

The Grapevine

May 2008

*"We own nothing, nothing is ours
Not even love so fierce it burns like baby stars
But this poverty is our greatest gift
The weightlessness of us as things around begin to shift"
-- Indigo Girls*

May and June bring us Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day. Becoming a parent has been one of the most spiritually moving experiences of my life. I can remember the awesome feeling of holding my first born for the first time, overcome with emotion, and at the same time, understanding with complete clarity that this child is a gift from God that we're given custody of for the time being. As parents, we don't own our children. They are children of God that are given into our care for a time. We also are children of God. And as Eleanor Powell once wrote, "Who we are is God's gift to us; who we become is our gift to God."

If we really pay attention to what's going on in God's good earth, we realize that nothing is really ours. All that we have comes from God: the fruits of the earth, the gifts and talents we use every day, even the fiercest love we feel; as a parent for a child and a child for its parent – it all comes from God.

*"All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee."
I Chronicles 29:14b*

At the Offertory, we are acknowledging, through our worship, the understanding that all goodness and gifts come from God, and it's only out of God's abundance and generosity that we have anything to offer back to God. That's what Stewardship is all about; caring for that which God has given us with reverence and respect and using those gifts to honor God and God's people and creation.

There are many examples of how we are stewards of God's goodness: We give of our time to help our friends, to volunteer for charities, to support our family, to worship, to serve. We use our gifts to make a difference in this world and to help fulfill God's Kingdom here on earth. We give our blood to the blood drives, we try to take modestly from the banquet that the earth has to offer and try not to pollute too much a long the way. We give our hearts, our compassion, our prayers to those in need, to the hurting people and places of the world. All the while, trying to take gentle care of ourselves, our souls and bodies as well.

God is our loving parent who has entrusted to his children many, many gifts that we are expected to take good care of. God never expects us to be perfect, just to do the best we can with what we're given. This Mother's Day and Father's Day, countless children across the nation will present to their beloved parents tokens of their affection: A cardboard necktie, a wilting flower, a crooked coffee mug, a misspelled card. And somehow, these small, imperfect tokens of pure love, become in the hands of the receiver, a perfect offering for everything they've given. And in the hands of our loving, parent God, our meager offerings are just as beautiful, perfect and fitting as those misspelled cards, because they are given in love.

“...FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF THY BOUNTY”

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Probably written by little Tom Cranmer when he put together our *Book of Common Prayer*. Today, we have condensed that into one word. “GREEN!”

I applaud the young people of our parish in taking the lead in helping St. Matthew’s to become green. “It’s not easy being green.” We, of the more seasoned class, remember when a resolution was passed at our Diocesan Convention condemning Styrofoam cups as Satan’s tool to sully our environment. Whatever happened to that action? Well, in the words of the Prophet Isaiah, “and a little child shall lead them.”

Yes, we are being lead by the children of the parish. Thank you Sunday School members for making us re-think Styrofoam cups and bring our own mugs (the ceramic kind) for our coffee hours. A wonderful start. Keep up the good work.

OK we adults. No more styrofoam; good old ceramic mugs from now on.

On another subject:

“Therefore I summon age
To grant youth’s heritage.”

I once called it St. Matthew’s oral history project. Thinking further, perhaps our Heritage project would be more appropriate. While our parish was established in the early 1940’s, we still have a history, one that should be preserved not in amber, but as an on-going chronicle of our communal life. Thanks to two persons, this is underway. Sue Turo has assembled several binders of “*Grapevines*,” photos and other related materials as a foundation for this project. Lois Fleming is coordinating the on-going process. Do you have any photos, memorabilia, anecdotes, vignettes and memories of your life within St. Matthew’s family? If so, please share them with Lois. Also, should you be interested in assisting Lois with this project, it would be most appreciated.

Oh yes, it’s from Robert Browning’s “Rabbi Ben Ezra.”

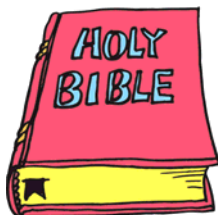
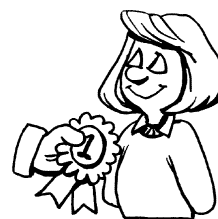
And there’s more.

M&M’s. Sorry these are not edible. I’m certain that I’ll not be the only one to hype the Ministry & Mission Fair scheduled for May 17th, but here goes any way. This is a “more the merrier” affair, one where a wide mix of programs are made available on a variety of subjects: Youth, Worship, Outreach, Growth, and of course the “E” and “M” words, plus lots more. We have several members signed up for particular segments of the program and we encourage you to join them in what will be a great day. There will be a sign-up sheet, for we have to make reservations in early May.

Sorry, no “groaner” this month. That should be a relief.

Peace, Shalom, God Bless,
Gordon

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
May 1st



FIRST FRIDAY'S

Please join us for our "First Friday" Bible Study program at St. Matthew's. We will gather on **Friday, May 2nd, from 12:10 – 1:00 pm** in the Conference Room for a discussion about our sacred scriptures. Bring a friend!

BLANKET SUNDAY – MAY 11th

On Mother's Day, May 11th, St. Matthew's will be participating in the Episcopal Relief and Development's "Gifts for Life" program. Information regarding ERD's program can be found on the table in the hall. Our contributions for Father's Day, June 15th, will also go to their program. Contribution forms for Tools of Hope will be available as we get nearer to June 15th.

At this time, if you wish to make a contribution as a memorial or as a thank offering in honor of that special woman (or women) in your life, please complete this form and place it in the collection plate. **Please note: May 4th is the deadline for turning in the forms.** Thank you.

BLANKET SUNDAY

I WISH TO CONTRIBUTE \$ _____ AS A MEMORIAL IN MEMORY OF:
(PLEASE USE GIVEN NAMES)

OR AS A THANK OFFERING
FOR: _____

BY: _____

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MAY 4th

ADULT EDUCATION

The final class in our 2007-2008 “Year of Exploration” series will be held on **Tuesday, May 13th from 7:00-8:30 pm.** *“Patterns of Prayer: Exploring Prayer as a Pattern in our Daily Lives”* will touch upon the many forms of prayer available to us and we’ll talk about practical (do-able) ways to weave prayer into the fabric of our day-to-day lives. Please sign up on the sheet located near the kitchen. (There’s a minimum class size of 5).



MINISTRY AND MISSION FAIR

Saturday, May 17, 2008
Bishop Grimes High School, East Syracuse

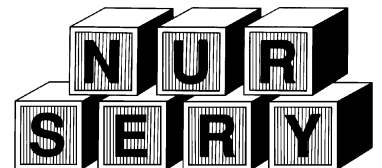
Workshop topics in Christian Formation, Congregational Development, Youth Ministry, Music Ministries, Vestry Leadership, Stewardship, and much, much more. Something for everyone! We would like to have as many people as possible go from our parish. See Mother Carrie for more information.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: If you would like to help out on Saturday, May 17th, at the diocesan Mission and Ministry Fair, please contact Stacey Balduf at sabalduf@twcny.rr.com or 652-4739.

“U2CHARIST” IS COMING TO ST. MATTHEW’S!

Our next Community Eucharist will be a “U2charist” – a Eucharist featuring the music from the Irish rock group U2. A musical group popular since the 1980s, their songs are lively, engaging and profoundly spiritual in nature, often focusing on our desire for God and God’s desire for us. Bono, the lead singer from U2 has done ground breaking diplomacy work around in the world in the pursuit of eliminating global poverty. In that spirit, this multi-media service will focus on the themes of God’s desire to partner with us to bring about God’s justice in the world. A team from St. Paul’s Cathedral, Syracuse, is coming to help us with this exciting event; and the Very Rev. Tom Luck (Dean of the Cathedral) will be our guest preacher for the evening. The service will appeal to young and old alike – so go ahead and bring your friends and neighbors on **Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 pm.** A coffee hour reception will follow.

The nursery is staffed from September through the end of June each year. We really need volunteers so that no family is signed up more than once every couple months. If we don’t get some more volunteers, (we only have six families right now) the nursery may have to be closed some weeks. If you have children in the nursery or if you just want to help out with this ministry, PLEASE contact me at sabalduf@twcny.rr.com or 652-4739. Thank you.



The following families have been signed up for the upcoming Nursery Schedule:

May 4th: Bradshaw family
May 18th: Miller family
June 8th: Stace Family
June 22nd: Mathews family

PLEASE NOTE the nursery is not staffed Memorial Day weekend, May 25th, or on June 1st, when the youth will be at Highland Forest for the weekend.

Stacy Balduf

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES



Sunday school will **NOT** be held Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 25th or the following weekend on Sunday, June 1st. (The youth will be at Highland Forest that weekend)

Please also note that visiting youth are welcome in our Sunday School Classes. If you know someone between the ages of 3-14, please feel free to invite them. If you have any questions, please contact me at sabalduf@twcny.rr.com or 652-4739.

Stacy Balduf

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The month of May is a busy one for Youth activities. There is going to be an **ice cream social** after the 10:15 service on May 18th to raise money for the upcoming Highland Forest Camp trip. Please bring your appetites.

Highland Forest is a camping trip that is scheduled for Saturday, May 31st and Sunday June 1st. There will be information and a sign up sheet on the board outside the Parish Hall. It is a great time for youth and families alike.

If you have any questions about these or any other youth activities please contact me at williambalduf@yahoo.com or 652-4739.



Ice Cream!

Bill Balduf

The month of May will see the Parish Choir season coming to an end with the last Wednesday rehearsal on May 21st preceded by dinner together at a restaurant to be announced. In looking ahead, Choir Appreciation Sunday will be held on June 1st. Choir members will be voting on their favorite anthems for the program year to be sung on that Sunday.



CHOIR NOTES

The first Sunday in May will feature our newly expanded Family Choir. I was amazed at the number of participants who recently came for rehearsal. I have selected a more challenging anthem for them than I have used in the past. They seem to be up

for the task. I will ask them to gather at 9:45 am on May 4th, realizing that I will have to encroach on Sunday School time. A special treat on that Sunday will be to hear Mallorie O'Brien play the cello as a prelude and postlude to our 10:15 worship.

I am changing the Parish Choir rehearsals on the three following Sundays (May 11th, 18th and 25th to 9:30 am instead of 9:15 am for the purpose of being consistent. I want women choir members to be able to attend the Mother's Day Breakfast, and with the choir season winding down, I think we can sacrifice the extra fifteen minutes on Sunday mornings in May.

There will be no Wednesday rehearsal on May 28th, as I must be at school for Academic Awards that evening. Since the choir will be singing anthems they know on the following Sunday, I think everything will work out well.

Sue Parsons
Music Director

DISTRICT MEETING WITH BISHOP ADAMS

The details are still being planned, but please save the evening of **Thursday, June 19th** for a "District Dialogue" meeting with Bishop Adams. This meeting will replace the annual regional meetings and all parishioners of our district are invited.

CHURCH HISTORY

For many years now the history of St. Matthew's has been scattered. We are attempting to gather it all together in an organized fashion. However, we still need parishioner input:

Do you have a story about St. Matthew's past?

Do you have pictures somewhere at home?

Do you have any old papers dealing with an aspect of St. Matthew's that should be a part of our history?

We would love to include your information and we can use any of you who would like to help with the organizing of all the material. Sue Turo has done a lion's share of the gathering of what we have so far, but we now need your help. If you are interested, please contact either Lois Fleming or Gordon Davis.

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

As we have reported earlier, the youth of St. Matthew's have been working on the Millennium Development Goals. As part of this undertaking, the youth are making and selling prayer beads to raise money to sponsor two children through the Christian Children's Fund. (Goal #4 – Reduce Child Mortality). Therefore, meet:



Saffa, an 8-year-old boy from Sierra Leone. Saffa lives with his parents in a house made of mud bricks and a thatch roof in a small village in Eastern Sierra Leone. His parents are poor farmers who grow rice and millet. They earn about \$180 per year from selling the rice. Saffa and his younger sister sleep on a mat on the floor. Saffa is very hardworking and dependable as he helps his father on the farm and helps his mother with domestic chores. He likes to play soccer and his best subject in school is physical education.

Emilie, a 10-month-old girl from Senegal. Emilie is a smiling baby girl who goes on all fours and makes a mess with her toys. Emilie's parents are small scale farmers whose annual income amounts to \$444 per year. Living in a community, they can fix simple meals, but medical care is out of reach most of the time. They fetch water from far away wells and have no electricity in their small village. Emilie is a joy at home and her parents look forward to her growing up in good conditions and becoming educated.

We hope that everyone will support the youth as they work toward the Millennium Development Goals. Look for pictures of our sponsored children on the bulletin board and feel free to ask the youth about what you can do to help!

Karen Stace and Lauri O'Brien

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

We send out e-mail updates about parish events from time to time. If you have an e-mail address you would like added to our parish records, please complete the following and put it in the collection plate or the secretary's mailbox. Thank you.

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

CONSIDER THIS



Blood Bank

The St. Matthew's sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for Saturday, May 24th, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the church Parish Hall. This is our third drive of 2008 and we are praying for a super response.

Since this date is two days away from the calendar notation "Memorial Day in the USA," quite a few have asked me, "Don't you think that this will seriously affect the results, since it is only two days from a holiday?" I would ask your consideration to my reply. First of all, in spite of what the calendar states, the 26th is not Memorial Day. Memorial Day, by General Order No. 11, issued by General John A. Logan on May 5, 1868, firmly sets the 30th day of May for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country (at that time, the Civil War). An outstanding example of the maintaining of the proper date for observance of Memorial Day, May 30th, may be witnessed in the village of Baldwinsville and I salute them.

Secondly, the intent of this day has been negated to a large degree. From a solemn day of observance and honor, (Decoration Day) it has regressed into the day of having the first big cook-out of the year. Not important the paying of respect and honor to all those who have given their lives so that cook-outs can be had, but also **over 4000** of America's children have fallen in the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts. And on this day, it is only fitting and proper that we thank them and honor them for their sacrifice.

I ask then that you consider my reasoning. Sign up for our Blood Drive of May 24th. Give, for the good of your fellow man, to honor America's fallen on this very special day.

See you on the 24th,
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YOU'RE INVITED...

- WHAT:** An authentic El Salvadoran dinner; menu to include homemade flour and corn tortillas, red beans, savory chicken and tomatoes, cabbage and cilantro salad, watermelon, and drinks. Slide show to follow.
- WHEN:** Saturday May 31st at 6:00pm
- WHERE:** St. James' Episcopal Church, Skaneateles

Proceeds to benefit the El Salvador Children's Nutrition Fund

Please send checks to:
St. James Episcopal Church
6 West Genesee St.
Skaneateles, NY 13152

(note on check "for E.S. Children's Nutrition Fund")

RSVP: 685-5267 or 685-8583 by May 28th

Family Room Eucharists



FAMILY ROOM EUCHARISTS RETURN!

By Mother Carrie

When I first got to St. Matthew's, we hosted a series of Family Room Eucharists so that I could get to know the parish better. They were so much fun; we thought we'd do it again! One of the challenges of parish ministry is that we only get to see each other (usually) once a week. So, Family Room Eucharists are a way for us to:

- Build Community by getting to know one another better
- Practice the Christian virtue of hospitality
- And share in Eucharistic fellowship in our homes

Family Room Eucharists are usually held in the evening at a parishioner's home. About 8-10 people gather for a little light refreshment and conversation and then I set up the Eucharist on a coffee table, or at the dining table. We follow an abbreviated liturgy, pray together, have conversation and share Communion together. They are supposed to last about an hour and a half – but sometimes when we get talking we can be there for a little longer! Folks can sign up for any group they'd like to. Often date and location are a factor. It's nice when the groups are made of a mix of people who know one another well and people whom they're getting to know better.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend a Family Room Eucharist. Please sign-up on the posters at church, or call the office. (*Finally, it's OK to invite yourself over to someone else's house. In fact, it's encouraged!*)

2008 FAMILY ROOM EUCHARISTS:

Tuesday, May 20th, 7:00pm

Host: Mary Clay

2 Fruitwood Drive, Liverpool

Tuesday, July 1st, 7:00pm

Host: Penny Dugas

4211 Mill Run Road, Liverpool

Sunday, June 1st, 5:00pm

Host: Kathleen and Don Carlson

6093 Owlwood Drive, Cicero

Tuesday, August 12th, 7:00pm

Host: Vivian Silliman

8228 Longworth Court, Baldwinsville

Wednesday, June 18th, 7:00pm

Host: Peg Coleman

5881 South Bay Road, Cicero

Thursday, August 28th, 7:00pm

Host: Matt Schiller and Beth Dubeck

8612 Lydia Lane, Cicero

Wednesday, June 25th, 7:00pm

Host: Stacey and Bill Balduf

4264 Gemini Path, Liverpool

Sunday, September 7th, 5:30pm

Host: Ed & Stephanie Piston

5018 Bear Road, N. Syracuse



IN OUR COMMUNITY

QUIET MONDAY WORSHIP: St. Paul’s Lutheran Church (also on Vine St.) offers a quiet, evening worship with Holy Communion Mondays at 8:15 pm, led by their young adults. All are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who have schedule conflicts on Sunday mornings, and for those who would just like some extra time of quiet worship.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO ON A FRIDAY EVENING? Join us at St. Paul’s Cathedral in Syracuse for a thought provoking film shown in our sanctuary. Enjoy a cup of tea or fair trade coffee. Admission: \$5.00 goes to the Millennium Development Goals. Help end extreme poverty by 2015! Onsite childcare provided: \$2.00 per child (come a little early).



May 16th The Painted Veil - 7:00 pm

For more info go to http://nooutcasts.org/?page_id=41 and click on the movie titles for movie descriptions and trailers.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT COUNCIL: Get a jump start on spring cleaning, while helping out others in need. The Refugee Resettlement Council has announced that the month of March saw a drastic increase in refugee families arriving in Syracuse. Recently, 30 refugees (9 households) have arrived from Burma, Bhutan, Cuba, Iraq and Ethiopia. Their warehouse has been cleaned out and needs replenishing. If you have any of the items listed below, please consider donating to this cause. There is an urgent need for the following items: Kitchen tables and chairs, twin beds, mattresses and box springs, dressers, end tables, coffee tables, pots and pans and sheets and blankets.

If you have other items you think may be appropriate, contact Deb Virgo at 474-1261, ext. 208. Small items may be dropped off at their office, 502 Prospect Avenue, Syracuse (top floor of HSBC Bank, corner of Butternut and North Salina Street – enter on Prospect Avenue side). Larger items can be picked up by their truck by calling the warehouse managers at 474-1261, ext 220.

ST. FRANCIS ADULT DAY SERVICE - “A Meaningful Way to Spend the Day”: St. Francis Social Adult Care at 1108 Court Street, Syracuse, NY is planning a special offer during the month of May to celebrate “Older American’s Month.” Individuals can schedule a “Visit” time at the Center to experience the services provided. Please call 424-1003 to arrange such a “Visit” Monday through Friday between 8:00am and 4:00pm. St. Francis is an alternate for the care needs of the frail elderly. The Center’s focus is to assist persons in retaining and regaining physical and mental capabilities, as well as supervision and meaningful programs.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION now available at Wisdom House, a project of Trinity Episcopal Church, 106 Chapel St, Fayetteville. Emily Wilmer will be available for spiritual direction once a month beginning May 22, 2008. She has over fifteen years of experience providing spiritual direction to individuals seeking spiritual growth and discernment in their lives. She completed the two year course in individual spiritual direction at the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation in Bethesda, MD. She also trained with Lauren Artress in San Francisco in the facilitation of the labyrinth as a spiritual tool. Emily has offered spiritual direction, workshops, and retreats throughout the USA and the UK. She has been a children’s and youth minister, speaker and presenter at national conferences, writer and actor. She lives in Ithaca with her husband, the Rev. David G. Keller. To make an appointment or learn more, contact Emily directly at 607.273.1325 or theanchorhold@yahoo.com

THE EMERGING CHURCH A Workshop for our Diocese

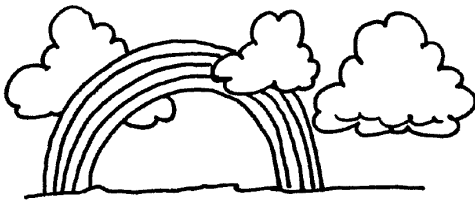
The Emerging Church: What is it? An afternoon with The Rev. Karen Ward, founder of Church of the Apostles in Seattle Washington will help us all find out on **Sunday, June 8th, from 2:00 -7:00pm** at St. Luke's Church in Camillus.

This event is a "Learning Party" for teams from parishes. Teams will put into practice alternative worship models, explore ancient/future Christian spiritual practices, understand postmodern culture for ministry, and learn how to birth emerging ministry within traditional congregations. This is a perfect follow-up to the May 17th Ministry Fair, and will bring to CNY first-hand exposure to themes and initiatives that are gaining currency in the wider church.

The Learning Party event has been awarded a diocesan Ministry Grant for its relevance to the six Diocesan Strategic Initiatives. The Grant is also helping to underwrite a Clergy Day with Karen Ward on Tuesday, June 10th. This Clergy Day will explore the same themes as the "Learning Party," but with special attention to the leadership issues involved.

Further information will be sent out shortly in a mailing. The cost of the June 8th Learning Party is \$20 per participant and includes a simple meal together. Karen Ward's visit to CNY is sponsored by the two teams of the Commission on Ministry in conjunction with the Liturgy Commission.

SOUND BITES



RAINBOW: A rainbow may be no more than an arc of prismatic colors in sequence caused to appear in the sky by the refraction, reflection and dispersion of sunlight in falling rain or mist. There is no pot of gold at its end, nor is one likely to find the Land of Oz by studying meteorology.

As a Christian symbol, the rainbow depicts the union between God and humankind (because its apex is in heaven while its ends touch the earth), and is a symbol of reconciliation (after the story of the Flood in Genesis).

In Renaissance art, the rainbow is sometimes employed as the throne of God. For example, some paintings of the Last Judgment show Christ seated on a rainbow. This imagery follows Revelation 4:2-3 in which the Lord's throne is described as surrounded by a rainbow.

A 9th century BC relief of the Assyrian god Ashur shows him drawing back the rainbow to launch an arrow. A similar use occurs twice in the Old Testament. There is a wordplay in Hebrew because the word "geshet" means both "bow" and "rainbow." Thus, in Lamentations 2:4 and Habakkuk 3:9-11 the writers depict the rainbow as a weapon for launching the Lord's wrath in the form of lightning and thunder.

Rainbows appear in several visions recorded in Holy Scripture. Ezekiel's vision of God compared the radiance surrounding God to that of a rainbow in the clouds(1:28). St. John's vision of an angel descending from heaven through the clouds says that the angel had a rainbow wrapped around its head (Rev. 10:1).

The figure of the rainbow appears only twice in the Apocrypha, both times in Ecclesiasticus. Verse 43:11 calls it a bow bent by the hands of God and a cause to praise its Maker.

The most popular meaning of the rainbow is as a symbol of the everlasting promises of God. The Lord chose the rainbow as a sign of his assurance never again to destroy the world by a flood (Gen. 9:11-17). Christian interpretation of this symbol turns it around from a promise not to harm the earth to a promise of God's present upholding and nurture of his creation.

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SHOPPING CART SUNDAY

May 18th

THANK YOU!



**June Grapevine
Deadline**

May 18th

MAY 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*A.A. Meets Monday – Friday – 6:45 – 7:45am in the Conference Room °HB: Holy Baptism +HE: Holy Eucharist ^MP: Morning Prayer				1 <u>Ascension Day</u> 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers 6:30pm Outreach Commission Meeting Curcillo Retreat	2 Parish Office Closed 12:10 – 1:00pm “First Friday” Bible Study	3 5:00pm Newcomer’s Dinner in Parish Hall
4 <u>Youth Sunday</u> <u>Eucharistic</u> <u>Ministers</u> <u>Commissioning</u> 8:00am-HE+ 9:15am-Sunday School 9:30am-Adult Forum 9:45am-Family Choir 10:00am-Nursery 10:15am-HE+ No Parish Choir 12:00 Noon Eucharistic Ministers Meeting	5 *6:45am-AA Mother Carrie’s Day Off 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers Mother Carrie Away	6	7 12:00 Noon HE+ 7:15pm-Choir Rehearsal	8 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers	9 Parish Office Closed 6:30pm Bishop’s Bash at St. Matthew’s (Grades 6-12)	10 10:00-12:00 Noon Diocesan CARE Youth Meeting in Parish Hall
11 <u>Pentecost</u> <u>Mother’s Day</u> <u>Blanket Sunday</u> 8:00am-HE+ 9:00am-Mother’s Day Breakfast No Sunday School or Nursery 9:30am-Adult Forum & Choir Warm-up 10:15am-HE+	12 *6:45am-AA Mother Carrie’s Day Off 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers	13 7:00-8:30pm Adult Education	14 12:00 Noon HE+ 7:15pm-Choir Rehearsal	15 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers	16 Parish Office Closed	17 9:00-4:00pm Diocesan Ministry & Mission Fair @ Bishop Grimes H.S. 11:30-1:30pm Samaritan Center Meal
18 <u>Trinity Sunday</u> 8:00am-HE+ 9:15am- Sunday School 9:30am-Adult Forum & Choir Warm-up 10:00am-Nursery 10:15am-HE+ 11:30am-Youth Ice Cream Social 12:00 Noon- Worship Commission Meeting Shopping Cart Sunday Grapevine Deadline	19 *6:45am-AA Mother Carrie’s Day Off 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers 7:00-9:00pm Curcillo	20	21 12:00 Noon HE+ 5:45pm-Choir Dinner 7:15pm-Choir Rehearsal	22 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers 7:00pm - U2charist	23 Parish Office Closed School Holiday for Memorial Day	24 8:00-1:00pm Blood Drive in Parish Hall (Mother Carrie away Sat. & Sun.)
25 8:00am-MP^ No Sunday School or Nursery 9:30am-Adult Forum & Choir Warm-up 10:15am- MP^ (Mother Carrie Away)	26 <u>Memorial Day</u> Parish Office Closed *6:45am-AA 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers Memorial Day School Holiday	27 7:00pm Vestry Meeting	28 12:00 Noon HE+ No Choir Rehearsal Mother Carrie Away	29 5:00-7:00pm Weight Watchers	30 Parish Office Closed	31 Youth to Highland Forest (Sat. & Sun.)