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The Parish Newsletter *of*
St Matthias' Church, Dallas, Texas

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Beloved in Christ,

Yes, Fall is finally upon us! The promise of a cold front and some moisture can make all the difference in the world! As I write this, it being the last full week of September, I am just back from making pilgrimage to two very holy sites in Spain. I did pray for you as I traveled and felt supported by your prayers for me as I went. It was a profound and amazing journey, physically and spiritually. Many thanks to Fr. Tom and Fr. Kalimi for covering services for me while I was away. And thanks also to Van Neinast, Jack Stotz and the Vestry for continuing to look after things. A whole lot more will be said at my next Sunday Adult Christian Ed class - Stay tuned! In the mean time, I am hoping to quickly physically readjust to being in the Central Time Zone!

October is traditionally the month we set aside to consider our stewardship of all that God has entrusted to us. Please begin to actively make that consideration a part of your daily prayers. Our process will be very much as it has been - the covers of the Sunday bulletin and, later in the month, our Stewardship handbook will offer you some grist for reflection. You might even get some reflection from the pulpit on the topic. My prayer is that we will continue to respond to God generously out of the resources with which He has graced us. We are aiming to make known our stewardship intentions for the coming year on Sunday, November 5th, All Saints' Sunday.

Please keep all of the people affected by the recent natural disasters in your prayers. Let us look together for opportunities to help those in need.

It is good to be home.

God bless you all,

SAVE LIVES - DONATE BLOOD
Saturday, October 7th, 9am to 1pm

Ahhh, October! There's still a little summer in the air. The kids are settled in school. The holidays are over a month away. What better time to roll up your sleeve and donate during St Matthias' semi-annual blood drive? It only takes 30 minutes, you get a free breakfast, AND you save lives!

You can schedule your donation time either online at **www.carterbloodcare.org** or sign the appointment sheet one of our friendly parishioners will provide during coffee hour on Sunday.

If you have any questions about donating, the Carter BloodCare website has an extensive list of FAQs that should answer your questions: **www.carterbloodcare.org**. For more information, contact Niesa Page at 214-280-5057 or email at niesa57@yahoo.com.

Blessing of the Animals
Saturday, October 7th
11:15am

FALL PARISH PICNIC

On Sunday, October 8th we will be having our Fall Parish Picnic following one Mass that morning at 9:30am. *(Mattins will be at 9:00.)* If the weather cooperates, we plan to pitch a tent out on our lawn in front of the Church. If it doesn't we do have a Great Hall! But, statistically speaking, it should be very nice outside by then. The thought behind the picnic on our grounds is that we do have a nice lawn out front, so why not use it? And by pitching a tent out front, we will provide shade and let the whole neighborhood know that we are alive and open for business. Who knows? Someone passing by might think we are having a revival and decide to come have a look at what we are up to here!

The plan is to break out some grills and cook hamburgers and hot dogs. The parish will provide the meat and the iced tea and you will be asked to bring the stuff that goes along with. You know, picnic

food. We will also have a few easy (non-athletic) games for you to enjoy. Mark the day on your calendar, come dressed for a picnic *(have you got a St Matthias' t-shirt?)* and let's enjoy the fellowship of our parish family!

PRAYERS AND SQUARES MINISTRY

The Prayers and Squares Ministry will meet Thursday, October 12th at 6:30pm and Friday, October 13th at 9:30am. Please come to one or both meetings. We have given over 165 quilts and many prayers to those in need. If you know someone who would benefit from extra prayers and support, please consider a quilt for them. Contact **nitahinshaw@aol.com** to make a request.

OCTOBER COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Shelter Team: *Captains Captains* Kenneth & Jackie Martin, Danelle Harris, Adrienne & Andrew Martin, Gene Polson, Paul & Sharon Walden, Van & Margaret Neinast, Nancy Gaines, Penelope Schuchat. Team meets at church 4:00pm, **Sunday, October 15th.**

Sandwich Makers: Team 2 - Nancy Gaines, Penelope Schuchat, Brad & Eileen Sandy, Van & Margaret Neinast, Donald Montgomery, David & Rene Murray, Katy Coggins, Gene Polson, John & Linda Frith, Tommie Ragsdill.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER - FALL FAVORITES
Saturday, October 14th, 7:00pm

It's finally fall and Dick and Dianne Couch have their backyard all ready for us to invade. Dig out those fall recipes and join us on **Saturday, October 14th at 7:00pm**. Dave & Rene Murray are co-hosting and we expect a beautiful evening in a beautiful setting. The address is 3257 Brincrest Drive, Farmers Branch 75234. Maps will be on the narthex table the Sunday prior to the event.

Please sign up on the form in the Sunday bulletin.

If your last name begins with	**Bring either**
A through H	Vegetable or Main Dish
I through P	Salad or Main Dish
Q through Z	Dessert or Main Dish

VETERANS' DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 12th, following Solemn High Mass
Sponsored by the Evangelism Commission
with help from Parish, Fellowship & Activities

Please help us honor those who have served their country – whether it's the U.S. military or that of another country.

We plan to serve a light lunch and raise a toast to all veterans – but especially to those veterans who are members of our parish and friends or family members of parishioners. To make the day more celebratory, we'll show photos of our veterans.

Here's how you can help:

- **Provide photos of veterans** – yourself, family members, or friends – whom you would like to include in our celebration. Include the branch of service, rank, and years served. Photos can be sent to Donna Wheeler (wheeldi@msn.com) or provided to her in hard copy (in an envelope clearly marked with your name so they can be returned to you after scanning). Please begin sending photos now. The deadline for having loved ones included is Sunday, October 15th.

- Invite a veteran, family members, or friends to attend Mass and the celebration on November 12th. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring people to church – and who knows, maybe some will find a new church home here!

Please note that Veterans' Day celebrates those who have served in the military – this is different from Memorial Day which is intended to honor those who died in service to their country.

If you have any questions, call Kim Belcher 214-212-3379 or Donna Wheeler 214-263-8979.

Please provide pictures with the following information to Donna Wheeler by Sunday, October15th.

Name_____

Branch of Service and Country_____

Rank_____

Years of Military Service (from YEAR to YEAR and/or TOTAL years served) _____

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