



MATTHIAS MIDWEEK

Inspired by the life and compassion of Jesus Christ,
We are a church of action in our community, engaging in
Hospitality by offering bread for body and soul

REFLECTION FROM ANN+

Friends- I am joining the Women's March on Washington this coming Saturday, Jan., 21st. I know several other members of the parish intend to go as well. However, we are not coordinated (what a surprise!) and unless we encounter one another by some wild chance, we will not be marching together. In other words, we are not going as representatives of St. Matthias Church, but on our own steam for our own reasons.

The public statement introducing the purpose of the march goes as follows:
The rhetoric of the past election has insulted, demonized, and threatened many of us--immigrants of all statutes, Muslims and those of diverse religious faiths, people who identify as LGBT, Native people, black and brown people, people with disabilities, survivors of sexual assault--that our communities and hurting and scared. We are confronted with the questions of how to move forward in the face of national and international concern and fear.

Many of you have seen and even worn rubber bracelet that query, 'What Would Jesus Do?' I admit I don't know what Jesus would do in our current situation, but I am impelled to do something to indicate interest and concern as our country begins what promises to be a very different administration. Besides the many lesbian members of the parish that I love, I had the privilege of accommodating a Rwandan refugee in my home for 3 1/2 years. I have seen the hardship involved in coming to this country to avoid persecution in another country. Leaving home is heart-breaking. People don't resort to that kind of disruption for no reason. Darius Ndoli is my friend now. Through him, I have seen something of life as a refugee and I am not interested in 'Making America Great' at their expense.

Having consulted the website (www.womensmarch.com) , I am staggered by the logistics involved in organizing a large, diverse, nonviolent protest in our nation's capital these days. First, no one marching may have a backpack--unless it is made of transparent plastic. No one may carry anything larger than a 'fanny' pack. No signs can be carried with anything that could be used as a weapon; that means no wooden stick supports. All written messages must be hand-held or mounted on a thick piece of cardboard.

In addition, the WMW is working to accommodate people with disabilities-- finding translators for people with learning disabilities and access points for people in wheelchairs. There is another designated area for seating for the elderly and the heavily pregnant.

I think I will execute a poster that says, simply, "We are watching....and praying." One can do less. I'll report back next week.

ANN+

HAPPENINGS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

10:00 AM: Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
10:30 - 11:45 AM: Wondering With the Word (Study, Reflection, Conversation), Parish Hall
4:30 - 600 PM: PEEL Meeting (People Embracing Equality with Love)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19:

6:30 PM: AA Meeting, Parish Hall
7:30 PM: Choir Practice, Sanctuary

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21:

Items for Savers brought to Church
11:30 AM: Morning Prayer, Sanctuary
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM:
Loaves & Fishes, Parish Hall

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22:

3rd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Readings:
Isaiah 9: 1-4
Psalm 27: 1, 5-13
1 Corinthians 1: 10-18
Matthew 4: 12-23

10:45am: Fellowship & SOS in Parish Hall
Items for Savers brought to Church

11:30 AM: Rebirth Worship
1:30 PM: Renewed Minds Worship

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00 PM: Recovery Conversations sponsored by
Renewed Minds Ministries, Undercroft

OUR PRAYERS

Mel Berk

Ellen Berk

Otis Cutler

Sally Morton (Ann's+ step sister)

The Malone Family in their grief

The new president of the United States

All those in nursing homes

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28: Shrove Tuesday & Pancake Supper

LENT BEGINS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1: ASH WEDNESDAY
Ashes To Go in front of the Church
Ash Wednesday Services: Noon and 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 11: One Woman Show - Eleanor Roosevelt, Sanctuary

FRIDAY, MARCH 17: 6:00 PM: "Seeing the Face of God"

SATURDAY, MARCH 18: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
"Seeing the Face of God",