



# The Cloak

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## Greeting



*Welcome to the world Emma Jane Bishop!*  
Peace to The Reverends Chris and Amanda. May their lives  
be forever blessed with this bundle of joy!

## Free Movie Night



Looking for a family fun event tomorrow night, Friday, 7/21? Then, you might want to consider the free outdoor movie event at St. Matthew's Church, 600 Walker Rd, Wayne. The showing will be "Up" starting at 8pm. There will be free crafts, popcorn, and drinks. Just bring a blanket or lawn chair. This event is open to the public. All ages are welcome, rain or shine.

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**This Week  
at  
St. Martin's**

**Sunday**

The Rev. Dennis  
Lloyd, Guest  
Celebrant

God of Abundance  
VBS  
9:15 a.m.

Rite II Worship  
with music  
9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday**

Holy Eucharist  
12:10 a.m.

Bible Study  
7 p.m.



"God of Abundance" Vacation Bible School continues on summer Sundays starting at 9:15 a.m. Children from preschool through 5th grade get to have fun outside investigating how God makes good things grow. There's something new every week so drop-in attendees are welcome on any given Sunday! Nursery care is also available.

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**Art & Home Goods Auction**



A huge collection of art and pottery from the Maize estate in Maryland will be auctioned at Bolingbroke the weekend of July 29th and 30th. Items include jade, silver, ivory, terra-cotta, porcelain, marble, native woods, textiles from far-flung regions and cultures, framed and unframed art pieces, indoor and outdoor sculptures, and more

***One weekend...one a-Maize-ing auction!***

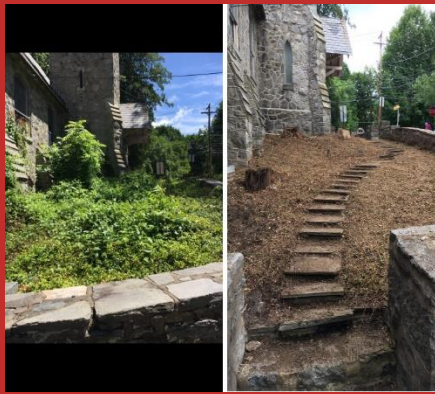
There will be something for everyone - all styles, all budgets. No reasonable offers will be refused. Free to enter and no obligation to bid on anything. The event will be run by America's Best Auctioneers with a preview starting on both days at 12 noon and the sale starting at 1 p.m.

More details can be found here -

<http://abaauction.com/auction-information/radnor-pa/>

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**Eagle Scout Project**



Update: Plantings and mulching will take place in August.  
Donations are still being accepted.

*Please make checks payable to St. Martin's Church and drop in the Offertory basket or leave in the main office. On the memo line, add Eagle Scout Project.*

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## Upcoming Events

### Guest Preacher & Celebrant

Sunday, 7/23, 9:30 a.m. - The Rev. Dennis Lloyd



## Read and Ponder this Week's Scriptures



The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19

Psalm 86:11-17

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

### The Collect

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### The Old Testament

Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should

prove that you have not judged unjustly; for your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

## The Response

Psalm 86:11-17

11 Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

12 I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your Name for evermore.

13 For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.

15 But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

## The Epistle

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

## The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43



Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

*Optional parts of the readings are set off in square brackets.*

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## Feed Your Spirit

*"The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons... and Jesus asked, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?"*

*~ Matthew 20:20-21*

This week our Church celebrates the life and ministry of St. James, one of the sons of Zebedee who was both among the first disciples Jesus called, and one of those Jesus selected to bear witness to his Transfiguration. Given his somewhat favored and intimate relationship with Jesus, it's a little surprising that in the passage above he and his mother would so thoroughly miss Jesus' simple and central message of humility, as to be jockeying for position and status in the new reality Jesus promises. This is a new reality specifically free of the tiresome human pettiness and self-and-status seeking that is the near universal trait in the human realm. Or maybe not so surprising. St. James, the faithful friend to Jesus and the only apostle whose martyrdom is recorded in the New Testament, was human like the rest of us. Just like the rest of us, too, in perpetual need of God's gracious reminders of whose we

are, and what we are: the children of a generous creator, all equally blessed, equally treasured, equally beloved. And God smiles when we act like it.

*Submitted by: The Rev. Chris Bishop*

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## Participate in The Cloak

We invite your input into The Cloak. If you would like to contribute your voice to "From the Congregation," or if you would like to share a prayer, an idea, an essay, a photo, or something else, please let us know!

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