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ST. MATTHEW'S  
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# The Journey At St. Matthew's

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EASTER 2018

"We are called to share God's love as we welcome  
and care for our community"



## A Message from Our Rector

**With the arrival of Easter**, comes the most significant and joyous season of the church year: The Great Fifty Days of Easter. What exactly do we celebrate in these fifty days? Nothing less than the miraculous raising from the dead of Jesus of Nazareth. In a word, "**resurrection**".

Most of us have been touched by the death of someone dear to us. After our loved ones die, we are left with various precious memories. These memories can help to provide comfort, and in a way, we can even claim that the departed "continue to live" through these memories. In the final analysis, however, our experiences of the departed do not venture beyond the realm of memory.

Easter, on the other hand, presents us with a story which describes an entirely different scenario: the followers of Jesus aren't left with mere memories of their beloved teacher and friend; they are now brought face to face with the actual person who they had watched die a gruesome and horrible death... but who has now been raised from the dead. Some of the most beautiful and powerful stories ever written are those in the New Testament that describe what these face to face encounters with the resurrected Jesus were like. They were like nothing that anyone had ever experienced up to that time!

And so, whenever we speak of resurrection, our starting point must always be the unfathomable power of God to accomplish the truly unbelievable! Resurrection represents life that goes beyond our wildest imaginings of what life consists of. Resurrection represents life that breaks through all the human limitations and boundaries imposed by death. Finally, resurrection is the power that transcends memories, and offers us instead, the promise of an experience of life that is fuller, richer and endless. Jesus is the one who has led the way into this new way of living, and it is Jesus who invites us – day by day – to participate in this new and dynamic risen life with him.

**In these 50 days of Easter, my hope is that you will be given a taste of "life that goes beyond our wildest imaginings". I pray that Christ's risen, boundary-shattering life will be yours to savor and to share with joy wherever you may be.**

**Alleluia! Christ is risen.**

*Andreas+*

## Safe Church

More on page 3 ...



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# From Our Parish Council

## Notes from March 21

Your wardens Janet Williams and Gordon Drake are very pleased to be able to continue serving the Parish church of St. Matthew for a second year. As in the past, we have put together a summary of Parish events since the beginning of 2018.

**Roof:** You will recall that the heavy rains and floods of last September brought to the fore the need for a new roof to cover the Narthex and the north side of the church. We are pleased to say that our loan request from the Diocese loan fund has been approved in the amount of \$65,000 (the amount to supplement other funds already raised), so the path is clear to begin work. A fresh round of quotes will be requested, with work to begin in early spring. Many thanks to those who have already contributed to the Build the Roof fund, and to the fund-raising committee of Jane Patterson, Mary Grace Weir, and Janis Fantinic for their energy and enthusiasm. **You may find donation envelopes for our Roof Fund in the narthex, and stay tuned for more fundraising initiatives.** The goal is achievable, and when done, it will assure the continued viability of St. Matthew's Church for many years to come.

**Finances:** January was a bad month for the Parish finances because of high costs for snow removal (\$2214), and lower-than-average attendance. However, as of March 4, we are now within \$30 of where we were last year for donations. **There has been a very positive response to Beth Felet's request for people to change their auto-deductions from credit card to chequing, which lowers our costs to the diocese; please contact her if you would like to make the switch.** The pancake supper on February 13 was a great success with an attendance of 171, and a net profit of approximately \$1000. Many thanks to John Rossi for organizing the event and our parishioners for their continued support and generosity.

**Property:** In January, we had a major problem with the furnace boiler, leaving the church with no heat. A bearing was gone on a pump motor and may have to be replaced. Many thanks to Onorio Felet for his continuing work to maintain the church property, and make sure that everything is working as it should. **If you wish to join the maintenance team, please speak with Onorio.**

**Outreach:** At the suggestion of a local realtor, Terry Zhang, we are embarking on a new initiative to provide English language classes to the large number of recent immigrants in our area, especially families from China who bring their children to attend school at Massey Secondary School. Rev'd. Andreas has put together a grant application to the Diocese for audiovisual equipment to supplement this program. **Please contact Rev'd Andreas if you would like to volunteer.** This could be an important evangelical opportunity to reach out to our community. For more outreach news, please read our deacon Cathy's column, on page 6.

**Best wishes for a wonderful Easter, filled with the spirit of rebirth and renewal, as symbolized by The Resurrection of Christ.** Your Wardens Janet Williams and Gordon Drake.



Photo by Mary Lou Drake

### The installation of our Parish Council

Sunday, February 11, during the 10am service.

**Left to right:** Treasurer Jane Patterson; John Rossi; Deputy Churchwarden Richard Hucal; Bob Braidford; Churchwardens Gordon Drake and Janet Williams; Lay Delegate to Synod Margaret Kissau; Onorio Felet; and our deacon the Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick. **Not pictured:** Deputy Churchwarden Jean Muhleisen; Scott Ritchie; Alisa Yednoroz; Jen McAlpine, and our rector the Rev'd Andreas Thiel.

Everybody is welcome to attend our Parish Council meetings, usually on the **third** Wednesday of the month, starting at 7:30 PM, in the choir room.

**Next Meetings: April 18 and May 16**

## Safe Church in the Twitter Era

By The Rev'd Andreas Thiel

**“Tweet Others as You Would Like to Be Tweeted”** The caption depicted in the church sign catches our attention, especially for those of us who interact with others via social media.



As I write this, the news of the day features a “Twitter War” between a former U.S. Vice-President and the current President. Sadly, the exchanges contain language which is demeaning and taunting, serving no constructive purpose. This is just one example of many, many others. But the Christian community has been called to behave in ways that are respectful, kind, and life-affirming, and we are to remind one another of this calling whenever we are tempted to stray into ways of behaving that fall short of this goal.

**Our Diocese of Huron has developed a “Safe Church” policy** which is designed to ensure that every single person be treated with dignity and respect. “Safe Church” provides us with guidance in creating environments where all God’s children feel safe: safe from physical or sexual harm; safe from personal or online bullying; safe from gossip or ridicule.

**For further information on “Safe Church” visit:** [diohuron.org](http://diohuron.org) **or speak with your Churchwardens or Rector.**

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The United Church in University Place, WA USA 98466

**Have you joined our e-mail communication list?** It is the fastest way to receive communications from our clergy. Enroll at: [saintmatthewswindsor@gmail.com](mailto:saintmatthewswindsor@gmail.com)

**Also, check out these websites and stay connected at all levels of Anglicanism:**

St. Matthew’s Church  
Deanery of Essex  
Diocese of Huron  
Anglican Church of Canada  
Primate's World Relief  
and Development Fund (PWRDF)



[saintmatthewswindsor.ca](http://saintmatthewswindsor.ca)  
[essexdeanery.com](http://essexdeanery.com)  
[diohuron.org](http://diohuron.org)  
[Anglican.ca](http://Anglican.ca)

**AND:** [www.anglicansonline.org](http://www.anglicansonline.org)

An interesting website featuring links to various other Anglican sites around the world.

**Auto-deduction giving** – Please consider this option, which helps us meet our monthly financial obligations. To learn more about it, change amount (a small increase can make a big difference!) or switch from credit card to bank account, please contact Beth Felet, our envelope secretary, at (519) 969-3035.

# Our Anglican World



**Marilyn Jennings (OBJN)** and her husband, Dick, attend our 8:30 Sunday services. In conversation with Marilyn, I learned that she belongs to a religious order, and it occurred to me that others would be interested in hearing about this aspect of her life. I recently had the opportunity to ask Marilyn some questions:

**Andreas Thiel:** When did you become associated with the **Order of Julian of Norwich**, and what made you decide to become an Oblate with this Order?

**Marilyn Jennings:** I became interested in our Order back in 1985. I belonged to an Episcopal Special interest group and there was an article written by an Episcopal priest saying that a new religious order was being formed based on the writing of Julian of Norwich, who lived in the 1300s (at the same time as Chaucer). It was based on her revelations of God's infinite unconditional love. This was just what I was looking for as I had a profound religious experience in 1981 and was looking for some kind of affiliation. For me, it was a perfect fit. There are several ways of becoming affiliated with the Order. Being an Oblate in the Order of Julian of Norwich is being a part of a family consisting of monks, nuns, Oblates, Associates and Friends of Julian. All affiliates of our Order keep the same four-fold pattern of Rule but scaled for each degree so as to relate to the lifestyle of the individual affiliate.

**AT:** Who was Julian of Norwich and what do you especially appreciate about her life?

**MJ:** Dame Julian lived in Norwich, England in the 14th and early 15th century and spent much of her life as an anchorite, a vowed religious living by herself in a small room, called an anchorhold, attached to the parish church of St. Julian in Norwich. What is known about her is her remarkable book, the Revelation of Divine Love, an account of and the fruit of twenty years' reflection on a series of visions which revealed to Julian the depths of God's unconditional love for us in Jesus Christ. I appreciate her life as I understand and can relate to it.

**AT:** Are there opportunities for "ordinary" lay folk to get involved with the Order and, if so, how?

**MJ:** Being an affiliate of our Order is truly meant for "ordinary" lay folk. The "even-Christians" (us regular folk) for whom Julian wrote her book are to be encouraged to learn as much as they can from such treasures, and to understand that being in the presence of Jesus is the teacher of us all. The Order of Julian remains by definition a contemplative order. You can explore the various affiliations by visiting the Order's website at: <https://www.orderofjulian.org/>

**AT:** What are you personally thankful for, in your ongoing journey as an Oblate in the Order of Julian of Norwich?

**MJ:** An Oblate life is a very particular way of saying "yes" to God. It is a way of life that develops the expression specifically for the goal of Christ-likeness and for the sake of the Church and the world. In our affiliation, it is a yes to being a dwelling for God and being committed to keeping our hearts clear of whatever that does not serve the Yes that is Christ Jesus. Like many commitments, it can make life a long series of Yeses. Some yeses are painful and some easy, but in them all are the treasures of peace and joy. Neither wealth, nor specific vocations, nor long training is needed. A yes to God, even in the secret of the heart, can open unforeseen doors and bear unimagined fruit.

Photo by Gordon Drake

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**Weekly fellowship centred around warm bowls of delicious soup, along with bread to nourish the body and soul, have all taken place throughout Lent. St. Matthew's has again generously raised funds to support the PWRDF; our kitchen creations have raised \$1,124.20.**

**Thank you to all who contributed to this outreach!**

Photos by Gordon Drake



**On Thursday, May 3, our Bishop Linda Nicholls will be coming to our neighbourhood to cook a wonderful meal.**

The menu will feature some delicacies from India, where Bishop Linda lived, and learned how to cook several authentic dishes. The event will take place at the Drakes' home on **3730 Ouellette Ave.** Dinner will be around 6 PM. We expect it to be lots of fun, with good food and drink, but especially good company and fellowship. There are still a few tickets available (\$35/person). Please contact either MaryLou Drake or Janet Williams; we would like to have exact numbers by April 20th. Hope to see you there! **Janet and MaryLou**

## **STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP Here at St. Matthew's!**

**Saturday, May 5, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm**

**presented by our Diocese of Huron Stewardship Team**

Being a thriving parish is about much more than keeping on the lights and fixing the roof. It is about joining in the work that God is doing in the world by being active disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Please help us welcome participants from our neighbouring churches for this special event. Lunch will be provided, and there is no cost.**

## **Attention All Golfers!!!**

**This year's Deanery Golf Tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20**

**Also, many opportunities to volunteer!**

**Stay tuned for more information coming soon**

**All proceeds help to fund the**

**Youth Ministry in our Deanery of Essex**



Some of our St. Matthew's teams over the years, including the 2017 champs (above).

There is only one question in everybody's mind ... Will Onorio wear his lucky shirt again?

Photos from our Archives

## Rev'd Cathy's Corner

### World Day of Prayer

On Friday March 2nd St. Matthew's hosted the 2018 World Day of Prayer. Even though we had snow on the ground we had about 85 folks attend and participate. It is always a challenge to have a committee plan an event. However, with preplanning with Mary Grace we were able to have only one ecumenical planning meeting, assigning roles to the various churches. Clergy generally attend but do not take a major role in the service. We were particularly delighted to have children in the Sunday school making votive lanterns for table decorations and having their own awareness of the theme of the service the Sunday before. It is always delightful at St. Matthew's, to know that we have very competent and gifted folks to invite to assist in this big venture: sidespeople, collection supervisors, and those artistic and gracious folks who received the other churches food donations and prepared the luncheon space and served the tea and coffee and the punch, which was a great hit (see p. 7). **Together we warmly welcomed other Christians from Roman Catholic, Baptist, United churches, Salvation Army, Presbyterian, and other Anglican churches into our space. A great success, and thanks to all.**

### St. Matthew's Outreach

**Our Food for the Hungry cupboard** was filled to overflowing. Thanks so much to everyone who gave from their bounty to those in need. We delivered the snack bag items to the Homeless Shelter and the other food items to Windsor Homes Coalition. The Downtown Mission is our next Food for the Hungry recipient. Unfortunately, there is always a need.

**The Southwest Detention Centre** was grateful for another set of 10 backpacks. We now have two more volunteer sewing teachers for the women's sewing programme on Monday afternoons. Peggy from Church of the Epiphany and Jeannie from St. Stephen's Oldcastle (pictured with me at the WDP reception.) **Six folks doing excellent ministry from three Anglican churches in our Deanery of Essex. Good stuff.**



**Thanks to everyone who contributes in whatever way.**



**Sunday,  
April 22, 2018**

**Happy  
Earth Day!**

### This year's theme is **END PLASTIC POLLUTION**

**This is probably an impossible task, but that does not mean we should stop trying! Even small changes can make a huge difference. Some of our parishioners are already reducing plastic pollution:**

Disposable straws are a real problem in the landfill. Sue Bernard uses stainless steel straws for all her family's portable (and reusable, too!) cups.

Jen McAlpine was inspired by the WDP service, and has pledged to try to eliminate plastic foam from her household, such as meat trays from the supermarket.



**"Actions Resulting from Prayer"** was the call in the form of cards with a sea turtle picture, that were distributed to invite the attendants to the WDP (p. 7) to make at least one concrete commitment to preserve **All God's creation.**

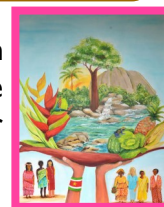
**Do you have ideas to end plastic or other pollution? Share them with the Journey! We can all do our part!**



# World Day of Prayer at St. Matthew's Friday, March 2



**World Day of Prayer (WDP)** is a global ecumenical movement which welcomes Christians of all traditions to join in prayer and action for peace and justice every year, on the first Friday in March. The WDP program for **Friday March 2, 2018** was prepared by the Committee of Suriname with the theme: **"All God's Creation Is Very Good."**



This is how congregations in Windsor-Essex interpreted the theme at St. Matthew's:

Posters, pictures and flags as decorations were good



Stick figures from the poster for the first seven women was a nice touch



Opening with a liturgical dance got folks up and ready for joy



Good size for the number of attendees, and accessible

The service format was excellent. The choice of familiar music pieces throughout the service encouraged people to join and sing, even though the foreign language song at the beginning was a little confusing. The theme was timely, about environment and ethnic integration; particularly liked the commitment turtle cards (see p.6). **It was a great Ecumenical event, good learning for all of us!**

Being one of the organizers for the World Day of Prayer was fun. Rev. Cathy and I did some advance planning, then met with women from other parishes, who enthusiastically agreed to fill various roles in the service and help provide food. Cathy and I arranged for decorations, ably assisted by the Sunday School ("stained glass" votive holders) and the ladies who set up for fellowship (tropical touch added with bright napkin "bouquets"!)

**Mary Grace Weir**



Good luncheon and fellowship time!



The persons at the hall were most pleasant and accommodating, and the treats and the punch were great!



The speaker, Rev. Hilton Gomes, Chaplain at Hôtel-Dieu Grace Healthcare Centre (right), was charismatic, animated, interesting, and down to earth – went into the congregation and included everyone. (pictured with Rev. Andreas Thiel and Rev. Cathy MacKendrick)

Text by women of Windsor-Essex; photos by Irene Savva

## Ask the Rector

A regular column in which you get to ask whatever is on your mind. (All submissions will be considered anonymous.)

**Q: After singing the first hymn at the beginning of our communion service, the priest says the Collect of the Day by himself. Why doesn't the congregation join in?**

**A.** The reason is found in our prayer book (BAS), where you'll see various instructions printed in red ink. Some of these instructions contain the word "may" (indicating some flexibility in the rule), while others don't. The instructions for the Collect of the Day read: "The community may pray in silence" followed by "The celebrant... says the Collect". In this brief liturgical act, the following takes place: the optional silence allows the gathered assembly to put aside all distracting thoughts, and prepare to offer themselves in worship. It can be thought of as a mental "shifting of gears". After this shift, and into this silence, the presider offers a prayer on behalf of the community. This is not a time for us to try to match the pace of our recitation with others or with the presider. Rather, it's an opportunity for us to become still and attuned to the content of the prayer. The Collect of the Day serves as a way for us to "collect our thoughts" while allowing our individual prayers and intentions to be "collected" into the prayer of the Church.

*Andreas*

**Stay tuned for other fascinating questions and answers!**

## Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday March 25



Thank you to the Chancel Guild and helpers for making the beautiful palm crosses and for setting up for our services

During his homily, Rev'd Andreas pointed out that there is always a sharp contrast between the festive procession that begins in the parish hall, and the somber readings that follow, relating the Passion of Our Lord; he compared this contrast with life itself, remarking that short times of rejoicing must be appreciated because, without doubt, there will also be moments of pain or sadness. Our rector explained that today's Gospel according to Mark, answers the question "Who Will Declare Jesus Guilty?" pointing to the crowd, that mass of humanity that ultimately includes us, and everyone from every time and place on earth. Rev'd Andreas concluded with the simple, yet important, truth that throughout the Passion, Jesus did trust in God, so with our lives, we can too.

Photos by Gordon Drake





## The Windsor Symphony Orchestra at St. Matthew's

On Saturday, March 24, St. Matthew's Church rang with the sounds of "**Spring with Strings**" in a Windsor Symphony concert hosted jointly by the Parish Churches of St. James and St. Matthew. The concert featured a complete 14-piece string section of the Windsor Symphony, conducted by Peter Wiebe and with Konstantin Popovic, violin, as concertmaster.



As pointed out by Rev'd. Andreas Thiel in his concluding remarks, there was no substitute for live music played by excellent musicians in the intimate setting provided by our church. We are indebted to Peter Wiebe and the Windsor Symphony for the outreach provided by their Neighbourhood Concert Series. The audience of 102 greatly appreciated the selections by Vivaldi, Mozart, and others, including "The Maple Leaf Rag."

A reception in the church hall followed the concert, with cakes and cookies provided by the parishioners of St. James, and refreshments by St. Matthew's. Special thanks to Bill Wilkinson of St. James for his part in organizing the event, and to Janet Williams who did her part of the organization for St. Matthew's. The contributions by many others from both parishes are greatly appreciated. All costs were covered, and the rest of the funds raised were shared with St. James. An additional and very generous donation to St. Matthew's from Dr. Sushil Jain (Research Fellow at Canterbury College) and his wife Christine, resulted in a grand total of \$1091.00 for our parish. **The success of this event augurs well for other similar joint projects between St. Matthew's and St. James' Churches.**



Text and photography  
by Gordon Drake, warden



# This Little Light of Mine

YOUTH @ ST. M'S



**Ireland Championships**  
Photo from the Henderson family

Former altar server, and talented Irish dance performer, **Caitlin Henderson**, had a very successful trip to Killarney, Ireland, last February 14, 2018 for the All Ireland Irish Dance Championships. There she danced against 200 other similarly aged Irish dancers from North America, Europe and Australia. Caitlin placed well enough to qualify for The World Irish Dance Championships in Glasgow, Scotland. The event took place at the same time as this newsletter was being printed; we will have more about Caitlin's experience in our summer issue. **Congratulations, Caitlin!**



Our Sunday School was busy once again rolling, cutting, decorating, baking and packing their sweet confections to brighten up someone's day at Windsor Street Help, with a friendly gesture from their hearts.

**Thank You!**

On February 25, our friends from the 89th Scout Group joined us for worship and fellowship. "Always Prepared" to help, they also volunteered at our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Photography by Gordon Drake

# Celebrating this season

## Birthdays

### April

6 – David Paraschak  
 6 – Sandra Hall  
 7 – Colin Allsop  
 7 – Noah Allsop  
 7 – Jacob Ritchie  
 9 – Andreas Thiel  
 9 – Erin Henderson  
 9 – Nicole Sussens  
 10 – Michael Chantler  
 16 – Ted Clarke  
 17 – Mark Goldspink  
 18 – Emma Westray  
 21 – Tom Dunsmore  
 21 – Scott Ritchie  
 25 – Collin Patterson  
 27 – Ryan Patterson  
 27 – Helen White  
 30 – Chuck Boyd

### April

18 – Mike & Irene Paraschak  
 23 – Roger Wurdemann & Louise Davis  
 25 – Don & Pauline Patterson

### May

2 – Caitlin Henderson  
 4 – Jane Patterson  
 10 – Irene Savva  
 15 – Dianne Iannicello  
 16 – Josh Canty  
 17 – Margaret Canty  
 19 – David Goldspink  
 21 – David Hitchcock  
 28 – Jane Bayne  
 28 – Jeff Wilkinson  
 30 – Carole Lawn  
 30 – Sharon Ritchie  
 31 – Rosalind Canty

## Anniversaries

### June

2 – Don Prodan  
 4 – Margaret Jemison  
 5 – Benjamin Hahn  
 7 – Danielle Richer  
 7 – Steve Sussens  
 14 – Bill McAdam  
 14 – Daryl Hudec  
 17 – Ted Felet  
 20 – Pauline Patterson  
 26 – Ruth Clarke  
 26 – Louise Davis  
 27 – Toni Ligor  
 28 – Shawn McDonald  
 30 – Sarah Finlayson  
 30 – Kevin Patterson

### May

8 – Steve & Erin Pidhoresky  
 17 – Chuck & Linda Boyd  
 19 – Richard & Ann Hucal  
 22 – John Rossi & Patti Weir  
 24 – Alan & Sue Trenhaile  
 26 – Toni Ligor & Jen McAlpine  
 28 – Mark & Sue Bernard  
 31 – David & Linda Hitchcock

### June

2 – Don & Lillian Prodan  
 6 – Stan & Margaret Goldspink  
 8 – Robert & Mary Grace Weir  
 10 – Aaron & Melissa Bratt

10 – Jeff Wilkinson & Sandra Hall  
 20 – Donn & Jane Bayne  
 21 – Bob & Margaret Kissau  
 24 – Shawn & Linda McDonald  
 27 – Al & Nicole McCabe  
 30 – Brad & Stephania Allsop

## UPCOMING EVENTS TO REMEMBER

**Saturday, May 5 2018 .—** The long awaited **St. Matthew's Euchre Tournament**, an evening of serious strategy and mastermind (and lost of fun!) Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details coming very soon. Free-will donations will go to support our Backpack Initiative for newly released inmates of the South West Detention Centre.

**T.N.T.** Reserve the first Friday of the month for our TNT ("Theology 'n Tap" or "Tap No Theology") meetings, starting at 6:00 pm, at Cramdon's Restaurant (2950 Dougall Ave.) Some come with their children, some with a partner, and some by themselves. Come for dinner, or just drinks, or just good conversation and friendship!!

**Our next T.N.T. night will be April 6, 2018**

Richard Hucal

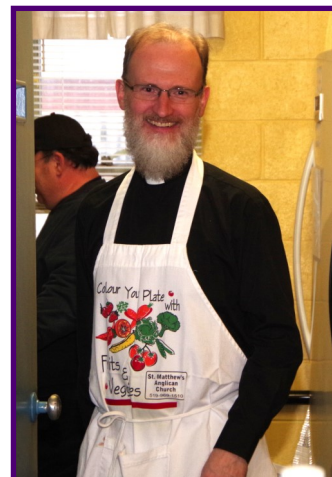


# News from the Pews:

We hope to hear from you soon!

On February 2, during the monthly gathering of the TNT crowd, a birthday celebration for Ann Hucal took place (her birthday is Feb 1st.)

**Happy Birthday Ann!**



Pancakes, bacon, sausages, sauces, desserts, and beverages were again offered on the evening of February 13 for our **Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**. Approximately \$1,000 were raised for our church, but the happy faces were priceless.



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Please send your articles, feedback and other contributions to Sue Bernard and Irene Savva to [irene.savva3691@gmail.com](mailto:irene.savva3691@gmail.com) or deposit in the box provided in the narthex. Are you celebrating a milestone anniversary soon? **Submit your wedding picture for publication!** Also let us know of any updates needed in the birthday and anniversary announcements; **we apologize for any mistakes or omissions.**





On Transfiguration Sunday, February 11, we welcomed back Rev'd Bob Roberts as guest preacher. This time he talked about the significance of Jesus' revelations up on the mountain, in which human nature met God, presenting it as a current event; it was another inspiring homily that reminded us that Jesus is with us, and we must be always attentive to the whisper of God's voice.

**Rev'd Bob will be back at our podium on Earth Day, Sunday April 22 at the 10:00 am service.**



On March 20, St. Matthew's own **Dennis Bernard**, took the Paralegal Oath at St. Clair College Centre for the Arts  
**Congratulations, Dennis!**

Parishioner and *The Journey* co-editor, **Irene A. Savva**, has launched her very own website and blog, where she shares kitchen, backyard and other interesting stories from her Mexican-born-and-raised/Japanese-descendant/proudly-Canadian point of view.



Visit her at <https://mysliceofmexico.ca/>



Photo after the event, provided by the Bernard family: Dennis (centre) with his proud parents, Mark & Sue

Photo and logo from Irene Savva

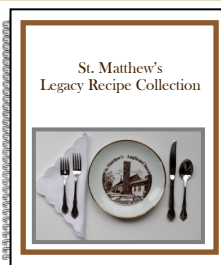


All proceeds from Beth Felet's cute candy-filled carrot and bunny boxes will go to support the Craft Guild and their one-of-a-kind creations.  
**Thank you all for your support!**



**"Tie on Ty" (2018)**  
Acrylic on canvas

Elissa Weir is still accepting commissions to create pet portraits for \$10 each (going to our Roof Fund). Contact Mary Grace Weir [marygweir@aol.com](mailto:marygweir@aol.com) or 519-734-0981



Our Legacy Recipe book is still available; a great gift for family and friends, and sure to become a culinary heirloom, the books are printed in heavy letter size paper with card stock covers.

**Price: \$15.00/each**  
**Contact Irene, Sue, Sandra or Rev'd Andreas**



It has become something of a St. Matthew's spring ritual to celebrate the arrival of a new batch of homemade Silver Maple syrup, from the expert craft and generous donation of MaryLou and Gordon Drake. Happy parishioners were able to purchase jars of the delicious treat again this year, with an amazing total of **\$565** raised, going towards apportionment.

**Thank you MaryLou & Gordon!**

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter : The Good Shepherd

### Some Virtues of The Good Shepherd

**Self-sacrifice**— Willing to give himself up for the flock

**Knowing**— Caring through knowledge and love

**Unity**— The flock must grow and become one, following and trusting one, the Good Shepherd

**Giving Willingly**— “No one is taking my life from me; I lay it down of my own free will. **I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it back again.** This is what my Father has commanded me.”

*John 10-18*

Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

*john 10:11*



### Kneelers at St. Matthew's (Above)

#### GOOD SHEPHERD

This kneeler was made by Joyce Durocher with the encouragement and suggestions of her husband and family.

“The story of the Good Shepherd has always been one of my favourites. I think that we are like the sheep who look to the shepherd for their safety and he looks for a long time to find the strays, and when he finds them, hugs them joyfully and takes them home. So we look to the Lord for our safety and guidance.”

Created and given by Mr & Mrs Gerald W. Durocher and family as a thank-offering.

Christ is Alive,  
Alleluia!

## Everybody is Welcome!

### Sunday Services:

8:30 am & 10:00 am

Sunday school at the 10:00 am service.

### Services at Huron Lodge:

#### Holy Eucharist:

1st Tuesday of the month 11:00 am

#### Praise & Prayer:

3rd Sunday of the month 2:00 pm

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