

# THE ANTIPHON

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

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Beloved in Christ,

“Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \* whose hearts are set on the pilgrims’ way.” (Psalm 84:4, 1979 BCP). Psalm 84 is about returning to Jerusalem. Jerusalem is important because it is the location of the House of the Lord. The great Old Testament image for the People of God is the Exodus, the journey from slavery into the Promised Land, where Jerusalem would be founded, the place where God would cause his name to dwell. If you read the Gospels, you will discover that our Lord is always traveling. Preaching, teaching, and healing, he too is always on the move. The Christian life is not meant to be static, but dynamic. The journey is a pretty well-established biblical theme. The destination we are called to is none other than the House of the Father. That house is not to be found in the earthly Jerusalem, but in the heavenly one. Until our arrival there, everything prior is the journey. Ultimately, how we get there is accomplished by being shaped into the likeness of Jesus. How we have strength for the trip is by feeding on Him. *“Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \* whose hearts are set on the pilgrims’ way.”*

**September is here** and so we are about to start the next stage, and we are concerned with our equipment for the journey. Inserted in this issue of the Antiphon you will find an outline of our Christian Education offerings for 2017 - 2018. I hope you will take advantage of all that is on offer - **Good News is not Fake News, accept no substitutes** - you might say.

I want to also let you know about a couple of other things on the horizon. **Sunday the 3rd, we will return to our Fall Mass schedule** of 8:00 and 10:30. Mattins is also read each Sunday beginning at 7:40am. Just as a

reminder, I am asking the 10:30 ushers to ring the bell at 10:25 to call us all to worship.

**Sunday Christian Education** will begin on Sunday the 17th. Father Tom will be teaching the first adult course on **Rome and Relics**. Fr. Tom is an experienced Roman traveler having made several pilgrimages to the Eternal City. This Christian Ed year will tend to be focused around Holy Things and Holy Places. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce someone new to our parish. Who do you know that you can invite? Please don't miss out on any of this.

**My heart is again set on the pilgrim's way.** On the morning of the 9th, I will be boarding a flight to Madrid, Spain. From Madrid, I will travel by train and bus to the northern coast of Spain to the town of San Vicente de la Barquera. From there I will begin walking. I am making my pilgrimage to the monastery of Santo Toribio which houses the largest extant piece of the Cross of Our Lord found by St Helena in the 4th century. Much more about this and things of this sort will be shared with you in Sunday Christian Ed throughout the coming school year. My goal is to be at the monastery for the Feast of the Holy Cross on the 14th. After Holy Cross Day, I plan to make my way by bus west, to the port city of Ferrol. From there I will walk south to the shrine of Saint James the Apostle in the Galician city of Santiago de Compostela. Ferrol was the medieval point of disembarkation for English pilgrims arriving by ship so this route is called the Camino Inglés. While it is not heaven, the journey there by foot along the pilgrim way is most definitely significant, both spiritually as well as physically. So now you know why Psalm 84 leaps out at me! God willing, I will be arriving back home on the 23rd of September. I beg your prayers as I make my preparations and undertake the journey. Please know that I intend to go, carrying you all with me.

Tuesday the 19th we will get our Evening Classes underway. Donna Wheeler will continue her Old Testament Bible Study. If you have not taken my Tuesday evening **Basic Christianity** course, I want to encourage you to consider getting in on it this time around. While I am on pilgrimage my father, Fr. Richard Cantrell, will be filling in for me. And since I got the course from him, you will get the benefit of having a

kick-off session with the source. You would be hard-pressed to beat that! Come give it a try. Bring a friend or even two!

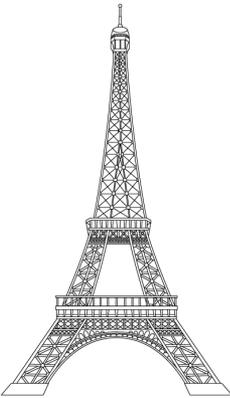
Also while I am away, Fr. Tom will cover Sunday services and Fr. Kalimi will cover the daily Masses (*no Wed. Noon Masses*). Say a prayer of thanks for these men, I do!

As you can see, it is time to get moving. Heaven awaits!

God bless you all,



## SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP SUPPER



Bonjour! September is almost upon us which means our next Fellowship Supper is quickly approaching. The bistro is the quintessential Paris dining experience, and the Great Hall will be transformed into “Bistro Matthias”. Dust off your copy of Mastering The Art of French Cooking, start planning your best Boeuf Bourguignon or Quiche Lorraine and join hostess Luellen Bassano, and co-hosts Sandra Hawley, and Ida Perryman in the Great Hall for “*La Vie En Rose - Dinner in a French Bistro*”. The festivities will begin at 7:00pm, Saturday, September 9th. Please remember, beer and wine only in the Great Hall. À bientôt! (See you soon!)

Please sign up on the form in the Sunday bulletin.

**If your last name begins with**

A through H

I through P

Q through Z

**Bring either**

Vegetable or Main Dish

Salad or Main Dish

Dessert or Main Dish

## PRAYERS AND SQUARES MINISTRY

The Prayers and Squares Ministry will meet Thursday, September 14th at 6:30pm and Friday, September 15th 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](mailto:nitahinshaw@aol.com) to make a request.



## SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY MINISTRY

**Shelter Team:** *Captains* Donald & Susan Conley, Thomas & Cynthia Coughlin, Jamie & Gracie Hamilton, Donna Jarecke, Danelle Harris, Madia Greaves, James Nugent, Karen Cantrell. Team meets at church 4:00pm, **Sunday, September 17th.**

**Sandwich Makers:** Team 1 - Karen Cantrell, Donald & Susan Conley, Richard & Dianne Couch, Lisa Crain, Jo Gordon, Margaret Rever, Jo Neese, Jamie & Gracie Hamilton, Donna Jarecke, Madia Greaves.



## WOMEN'S TOUR OF TABLES LUNCHEON

This is just a quick reminder that the Women's luncheon is coming up! If you made your reservation, then please don't forget to join us at Noon on **Saturday, September 30th.** If you haven't made your reservation, please do so quickly (there are some invitations on the narthex table).

Don't miss out on seeing the beautiful, themed and decorated tables along with a presentation by Dr Rose-Mary Rumbley, not to mention a yummy lunch!

## NORTH DALLAS SHARED MINISTRIES (NDSM) Support the Pantry Month

The NDSM Pantry provides a one week supply of emergency food and toiletries (\$80 for a single person or \$50 per person for a multiple person household). The Pantry tries to stock a full complement of food and hygiene items including milk, eggs, fresh/frozen meats, flour, sugar, toilet paper, laundry and bath soap, shampoo, diapers and baby wipes, canned fruits, vegetables, meats, and soups, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, rice, pasta and beans, an assortment of breads, pizza and other items such as pancake flour, syrup and cooking oil. Eligible families cross out any items they don't want or need on the pantry list and volunteers then fill their orders. Applicants must meet eligibility requirements and may receive food up to eight times in a 12-month period.

As one of the original covenant congregations, St Matthias' helps support the Pantry two months each year -- May and September. This support is primarily through donations of money, groceries, and paper grocery bags. **YOU** can help provide this support by writing a check, donating grocery/hygiene items, and/or bringing in large paper bags. Because of NDSM's buying power and special relationships, every \$1 they spend equals almost \$12 we might spend at a grocery or warehouse store. They can stretch every dollar to obtain many basic items, thereby leveraging our contributions. However, there are some items which they cannot obtain at a discount and donations of these items certainly will enhance Pantry selections. A list of these items will be in the Narthex for your use.

Surprisingly, 98% of the funds received by NDSM go directly to programs and services. NDSM has three full-time administrators: an executive director, a director of operations and a medical clinic director. Only the director of operations is paid -- both the Executive Director and the Clinic Director serve as volunteers!

So, PLEASE BE GENEROUS by doing the following this month:

- Make out a check (tax deductible of course) to NDSM, memo line St Matthias, and place in the marked basket on the Narthex table;

- Bring donated groceries to the Narthex, where they will be collected and delivered to NDSM (for your convenience, lists of needed items are on the Narthex table);
- Bring donated clothing (clean and in good condition) to the Narthex where it will be collected and delivered to NDSM; children's/men's/large size women's clothing are especially needed;
- Bring paper grocery bags to the Narthex – plastic bags don't work; paper bag donations help NDSM by reducing the cost of purchasing paper bags;
- VOLUNTEER at NDSM. Their needs are great and experience is not required! All schedules are part-time and NDSM can use whatever skills you may have. Needs include volunteers to interview clients, work in the Pantry, job counselors, receptionists, data entry, clerical, medical clinic clerical staff, nurses, physician assistants, dentists, doctors, pharmacists, ESL teachers, etc. No matter what your skills, YOU can be of help.

Contact Nancy Gaines ([nancygaines6@gmail.com](mailto:nancygaines6@gmail.com) or at 972-233-2182) if you have any questions; you may also visit NDSM's website at <http://www.ndsm.org/>.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday, September 23rd, 2017**  
**Fantastic Fall Fix-Up Day**

Just like Spring Fling ... except later in the year!!!  
 Mark your calendars, polish up your tools ...  
 Details to follow.

## SAVE LIVES BY SAVING THE DATE

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' bi-annual blood drive? It only takes 30 minutes, you get a free breakfast, AND you save lives! Mark your calendars now:

### **Saturday, October 7th – Save Lives – Donate Blood**

You can schedule your donation time either online at [www.carterbloodcare.org](http://www.carterbloodcare.org) or sign the appointment sheet one of our friendly parishioners will provide during coffee hour on September 24th and October 1st.

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](http://www.carterbloodcare.org).

- Click **You Can Help** on the menu bar at the top, and then click **Donation Guideline FAQs**.
- Or, give them a call at 1.800.366.2834.
  - Pro tip: If you “pass,” schedule your donation while you're chatting with the helpful BloodCare person.

For more information, contact Niesa Page at 214-280-5057 or email at [niesa572yahoo.com](mailto:niesa572yahoo.com).



## VETERANS' DAY CELEBRATION

*Sunday, November 12th, 2017 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 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 October 15th.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service and Country \_\_\_\_\_

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