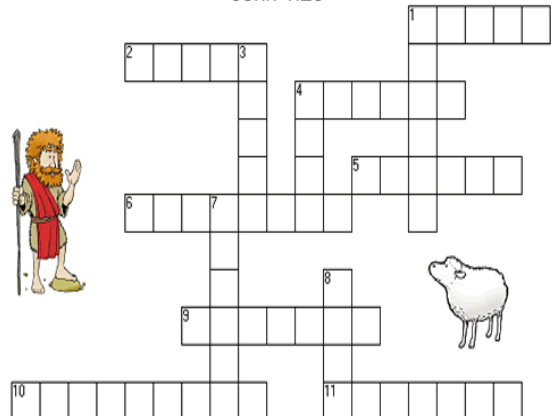
Friday, June 29

8:00 am Mass

Saturday, June 30

4:00 pm Mass with collection for COS

Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
John 1:29



ACROSS

- The Son of God.
- John baptized with _____.
- A dry, barren plain.
- The place where God lives.
- A strict observer of Jewish law.
- The promised one; the Christ.
- The mother of John the Baptist
- To immerse by water or fire.

DOWN

- The river where John baptized.
- A Jewish title of respect for a teacher.
- The Spirit landed on Jesus in the form of a _____.
- To turn away from sin.
- Behold, the _____ of God that takes away the sins of the world.

desert	Jesus	repent	Messiah
lamb	heaven	Jordan	
baptize	dove	water	
Elizabeth	Pharisee	Rabbi	



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