

THIS WEEK

FEB 19:	8:00 AM – Rite I Worship Service
	9:30 AM – Contemporary Service
	11:00 AM – Rite II Worship Service
	12:30 PM – Cherubim Children's Choir
	2:30 PM – EFM
	3:00 PM – MCVN
	5:30 PM – SNL Middle Schoolers
FEB 20:	7:00 PM – AA
	7:00 PM – SNL High Schoolers
	12:30 PM – All Ages Read Together
FEB 21:	6:30 PM – Sterling Playmakers Rehearsal
	7:00 PM – MCVN
	7:00 PM – Falcons Landing Old Testament Bible Study
	7:30 PM – Free to Live Small Group and Bread of Life Small Group
FEB 22:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	10:00 AM – All Ages Read Together
	11:00 AM – Backpack Buddies Packing
	7:00 PM – AA
FEB 23:	7:30 PM – Band Rehearsal
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	9:15 AM – Bridge to Discovery
	12:00 PM – AA
	12:30 PM – All Ages Read Together
FEB 24:	5:30 PM – NA
	6:00 PM – Odyssey of the Mind
	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	10:00 AM – All Ages Read Together
FEB 25:	12:00 PM – Bible Study
	7:30 PM – Seraphim Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 PM – Women's Group
FEB 26:	9:00 AM – Classroom of Discovery
	4:00 PM – Girl Scout Thinking Day
	7:00 PM – MCVN
	7:00 AM – Flower Guild
	7:30 AM – Men's Group
	8:00 AM – Fellowship Breakfast
	10:00 AM – Cub Scout Pack 956 Blue & Gold Banquet
FEB 27:	3:00 PM – Private Use
	4:00 PM – Band Rehearsal
	5:00 PM – Contemporary Service
	7:00 PM – MCVN and AA
FEB 28:	10:00 PM – MCVN
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

FEBRUARY 21:	Rachel & William Dailey
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ATTENDANCE

FEBRUARY 11 & 12, 2017

Time or Place	Service	Attend.
Saturday 5:00 PM	RII	54
8:00 AM	RI	22
9:30 AM	RII	180
11:00 AM	RII	92
Faith Factory		52
Sunrise	MP	6

FINANCIAL UPDATE

AS OF JANUARY 26, 2017

Revenue Required for 2017	\$757,771
Revenue Received YTD	\$37,703

CONTACT INFORMATION

Saint Matthew's telephone and fax:
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A nursery for *children* is provided at all four services.

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Susie Harding, Nick Hunter, Susan Jones,
David Lathrop, Dan Robertson, John
Thomas, Heather Tomaszek

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH

February 19, 2017

Welcome...

...to Saint Matthew's. We trust you will find us to be a church of joyful worship, loving community, and vibrant witness to our Lord Jesus Christ. We could not be more excited about all that God is doing in our midst. We are grateful for this opportunity to worship with you today. We look forward to sharing our life with you in whatever way God leads – whether just this Sunday or as a long time member.

Save the Date

February 26 – Chili Cook Off
February 28 – Pancake Dinner
March 1 – Ash Wednesday
March 4 – 3rd Annual Children's Wellness Day
March 11 – Community Lunch
March 17 – Concert Series: Keltish
April 19 – Financial Peace University
April 21 – Concert Series: Dog City Hoedown Trio
April 23 – Earth Day Celebration with Plant Adoption and Wild Animals
May 12 – Concert Series: Anthem String Quartet (Bring your mom!)
May 28 – Algonkian Park Service and Picnic
June 25-July 1 – Middle School Mission Trip to Clarkesville, GA
July 24-28 – Vacation Bible School
July 30 – August 7 – High School Adventure Trip

Flower Dedication

The flowers behind the altar this morning are given in joyous celebration of the baptism of Ava Schuler.

Intercessory Prayer List

The Saint Matthew's intercessory prayer list is for those in or related to our community who are in need of prayer. It is designed so that all members of our community can pray for each other on an ongoing basis. In order to pray for those on the list, simply ask God to be with them and help them in any way needed - God knows what is going on, so we don't need to. Please pray for the following people:

James, Hugh, Sean, Kevin, Mona, Kevin and family, Andrew and family, Bob and family, Kiia and family, Lusak and family, Jackie, Don, Dean, Pops, Don, Jennifer, Marcia, Claudia, Rob, Ruth, Courtney, Emma, Brenda, Gairo, Dean, Valerie, Ashton, Bob, Darrell, Becca and family, Rick and family, Maniusko Family, Griffin's family, Tricia, Liz, Gladys, Shaunte, Tom, Mary Ann, Judy, Alex and family, Rachel, Brenda, Richard, Robin, Ellie, Lou, Dara, Laura, Anna, Missy, Hazel, Brian's family, Debbie, Amanda, Ana, Dan, Tony, Koko, Cliff, Judy, Adam, Jim, Charles, Nicholas, Fred, David, Rosie Lee, Anige, Michelle, Frank, Barbara, Joe, Anne, Kristen's family, Alina's family, Liisa's family, Hitchcock family, Jonne's family, Don, Jon, Denise, Emma, Jackie's family, Rashana, Scott, Mary, Norfleet & family, Jeanne, Kim, Jake, Kevin, Jen, Troy, Lanie, Becky, Michael, Johnny, Keith, Christina, Mason, Ali, Hazel, Justin, Alan, Virginia, Becky, Stacey, Norm, Nicholas, and John.

If you or someone you care about is in need of Pastoral Care, please do not hesitate to call 703-430-2121.

Requests for Prayer Shawls

To request a prayer shawl for yourself or someone else, please send a request to barocon7@aol.com.

Sunday Night Live for Teens

New Times! SNL meets Sunday nights in the trailer. 6th-8th graders are invited to join from 5:30-7:00, and 9th-12th graders from 7-8:30. We'll see you there for relevant teachings, life-changing small groups, wacky activities, and worship.

High School Adventure Trip, July 30 through August 7

We're going to be caravanning all the way to the mountains of Montana. This is going to be an epic trip and a powerful and unique spiritual experience, open to rising 2017 9th graders, 2017 graduated 12th graders, and everyone in the middle! Don't miss this opportunity. More details will be announced soon; scholarships always available.

Middle School Mission Trip, June 25 through July 1

We'll be going to Clarksville, Georgia, in the northeast Georgia Mountains. The families in these areas are struggling daily to acclimate to a new life in a new country. During this trip, we will reach out and minister to these children through summer camps and Children's Outreach Programs located in their own neighborhoods. Youth will also have the opportunity to work with these families through home improvement and repair projects. You won't want to miss this trip. More details will be announced soon; scholarships always available.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is coming up on February 28th from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Rumor is that it's going to be a huge event! All middle school and high school youth will be volunteering, and more details are forthcoming, but you're not going to want to miss this Tuesday evening extravaganza!

Backpack Buddies Needs Your Help!

Backpack Buddies is currently feeding 220 students at 7 different schools in Sterling and we always need help restocking our pantry! Individual-sized: 100% juice boxes/packs, protein (canned tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, beans, ravioli), snacks (granola or cereal bars, fruit gummies, pudding), shelf-stable milk, Ramen noodles, mac n' cheese, fruit cups.

Consider having your office hold a food drive! I'm happy to assist by providing information, grocery bags to fill or even picking up food.

Feel free to join us any Tuesday to help pack. Our next packs are: February 21st and 28th at 11:00 am. Join us for our next evening packing event: Tuesday, March 7th at 7pm if evenings are better. If you have any questions, please contact Carol: carolwhitakerblack@gmail.com

Prom Wishes

The Junior Woman's Club of Loudoun is hosting its 15th Annual Prom Wishes event on April 1. This event allows high schoolers to shop for dresses, shoes, and jewelry, completely free of charge. If you have anything to donate, please drop items off in the parish hall from now through March 25th. Also, please share this event with any young lady that you know who would like to attend. For more information, please contact Lacy Hurst at LacyLace80@hotmail.com or check out jwcl.org.

Financial Peace University

Classes Begin: April 19

Approximately 70% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck, regardless of their income. This means that "broke" has become the new normal in our nation. If this is you, we've got good news. You are not alone. Perhaps you aren't living paycheck to paycheck, but you may be wishing you could get more financial margin in your life.

If you'd like to take control of your money, then check this out. As a church, we want to share a practical plan that can help you discover God's way of handling money. We want to empower you to get on a budget, get out of debt, save for the future, and take control of your money. Financial Peace University is that plan.

Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7pm-9pm starting April 19. We hope you'll join us. To register, sign up online at: DaveRamsey.com/findaclass or email Miriam or Mason Turner at Family@Turnerville.us. Child care is available upon request.

Ash Wednesday Services

Join us on Wednesday, March 1st at 6am, 12pm, or 7:30pm for the Ash Wednesday Liturgy with imposition of ashes.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

FEBRUARY 19:	Mary Petersen
FEBRUARY 20:	Josh Hallett
FEBRUARY 21:	Martha Williams
FEBRUARY 21:	Jennifer Larnar
FEBRUARY 21:	Tess Frawley
FEBRUARY 22:	Taylor Tattersall
FEBRUARY 23:	Aidan O'Hara
FEBRUARY 23:	Tommy Lunn
FEBRUARY 24:	Carl Albrethsen
FEBRUARY 24:	Tom Leary
FEBRUARY 25:	Andrew Plaisted

Scout Weekend March 11-12

All Scouts, former Scouts and Scout leaders are invited to participate in Scout Weekend. From ushers to communion to a homily, Scouts can help at all services. To participate in this event or for more information, please contact Mason Turner mason@mac.com.

St. Matthew's Softball Team Registration

PLAY BALL! The weather sure does want it to be softball season! So it's time for Big Blue, St. Matt's softball team, to gear up for another fun season! Registration and roster must be submitted to Loudoun County by March 6th. We play for fun and all are welcome. If you are interested please see Jim Helein or email him at jim.helein@gmail.com.

Newcomers Welcome Reception

New to Saint Matthew's or just want to learn more? Join us on Saturday, March 25th at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Fr. Rob, the staff and vestry welcome you and your family for an informal round table chat. Appetizers will be served. Please RSVP to Miriam Turner at office@stmmts.org.

Vacation Bible School: and the theme is

July 24-28, 5:30pm-8:30pm

Maker Fun Factory! A word where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly created by God! It's time to register for the most awesome week of the summer! Vacation Bible School 2017 will be from July 24th-28th from 5:30pm-8:30pm for preschoolers – rising 5th graders. Grab your friends and prepare yourself for a week of innovative inventions, experiments, service, music, creative crafts, games, and so much more! Dinner will be provided each night. You don't want to miss out on this once in a lifetime VBS experience so participants and volunteers should register online at: <http://www.myvbs.org/stmatts2017>

ESOL Continues

St. Matt's ESOL program continues to reach non-native speakers of English at all levels of proficiency. We meet from 6:30-8:30 Monday evenings. We will not meet on Monday, February 20 due to Presidents' Day. Please join us starting Monday, February 27. Call Roz Gann for more details: 423-202-0007.