

The Community of St. Matthew

*IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JOHN XXIII
A LENTEN JOURNEY TO
REDISCOVER THE SPIRIT OF VATICAN II*

**THE REMEMBRANCES AND REFLECTIONS OF
VATICAN II ATTENDEES**

DR. JAMES SHANNON, REV. KEN PIERRE,
DR. WILLIAM HUNT, MR. BERNARD CASSERLY

MODERATOR: DR. GENE SCAPANSKI

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2003
4:00 PM-6:00 PM
ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING IN THE SOCIAL HALL

A freewill offering will be taken.

*... exists
in the world
as a visible
expression of
God's love.*

Dear Saint Matthew Community and Visitors:

In the midst of the Second World War Winston Churchill reminded the world “the first casualty of war is truth.”

War and violence is the result of the failure of negotiation, diplomacy and civil efforts. War is the ultimate act when all else fails.

In the midst of conflict and violence positions harden, voices are shrill, minds are fixed and no further solution is sought.

Even as the coalition forces advance on Baghdad and the Republican Guard dig in for urban conflict there is the opportunity to seek a peaceful solution.

I am dismayed that the efforts of the world community, so visible a few weeks ago, seem to have ended. All is not lost, solutions are possible – more difficult than before – but possible.

In Pacem in Terris Pope John urged:

A public authority, having worldwide power and endowed with the proper means for the efficacious pursuit of its objective, which is the common good in concrete form, must be set up by common accord.

Like the common good of individual nations, so too the universal common good cannot be determined except by having regard for the human person. Thus the public authority of the world community, too, must have as its fundamental

objective the recognition, respect, safeguarding and promotion of the rights of human persons. This can be done by direct action when required.

The conflict in Iraq has global consequences. Will a bloodthirsty tyrant be able to subjugate a nation in fear? Will a small, but powerful, coalition of nations be able to thwart the will of the world community? Will nationalism or regionalism prevail over the universal common good? Can citizen nations entrust into the hands of a representative worldwide public authority the power to arbitrate and seek solutions?

Finally John reminds us:

There is an immense task incumbent on all people of good will, the task of restoring the relations of the human family in truth and justice and freedom – relations between individual human beings; between citizens and their respective political communities; between individuals, families, intermediate associations and political communities on the one hand, and the world community on the other. This is a most exalted task, for it is the task of bringing about world peace.

As we pray and work for peace, we seek an end to violence and war, the guarantee of freedom and justice, the means by which the universal common good can be achieved.

Yours truly,
Stephen Adrian

PARISH EVENTS

BOY SCOUT ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION

The Boy Scouts will be collecting cans the weekends of April 12th & 13th; May 31st & June 1; July 12th & 13th; and August 23rd & 24th. Please put these dates on your calendars. The Boy Scouts thank everyone for their continuous support in their efforts to earn money for their activities.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU

The Girl Scout Troops at St. Matthew appreciate the cookie orders received from parishioners. Still need cookies? There will be some available at this Friday's Fish Fry in the Social Hall. Cookies are \$3.00 per box.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent, Stations of the Cross are being prayed every Monday evening at 7:00 pm in Church.

SOCIAL HALL RENOVATIONS

The Social Hall Renovation Committee has met and is in the idea phase of deciding what needs to be done with the hall. Please contact committee members with any ideas or concerns involving the renovation Committee Members: Wayne Gilbertson (Men's Club), Bill Brengman, Carol Murphy (Rosary Society), Alice Schletty (Food Service), Linda Nelson (Home and School), Larry Sachi (Scouts), Kathy Goldenstein (Parish Council), Fr. Stephen Adrian (Pastor), David Rosas (Maintenance).

PEACE THOUGHTS FROM ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL STUDENTS

Peace: Love in every stitch of the heart.

PREPARING FOR HOLY THURSDAY LITURGY

The unique ritual action of Holy Thursday demands unique community participation. If you are willing to participate in the Great Mandatum of the Foot Washing, please sign up on the volunteer sheet in the back of church. Those who have one of their feet washed in this ritual, join with Christ in inviting all to humble service. People of all ages are needed. We also need participants for the Eucharistic Procession to the Chapel and the Prayer vigil that concludes this evening. The Prayer Vigil will be on of both private and public prayer. Liturgy Committee members will offer brief structured prayer at 15 minute intervals during the vigil, which ends at 10:00 pm with Night Prayer. Sign-up sheets with specific time slots are located at the back of the church.

SPRING SALAD BUFFET HOSTED BY ROSARY SOCIETY

The Rosary Society/Council of Catholic Women is holding a Spring Salad Buffet on Saturday, April 26. Raffle tickets are being sold for the opportunity to win gift certificates and baskets. See the insert in today's bulletin.

CHILD CARE NEWS

The Preschool Room had a wonderful trip to the Science Museum. As a partner with Head Start we receive a free bus once per month for activities such as this field trip. Do you know someone in need of Child Care? We currently have openings in our Toddler and Preschool rooms and are taking names of people looking for Infant Care. If you are interested in touring the Center, please call Denise or Maureen at 651-224-1450.

ROSARY SOCIETY BOARD

Rosary Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center.

DATA ENTRY VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Bob DeNardo, a parish member, needs volunteers to help with data entry in the adoption unit of the Minnesota Department of Human Services. Volunteers will be working with confidential documents. If this opportunity interests you or anyone you know, please call Bob at 651-296-3740.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Mark your calendars for Holy Saturday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. That's when you'll have the opportunity to give the Gift of Life. More information will be coming in the weeks ahead.

PEACE THOUGHTS FROM ST. MATTHEW'S STUDENTS

Peace is the power to live your life in harmony. The encouragement to make the world a better place. To make friends with our enemies. Peace is to love each other. Peace means that whatever happens whatever the outcome, we will all be there for someone in pain.

Check out our website for more peace thoughts from St. Matthew's fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

**THIS WEEK AT
SAINT MATTHEW**

Sunday 4:00 PM	March 30 In the Footsteps of John XXIII Reflections on Vatican II with Dr. James Shannon, Dr. William Hunt, Fr. Ken Pierre and Mr. Bernard Casserly
Monday 3:00 PM, SH 7:00 PM, MC	March 31 Loaves and Fishes Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 3:00 PM, SH	April 1 Loaves and Fishes
Wednesday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 6:30 PM, SC	April 2 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Religious Education, Grades 1-10
Thursday 12:00-7:00 PM, PC 3:00 PM, SH 5:00 PM, MC 7:00 PM, MC	April 3 St. Mary's Clinic Loaves and Fishes Youth Choir Adult Choir
Friday 4:00-7:00 PM, SH	April 4 Fish Fry
Saturday	April 5
Sunday	April 6

Abbreviations:

MC – Main Church
CH – Chapel
PC – Parish Center
SH – Social Hall
SC – School
CC – Child Care
XC – Extended Day

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday offering for March 23, 2003: \$7,226.20
 Youth treasure for March 23, 2003: \$18.40 donated in children and young peoples' envelopes.

Stewardship is a way of life—a graciousness by which I return to God a portion of what God has lavished on me.
S.j. adrian

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 30	8:00 AM	Joseph C. Heppelman Florence Wilm
	10:30 AM	Parishioners
Monday, March 31	6:45 AM	Clarence Kammerer
Tuesday, April 1	6:45 AM	Robert Stadt
	12:10 PM	Marcos Warner
Wednesday, April 2	6:45 AM	Robert Stickler
	12:10 PM	Helen Bitterman
Thursday, April 3	6:45 AM	Martha Snaza Marie Cafilisch
	12:10 PM	Clarence Kammerer
Friday, April 4	6:45 AM	Robert Stickler
	5:15 PM	MASS FOR PEACE Bernard Ferber Marie Cafilisch
Saturday, April 5	5:00 PM	Margaret Problek John & Irene Pacht Robert Weber
Sunday, April 6	8:00 AM	Bernard Ferber Gloria Reil Tom Raymond
	10:30 AM	Parishioners

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 30, 2003

Sunday, March 30:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
Monday, March 31:	Is 65: 17-21; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday, April 1:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday, April 2:	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday, April 3:	Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47
Friday, April 4:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday, April 5:	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday, April 6:	Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

MARCH 500 CARD CLUB WINNERS

1st place-3420-Phyllis Ambrose and Jean Froehle,
 2nd place-3340-Ruth Helget and Sally Roloff.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Saint Matthew Church Office651-224-9793
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Pastoral Staff

Pastor..... *Father Stephen Adrian*
 Priest in Residence.....*Father Marty Warren*
 Deacon *Rev. John Murphy*
 Pastoral Administrator
 Dir. Education & Formation*Scott Breimhorst*
 Dir. Music & Liturgy..... *Dana McCarthy*
 Dir. Pastoral Ministry..... *Mary Colleen Hau, SSND*
 Dir. Child Care.....*Maureen Gitlin*
 Business Administrator*Patty Flynn*
 Administrative Assistant.....*Nicole Johnson*
 Dir. Food Service*Alice Schletty*
 Parish Engineer..... *David Rosas*

Phone Numbers

Fax..... 651-228-9448
 Parish School..... 651-224-6912
 Extended Day..... 651-228-1535
 Child Care Center..... 651-224-1450
 Liturgy and Music Voicemail..... 651-310-0830
 Prayerline Receiver 651-222-3622 or 651-224-2903-

Schedule of Services

Weekend Liturgies Saturday: 5:00 PM
 Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 AM
 Weekday Liturgies Monday-Friday: 6:45 AM
 1st Friday: 6:45 AM & 5:15 PM

Reconciliation

Tuesday7:15 AM
 Saturday 4:00 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents who are parishioners make arrangements with the Pastor or the Deacon one month prior to baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples make arrangements with the Pastor or the Deacon three months prior to wedding.

Parish Council Members

Kathy Goldenstein	Linda Sellars
Marty Olson	Jeff Gilberg
Paul Kempe	Suzanne Clarke
John Finnegan	Tim Jack
Doug Kennedy	Becky Montgomery
John Sekevitch	

Committee Chairs

Finance.....Peter Grayson
 Education Advisory Michele Edwards
 Liturgy