

SAINT MATTHIAS PARISH

Founded 1906

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

Monday – Friday: 7:30 a.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): Saturdays 4:15 to 4:45 PM, also by appointment

Reverend Monsignor Gerard C. Mesure, J.D., J.C.D., M.A. ... *Pastor*
Reverend Sean P. Bransfield, J.C.L., M.A., M.Div. ... *Parochial Vicar*
Reverend John A. McGinnis ... *Retired Priest*
Deacon Michael J. Kubiak

Director of Parish Outreach ... Peggy Haley
Director of Liturgical Music ... Berthilla Wiscount
Coordinator of Religious Education ... Peggy Haley
Weekend Assistance: Rev. Gregory Finn OSJ and Rev. Quan Tran

NEW PARISHIONERS: *Welcome to Saint Matthias Parish!* Please see one of the priests after any weekend Mass or call the Rectory if you are interested in registering at Saint Matthias Parish.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

SICK CALLS: *Emergencies – Please call the Rectory. Hospital Visitation –* The Parish Priests will be happy to visit any Parishioner who is hospitalized. Please contact the Rectory, since hospitals *do not* contact the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is administered most Sundays at 11:30 a.m. Arrangements are made in advance at the Rectory. Sponsors must provide proof of eligibility by a letter from their respective Pastors. First-time parents attend a Pre-Jordan Meeting prior to baptism, which is arranged at a mutually convenient time.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made with the parish *at least* six months before the date of the Wedding.



FEBRUARY 3, 2019 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

February 3, 2019

Forth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Saturday, February 2 – *The Presentation of the Lord*

8:00 Most Rev. Bishop Louis DeSimone

*5:00 Loving Memory of Isabelle Ragan

Sunday, February 3 – *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 For the Parishioner of St. Matthias

10:30 George & Elizabeth Glasglow – 107th Birthday

7:00

Monday, February 4 – *Weekday*

7:30 For the Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, February 5 – *Saint Agatha, Virgin & Martyr*

7:30 Caroline DePaolo

Wednesday, February 6 – *Saint Paul Miki and*

Companions, Martyrs

*7:30 In Memory of the Deceased Members of the Butler Family

Thursday, February 7 - *Weekday*

7:30 For the Souls in Purgatory

Friday, February 8 – *Weekday*

7:30 In Thanksgiving to Dear God and Jesus

Saturday, February 9 – *Weekday*

*8:00 For Special Intentions

5:00 Nina & Al Baldi

Sunday, February 10 – *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 Toni Mastrocola

*10:30 Heidi Diskin

*7:00 For the Repose of the Soul of Lee Britt

** Extra ordinary support through the Saint Matthias Day Program.*

Priest Celebrant Schedule: February 9/10

5:00 Msgr. Mesure

8:30 Father Sean

10:30 Monsignor Mesure

7:00 Father Tran

LIVING LIGHTS: On the side of the Sanctuary near the statue of the Sacred Heart is a place where three candles burn for special intentions. If you wish to have one of these candles burning for your intention, please bring your donation and intention to the sacristy or the rectory office. The donation for these candles is \$10. This week's candles are lit for: Our Youth, Family & Marriage

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Lorraine Beaulieu, Richard & Mary Jane Breen, Christopher Browne, Sister Margaret Donohue, R.S.M., Louise Grato, Raymond Hinson, Dr. Joan Hurlock, William Kelly, Chadd Kraus, Eleanor Kuhl, Ann Ledgister, Terry Leibfreid, Rev. James Moore, S.J., Mrs. Agata Pacellia, Michele Smith, Jim Trainer, Louise Vesci, Rev. Thomas Wheeler, S.J., Jack Yura. We also pray for those served by our Parish in Inglis House and Bala Nursing Home. ***Please help us keep this list current: if you wish to have someone's name added to/removed from the Sick List, kindly contact the Rectory.***

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Patricia Black, Andrea Constantino, Mike DeMonte, Maggie Duffy, Brian Fogarty, Peggy Haley (*ex-officio*), Ed Kiefski, Claudia Martinez, Ray Nepomuceno, Gina Sullivan, H. Nelson Keyser (*finance council rep.*), Berthilla Wiscount (*ex-officio*), Megan Zak



*Intentions of
Pope Francis*

February, 2019

Universal - Human Trafficking

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

Sacrificial Giving ~ Stewardship

Sunday, January 26 & 27, 2019 - \$8,286

Sunday, January 24 & 25, 2018 - \$6,704

Second Collection \$411

Thank you for your continued sacrificial generosity!

Liturgical Ministry Schedule February 9, 2019 & February 10, 2019

Lectors

5:00 PM Gerry McDevitt
8:30 AM Megan Zak
10:30 AM Thomas Finley
7:00 PM Vanessa Kraus

Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 PM Mary Ellen & Nelson Keyser
8:30 AM Deacon Mike & Dennis Zak
10:30 AM Peggy Haley & Lek Sullivan
7:00 PM Vanessa Kraus & Rox Nepomuceno

Altar Servers

5:00 PM Kate Timberlake
8:30 AM Jace & Logan Rothberg
10:30 AM Keira Gibbons, Annabel Shin & Lucas Rodriguez
7:00 PM Eva Kraus & Roman Nepomuceno

Greeters

5:00 PM Marie Preston, Pat & Connie Cerone
8:30 AM Alan Tremper, Ed & Peg Saeger & Heidi Schultze
10:30 AM Stephanie Shin, Gina Sullivan, Mary Wheliam & Jeff Haley
7:00 PM Maddie Brown, Ray & Mia Nepomuceno & Mary Switkey

Counters

Ed & Marge Kiefski

Readings for the Week February 3, 2019

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 or Cor 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30
Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11



**Fridays in February
(resuming Feb. 8) in
Saint Matthias Parish Gym
6:30 - 8:00 PM**

Half the court dedicated to kids and adults who want to play organized pick-up basketball, and the other half of the court is for those who like to chat or just run around. (If your kids aren't into basketball, bring something else and join in).

Last Family Night was a blast 40 kids in attendance playing basketball and other organized games.

It's cold out there bring the kids, let them run off steam in the gym. Bring dinner if you like. It's free, it's fun and it's something to do on a cold winter's night.



Thank You!

Thank You!

The International Dinner was a huge success!

We would like to extend a thank you to everyone who came to the dinner, those that shared their heritage with a native dish from their home country. Also, thank you to all those who helped with the set-up and clean-up! Looking forward to doing it again next year!



All-Day Eucharistic Adoration This Tuesday, February 5

The Most Blessed Sacrament is exposed on our Altar for Adoration from following the 7:30 AM Mass through Benediction at 7:00 PM. Stop by for 15, 30, 60 or more minutes with God. Please sign up for a slot on the sheet at the rear of the Church.

Saint Agatha of Sicily is a Christian saint and virgin martyr. Her memorial is on **5 February**. Agatha was born at Catania or Palermo, Sicily, and she was martyred in approximately 251. She is one of seven women, who, along with the Blessed Virgin Mary, are commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass.



Bishop Elect Joseph Coffey

The Holy Father has named St. Matthias Parish native son, Father Joseph Coffey to serve as an auxiliary bishop for the Military Archdiocese. Bishop-elect Coffey's family were long-time parishioners of Saint Matthias Parish and Bishop-elect Coffey is a graduate of Saint Matthias School. Please remember Bishop-elect Coffey in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination as a bishop in Washington DC in March.

IHM Conference Center
401 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
610-581-0120

ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com

Conference Day: "Spiritual Wellness"

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 - 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Presenter: Sister Clare Marsico, IHM
Stipend: \$40 (includes breakfast, lunch, and Mass)

In our daily lives, there are certain things we do to promote a healthy lifestyle. So it is with our spiritual lives. We need prayer, the sacraments, good choices to keep us connected. This presentation will explain and share how we can do this each day.

Movie With Meaning: "Finding Forrester"

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 - 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (if necessary)
Lunch is served at 12:00 noon for both groups
Stipend: \$15

A once successful writer, William Forrester, suddenly becomes a recluse in Manhattan. His passion for literature is awakened by a 16-year-old basketball player, Jamal. Through various events in their lives, Forrester becomes Jamal's mentor, and both grow in their love for the written



Rachel Vineyard Ministries

We have an upcoming retreat for healing after abortion. It is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving, and confidential environment. It will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul.



Post-Abortion Healing Retreat

March 22, 23, 24th 2019
Malvern-Frazer, Pennsylvania

A Woman's Testimony: I received great inner healing during my retreat. I recommend it to anyone suffering from abortion. I was able to forgive myself and found Christ's unconditional love.

A Man's Testimony: For 18 years, I had been haunted by guilt that no one could take away. Through the retreat, I was able to forgive myself. God gave me a peaceful mind, cleansed my heart and washed away my guilt.

For information call or email:

Lauren at (215) 720-5828
(email: lklovesnyc@gmail.com (or)

Priscilla at (215) 906-6337
(email: priscillaoconnor2@gmail.com)



MAMMA MIA!

St. Basil Academy will be performing "MAMMA MIA" on 3/29 and 3/30 AT 7:00 p.m. and 3/31 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$13.00. To purchase tickets go

to <https://www.stbasilacademy.org/product/mamma-mia-tickets>. Saint Basil's is located at 711 Fox Chase Road in Jenkintown, PA.

Candlemas.

Candlemas commemorates the ritual purification of Mary, 40 days after the birth of her son Jesus. This day also marks the ritual presentation of the baby Jesus to God in the Temple at Jerusalem. ... The festival is called Candlemas because this was the day that all the Church's candles for the year were blessed



Part-time Teaching Assistant needed to work with students with disabilities.
 St. Katherine Day School –
 Wynnewood Campus
 Contact Lauren Bell, Principal, at principal@stkds.org

Part-Time School Maintenance Person
 Basic Plumbing, Electrical and Carpentry,
 HVAC a plus.
 St. Katherine School - Wynnewood Campus
 Contact Lauren Bell, Principal, at principal@stkds.org

***“Our Faith, Our Family,
 Our Future”***
Renovation Project Kickoff



Last week we had the kickoff for our project to renovate the former convent into our new Parish Center. It was great that so many people came to the gym to hear about our plans. Thanks go to all who assisted with last week’s event and to all who took time to attend. The renovations are scheduled to start this Spring. We will keep you informed as things progress.

**If Candlemas be fair and bright, Come winter, have another flight.
 If Candlemas bring clouds and rain, Go winter, and come not again.**

Those are the words of an old English poem which helped inspire a tradition that takes place here in the U.S. every Feb. 2, dating back to 1887. On Groundhog Day, the fate of spring is determined in the quaint town of Punxsutawney, Pa. If the groundhog “Punxsutawney Phil” sees his shadow, it means six more weeks of winter. And if not, we’re in for an early spring!

And while thousands gather near Gobbler’s Knob, the small hill where the ceremony takes place, millions of people across the Atlantic in France celebrate Feb. 2 by feasting on crepes for what they call Crêpe Day or La Chandeleur. So what do these traditions have in common? Like many secular holidays recognized on the modern calendar, Groundhog Day and La Chandeleur both have a Christian connection. That’s right, if it wasn’t for Mary and Joseph bringing their infant Son Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem, neither would exist!

Feb. 2 marks the final day of the 40-day Christmastide season, and is the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, or Candlemas Day. Forty days after Christ’s birth, Mary and Joseph, following Mosaic law, brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem for the rites of purification and dedication. Luke 2:22 describes, “When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.” While at the Temple, Simeon, a “righteous and devout” man, gave his prophecy about Christ being a light to the Gentile nations and alluded to his crucifixion. Since around the seventh century and in acknowledgment of Simeon’s prophesy, the faithful would host a special procession and blessing of candles during Mass on this day. Hence the name “Candlemas.”

That celebration, associated with Simeon’s prophesy has evolved into both Groundhog Day and La Chandeleur. In France, La Chandeleur has also come to be known as Crêpe Day, as the customs of the celebration have morphed over time and now include the consumption of crepes. And in the United States, German settlers in Pennsylvania blended the Christian Candlemas holiday with other superstitions, which held that a hedgehog (from where they came) could predict weather, manifesting in the quirky tradition of Groundhog Day.

I suspect most casual observers of either holiday are not aware of the Christian origins of the festivities of Feb. 2 ... and it wasn’t until recently, that I learned of this. But it does make me think differently about the news report that arrives each year revealing the outcome of Groundhog Day and how much more winter it portends. And I’m willing to bet that delicious crêpes would bring cheer to me or anyone, especially if Punxsutawney Phil does predict a longer winter!

By Michelle DiFranco

St. Raphaela Center

616 Coopertown Rd, Haverford, PA 19041
(610) 642-5715

For any questions or to register for any event listed below, please register online at www.straphaelacenter.org or call St. Raphael Center at 610-642-5715.

Like to cook? Looking for flexible work hours?

Help Wanted – Part-Time Cook!

Part-time, experienced cook needed for St. Raphaela Center, 616 Coopertown Rd, Haverford, PA 19041. Flexible hours; Dinner meal prep. Call Sr. Lyan at 610-642-5715 to schedule an interview.

Wedded Wednesday Session

An Evening of Reflection for Married or Engaged Couples

Wednesday, February 20th - 5:00-9:00 pm

During the month of February LOVE is at the forefront. Join us for a session highlighting the joys and struggles of married life. This evening of reflection promises to strengthen your bond as an engaged or married couple. Highlights of the Evening include: Candlelight Dinner, Mass and Renewal or Promises of Vows, Inspirational Talk on the topic of growing closer in your love, Personal reflection time for you and your significant other.
Date: Wednesday, February 20th **Time:** 5:00-9:00 pm
Cost: \$40 **Registration** on line at www.straphaelacenter.org or phone (610-642-5715)

On Going Offerings at St. Raphaela Center:

Shawl Ministry: Next meeting **Feb. 14.** Every Second Thursday (Dec. 13) 10:30am to 12 noon; Materials needed 3 skeins of home spun & size 11 or 13; there is no cost; contact person is Sr. Kathy Gazie

Awareness: Next meeting **February 9.** Meets monthly on Saturday; 1pm-3pm; contact SRC for dates; cost is \$20 per session

Centering Prayer: Next meeting **February 4.** Meets Monday 10:30am-noon;

Taize Prayer with Adoration: Next meets **Feb. 13.** Meets 2nd Wednesday of month; 7:30pm-8:30pm;

VERSE OF THE DAY

February 3, 2019

Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6



New faith formation group starting:

The **Ministry of Mothers (MOM)** group seeks to develop our faith and deepen our relationship with God while getting to know and support each other in the everyday joys and challenges of raising Catholic children. The MOM group starts on February 6th, and meets every other week on Wednesdays from 9am to 10:15am in the Annex at St. Margaret's Church, 208 N. Narberth Ave., Narberth, PA. All parents and guardians—regardless of religious affiliation—are invited. Kids of all ages are welcomed. For more information, please contact Brenda Lucido (510-207-5660) or Monica Romeo (mromeo125@yahoo.com).

MERCY SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES RETREAT DAY



February 23, 2019 - Refreshments 9:30 – Opening Prayer 10:00 AM – Closing Prayer 3:00 PM

Cost: \$30.00, includes Lunch

Presenters: Mary Anne Nolan, RSM and Sister Marie Michele Donnelly, RSM

Place: Motherhouse of the Sisters of Mercy
515 Montgomery Avenue
Merion Station, PA 19066

Registration

By Mail to: S. Mary Anne Nolan
31 Pennswood Rd
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

By e-mail to: jeanmeehan@verizon.net

Registration must be received by **February 18**

Choose between: Baked Virginia Ham _____
Chicken Caesar Salad _____
Chunky Tuna Salad _____