

**Rector's Ramblings**

I took a bit of time off during the middle of this week, but found that I missed streaming the Daily Office. While I did not miss the camera, I did miss praying with others during at those times. I will start streaming the offices again next week.

I also came across this this prayer during my time away, and found it quite timely.

O God the Father Who are ever blessed;  
 Who hast called us to eternal glory in Jesus Christ,  
 Christ without sin, Who bore the sins of the world,  
 and laid His life on the cross that we might live for ever;  
 Who in the weakness of human flesh made manifest the image of Thy perfection---  
 We beseech Thee, Father all-Holy,  
 fill us from on high with Thy strength,  
 that we may follow in His steps.  
 Make us like in goodness to Thy Son  
 in this proud, inconstant age,  
 that the way of Thy Truth suffer no blasphemy because of our untruth,  
 nor be profaned by the sons of the adversary.  
 --Sophrony Sakharov

With love and blessings,

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St. Matthew's Webpage  
 The Episcopal Diocese of Springfield  
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**The Good News**

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**Bishop Daniel Issues Capacity Guidance**

*St. Matthew's is authorized to have 40 individuals present at any given service.*

**With this new information we will be returning to our regular, or normal, schedule Sunday morning. There is no need to make reservations for these services.**

**For the near future, coffee hour must take place outside, and is tough to plan on short notice. A short fellowship time will take place outside following the service.**

**The guidance regarding masking and singing (below) still holds.**

1. All are reminded to take their own health issues into consideration when deciding whether to attend. Also, stay home if you have any symptoms that are not associated with a chronic health issue.
2. Most services will be spoken/read services. A cantor is allowed to sing, but congregants are asked to refrain.
3. All individuals who are in the building must maintain physical distance and have a face covering, unless actively leading a portion of the service.
4. Each service will have color coded seats in the Nave. Families are allowed to sit together.
5. Only the restrooms in the addition will be available for use.
6. **The 10AM service will continue to be streamed "live" on Facebook. If you are uncomfortable being in the worship space and still wish to commune, communion will still be available via the "drive-through" for 30 minutes after the service. It is expected that "drive-through" communion will not continued to be offered after the 28 of June.**

**Schedule for the week beginning 14 June**

**Sunday 7:30AM Rite I Holy Eucharist**

**10:00AM Rite II Holy Eucharist (also streamed)**

**Thursday**

**7:30 AM Morning Prayer with Holy Communion**

**June 14th, the Second Sunday after Pentecost:**

**Sunday Eucharist Outline is [here](#).**

**Full Service is [here](#).**

*Added Note: Please bring your own printed copy, or electronic device from home to avoid cross contamination in the Nave.*

Both bulletins have the music included, so there is no need to touch the hymnals.

**Outreach Opportunities  
 ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH**

**A Big Thank You for your support of Advent!  
 Arrangements to wire the funds are being made and he will start his schooling soon.**

**Meals**

Thank you for the generous outpouring of support for this ministry. The freezer is quite full at this time.

We also have packages of Tender Mercies meals from Midwest Food Bank.

If you, or someone you know, need(s) a meal at this time please let us know, or stop by the office when it is open.

**The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:  
[Good News Daily](#)

**Worship Serving Schedule**

As noted above in the Phase III Reopening/Recovery article: all servers volunteer directly with Fr. Dave for the 10AM streamed mass on Sunday.

We will resume traditional scheduling as events allow.

Thank you again, and may God bless you.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries June 14 - 20**

*[Anniversaries](#)*

*[Birthdays](#)*

Alley Roberson  
 Nolan White  
 Kathie Dyson  
 Ani Tutewiler

**Dedications for this week:**

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost, June 14th**

Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**Contact Information**

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