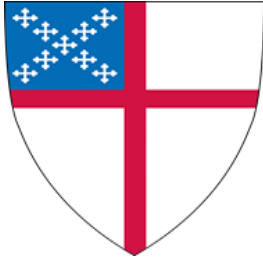


**Holy Trinity  
Episcopal Church  
Prayer List &  
Newsletter**



February 2021



Watch Fr. Brian Barry on Sunday on our website [www.holytrinityepiscopalvs.org](http://www.holytrinityepiscopalvs.org) and on Facebook for our virtual Sunday service. Also watch him every morning at 7:00am for morning prayer (or watch during the day when you can)

We will have our limited Sunday Service at 9:00 am. Masks and social distancing are mandatory. **Come Worship with Us!**



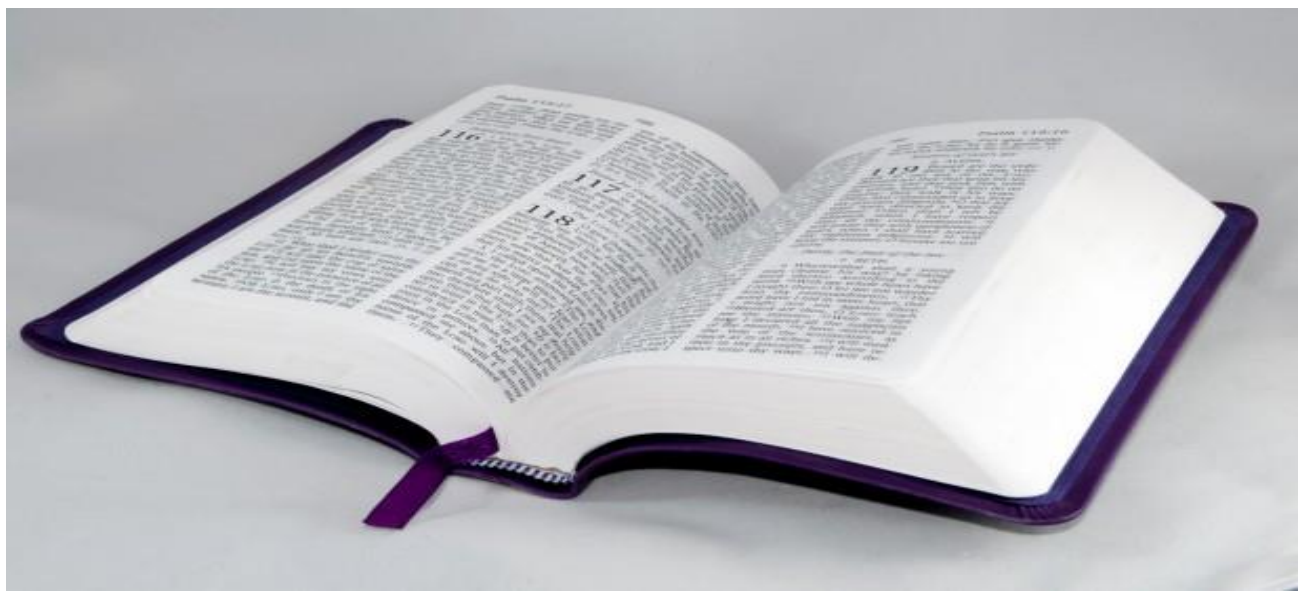
**Ash Wednesday services will take place on Wednesday February 17th at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m. All safety precautions will be in place, as usual Masks required.**



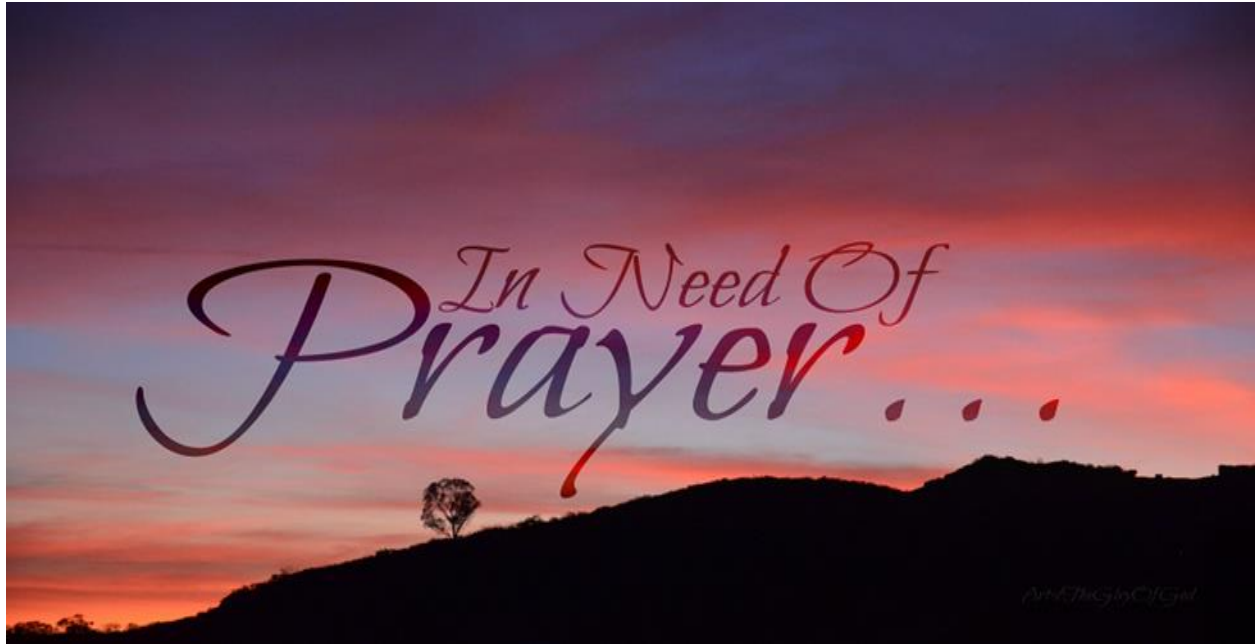
**The Lenten Sermon Series: For our Lenten observance, we will be hosting a weekly Wednesday night Mass at 7:00 p.m. starting on February 24<sup>th</sup> and ending March 24<sup>th</sup>. The sermons will focus on Salvation History-particularly the readings for the Easter Vigil mass. Services will be online and in-person. Please join us, we look to seeing you (if possible)!**



**We are having a Zoom Bible study for every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. We are studying the Book of Luke. Please contact Carl Bucking or Desmond Foster for the Zoom link if interested. We are continuing our study of Gospel of Luke.**



**Desmond Foster & Carl Bucking are hosting a virtual Saturday evening prayer service every **2nd Saturday of the month with start time Of 6 p.m. on Zoom.** Please contact them for link if interested. You can email them at **CJBucking@hotmail.com** and **desmond.foster@ymailcom** if interested.**



**Prayers are asked for Susan D. and Diane, friends of my sister and sister-in-law. They are both fighting cancer. Thanks, Flo**

**Please continue to keep Marilyn & George Bacon in your prayers as she continues to recover from her fall.**

**Please keep Theresa Dowd's dad, Gary Miller, in your prayers during his illness as well as her Mom Janet.**

**Prayers are asked for Marion Johnson who attends the morning prayer service and our Advent Book Class.**

## **Parish Family & Friends Prayer List**

**George & Marilyn Bacon Karen & Victor Sarah, Selina  
Marsha Baldwin  
Carl Bucking Scott Bucking  
Mary Cranmore  
Theresa Dowd John Dowd  
Desmond Foster Anthony  
Carmen Grant  
Flo Hayward Nicole, Adam & Justin  
Edwin Hilbrandt  
Ellen James Hillman Jennifer, Catherine & Louie, Oliver  
Anne Hogan  
James Ifill  
Bob Imbriani Robert & Samantha, Dylan, Kate, Reid  
Doreen Imbriani Brian & Heather, Violet, Noah  
Debra Jacobs, Diane Jacobs, Evelyn Jacobs  
Anthony & Ngozi Kanu Chudi, Ike, Uzo  
Paul & Susan Kaszubski John, Jaclyn  
Lizette Kendrick Timia Moore  
Dorothy McGlynn  
Carol & Donald Russer David & Family, Karen Russer  
Betty Sabbatini Beth & Family, Andrea Sabbatini,  
Joann Schneiderman Cheryl Lesley, Robert & Gabriella Lesley Robbie  
Amy & Lisa, William, Shane, Corey Schmidlin  
Lynn Shortell Billy Gun  
Annmarie & Randy Thomson Joshua, Logan  
Renee Tolliver  
Paul Taylor  
Arlene Vrede  
Lorraine & Everest Campbell Andrew Ryan Shawn  
Susan & Michael Breidenbach Michael, Christopher, Matthew  
Joyce & Hugh Butler Kim, Craig Paul, Grace, Julie, Heather, Thomas, Joanne, Sam  
Beth & Chris Lent Zander, Tina  
Oddie & Karla McLaughlin Cody, Shyla  
Margaret Moorhead  
Ifeoma & Godwin Onyeikl Chi Chi, Collins, Christian, Envi, Esther & Nwamaka  
Robert & Emily Ring  
Lexia & Shain Reece Shannon, Samara  
Desiree Giddings  
Ola Akinyemi, John Akinyemi, Toyin Akinyemi  
Yolanda Ochiobi  
Megan & Jimmy Dascoli  
Renee Giddings  
FR. Brian Barry, wife Holly and daughter Kaitlyn**

## ST MATTHIAS: A BRIEF MEDITATION ON MISSION

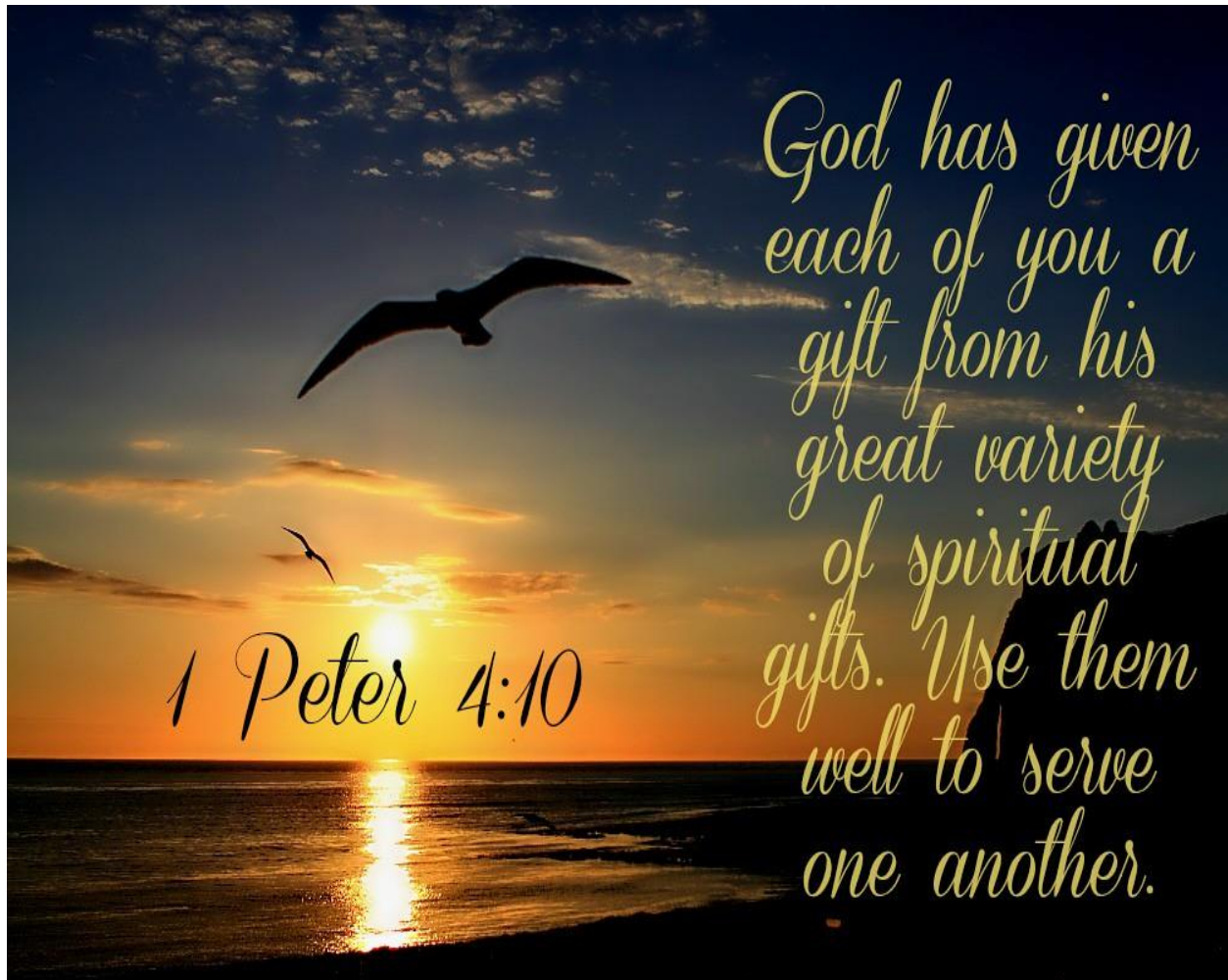
Much of what we know about St Matthias is depicted in the first chapter of the Book of Acts, in which he was chosen through casting of lots by the remaining 11 apostles to replace Judas Iscariot following the infamous betrayal of his Christian ministry. When compared to such eminent figures as St Peter and St Paul, biographical details about the life of St Matthias remain fairly sketchy. He was the only member of the first-generation original disciples who was not directly chosen by Jesus himself, with his selection having occurred after Our Lord and Savior had achieved His heavenly ascension. As we approach his feast day on February 24, we often don't realize how very much those of us who have been engaged in mission and outreach work have in common with the legacy of St Matthias.

He directly embodies the selfless spirit of our friends and neighbors who have endeavored to lead spiritually enlightened lives, yet whose charitable work and overall benevolence might only be known to a small number of people within their immediate social domain. Of course, no one of sharing God's boundless love for all His children for the sake of personal reward and acclamation. The spirit of St Matthias in many ways is best exemplified by the tireless and heroic work of health care professionals and first responders who constantly risk their lives to protect the well-being of other people under the most trying and difficult circumstances. The routine magnificence of their collective sacrifice has almost become an idea we have taken for granted during this troubled time. But our lives would be much poorer and difficult without their dedicated work. This reality is perfectly captured by the simple and powerful thought contained in Galatians 6: 9:



“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

As Holy Trinity continues to discern its reimagined mission during the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and the new world that will emerge in its aftermath, the quiet determination of St Matthias and the bravery required if those asked to respond to the reality of catastrophe before us serves as an inspiration to face the hardships of the immediate future. The central truth of our devotion to realizing the infinite mercies of the Holy Spirit among us is predicated on the idea expressed in 1 Peter 4: 10:



“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.”

With God's continued help and guidance, we pray that Holy Trinity will attain its intended purpose as the vibrant and living embodiment of His enduring and merciful love.

God's Peace,

Carl Bucking  
February 2021