



# 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

## A LENTEN REFLECTION

I'm writing this on Shrove Tuesday or if you will, Lenten Eve. I have been thinking, praying, and talking to my spiritual advisor because for me this Lent seems to have special significance. Our new political climate requires that we find another level; that we lean more fully into the real source of power so that we don't get distracted by the wrangling and confusion emanating from Washington, D.C..

I have been re reading Bishop Sutton's pastoral letter, which I read aloud during the service last Sunday (and I trust you have received via email). He requires of me exactly what you do: that I do and preach the Gospel. I promise to do my very best -- and I invite you to join me -- reading and pondering the lessons appointed for each Sunday. What do they say to us in this time, in this place?

It might help if in this time of self-examination and repentance we think of sin in a different way. Sin is not necessarily what we do or don't do. It is where we put our attention. The monks defined sin as "distraction". I think that understanding might be helpful for us this Lent as we pray for New Ways of thinking. New minds, new hearts. As you prepare to step into the interruption we call Lent, ask "what distracts me?" Name it. I'll share mine if you share yours .... next week.

Praying for a focused Lent for us all,

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### THIS WEEK

Our Lenten Journey begins:

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

7:00 - 9:00 AM: Ashes to Go

10:30 AM Lenten study and practice

Noon: Ash Wednesday service with imposition of ashes

4:00 PM: PEEL Meeting

5:00 - 6:00 PM: Ashes to Go

7:00 PM: Ash Wednesday service with imposition of ashes

THURSDAY, MARCH 2: 6:30 PM

AA Meeting, Parish Hall

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

7:00-8:30 PM Renewed Minds Bible Study, Undercroft

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

11:30 AM: Morning Prayer - Sanctuary

11:00AM- 2:00 PM: Loaves & Fishes (lunch prepared and served by St. Thomas Church, Owings Mills)

SUNDAY MARCH 5: 9:30 AM

First Sunday in Lent

Readings:

Genesis 2:15-17; 3: 1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5: 12-19

Matthew 4: 1-11

10:45 AM Coffee & Conversation - Parish Hall

11:00 AM: SOS - Scripture on Sunday

11:30 AM: Rebirth Ministries Worship

1:30 PM: Renewed Minds Worship

### OUR PRAYERS

Mel Berk, and the whole Berk family

Fern Grumbine

Mary

Sally Morton

Otis Cutler

Carlton Moore

Sylvia Hooper

### COMING UP

SATURDAY, MARCH 11: 4:00-6:00 PM

ONE WOMAN SHOW:

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT;

"ACROSS A BARRIER OF FEAR"

Q & A and Reception to follow performance

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 17 &

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

WORKSHOP:

"SEEING GOD IN THE FACE OF OTHERS"

(The location has been changed. Due to the size of the workshop, it's moved to the Diocesan House, 4 University Parkway