

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 17, 2019 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

February 17, 2019

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Saturday, February 16 – *Weekday*

8:00 Nicholas Chovanes

5:00 Roma Roberts

Sunday, February 17 – *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 Nicholas Chovanes

*10:30 In Memory of Thomas Hayden

*7:00 For the Lawlers & Maguire Families

Monday, February 18 – *Weekday*

*7:30 For the gift of the Life of Patricia Finn Thorton

Tuesday, February 19 – *Weekday*

7:30 Art Bonanzar

Wednesday, February 20 – *Weekday*

7:30 Ann Register

Thursday, February 21 – *Weekday*

7:30 Concetta Scafide

Friday, February 22 – *The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle*

*7:30 Special Intentions

Saturday, February 23 – *Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr*

*8:00 Good Health for the Diezmos Family

5:00 Peggy & Jeff Haley

Sunday, February 24 – *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 Mary Fleming

10:30 Sister R. Lourdine Bielewski, OSF

7:00 Parishioners of St. Matthias

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

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, February 9 & 10, 2019 - \$6,701

Sunday, February 10 & 11, 2018 - \$7,007

Thank you for your continued sacrificial generosity!

Second Collection this weekend:

Care of Aging and Ill Priests. This is a special opportunity to express your gratitude for the many blessings received through the ministry of our priests. This collection helps subsidize the care of aging and ill priests in our Archdiocese.

*Liturgical Ministry Schedule
February 23, 2019 & February 24, 2019*



Lectors

5:00 PM Monique T. Brady
8:30 AM Allison Heid
10:30 AM Bridgette Sutton
7:00 PM Ray Nepomuceno

Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 PM Dolores DiGiacomo & Deacon Mike
8:30 AM Jim & Bridget Carney
10:30 AM Andrea Constantino & Deacon Mike
7:00 PM Mike & Joann Leonard

Altar Servers

5:00 PM Katie Timberlake & Chris Hyland
8:30 AM Lauryn Holgado & Amelie Lemay
10:30 AM Nolan & Mia Linh Shanley & Nathan Tran
7:00 PM Keiko Nguyen & Roman Nepomuceno

Greeters

5:00 PM Marla Preston, Pat & Connie Cerone & Delores DiGiacomo
8:30 AM Miriam Mitchell, Jenny Custer, Mary Graham Zak,
10:30 AM Carla Falco, Andrew Constantino, Jeff Haley, Claire Mamo
7:00 PM Rox Nepomuceno, Maddie Brown, Cesaria & Kale Adote

Counters

Nelson & Mary Ellen Keyser



*Fr 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. There were 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.

Priest Celebrant Schedule: February 23/24

5:00 Father Finn
8:30 Monsignor Mesure
10:30 Father Bransfield
7:00 Father Tran

*Readings for the Week
February 17, 2019*

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38



**Looking for Some
Young Disciples
Come Serve Jesus
and your Parish**

Fourth, Fifth and Sixth grade students are invited to become Altar Servers

Fill out this form and return it to Mrs. Haley

Name _____

Address _____

Parent e-mail _____

Grade _____

Parent Signature _____

**For further information, please contact
Peggy Haley at the rectory 610-664-0207**



ASH WEDNESDAY is March 6

We commemorate the beginning of the Lenten season by remembering that we are dust, and unto dust we shall return. Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 AM, 12 Noon, and 7:00 PM. Ashes will be distributed during all Masses.

Confessions will be heard on Ash Wednesday from 11:30-11:55 AM and from 6:30-6:55 PM.



**Catholic Charities 2019
"Partners in Hope"**

Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide support needed to tens of thousands of people through countless organizations, programs, and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The beneficiaries are grouped into 5 key areas: Education; Social Services; Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life; Clergy; and Local Mission Activities. The overall goal this year is \$12.5 million. Our parish goal remains the same as last year: \$50, 536. Please be generous!



**The Chair of
St. Peter the
Apostle
February 22**



**Parish E-Mail
Problems**

For the last month or more we have been having difficulties with all of our matthias.org parish emails. While we hope to have the issue resolved within a few weeks, emails sent to the matthias.org emails probably have not been received during this time. Sorry for the inconvenience.



**A Lenten
Journey in
Small Groups**

Let's walk together this Lent preparing for a joyful Easter by encountering Jesus in Scripture outside of the Mass in the comfort of our homes. Join a small group meeting weekly on one of the days and times listed below. Call, text, or email Roxanne 215-520-2997 or RoxanneNepo@gmail.com to find out where a small group is meeting near you. First meeting is the week of **FEBRUARY 24th**

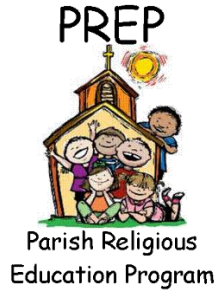
Join us on:

Monday 7 PM	Wednesday 7 PM	Thursday 7 PM	Sunday 8:45 AM
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Pick the meeting day and time that fits your schedule!

**CASSEROLES FOR SAINT JOHN'S
HOSPICE**

The next casserole pick-up will be **tomorrow: Monday, February 18**. Saint John's Hospice feeds in excess of 300 homeless men lunch every weekday. Many thanks to those who exercise this Corporal Work of Mercy to ensure the homeless of Philadelphia have a hot meal each weekday.



What's Happening at PREP!

Families of First Communicants were invited to a - get to know you - gathering. These students have received First Reconciliation, are preparing for First Communion and eventually will be Confirmed together. We plan on meeting again in March.

During February, PREP students are learning.....

Kindergarten: that love is just not an Emotion, it is an action as well. We must practice showing love to one another.

First Grade: Jesus had many followers, and taught them how to love God.

Second Grade: preparation for First Holy Communion begins.

Third Grade: how God is good and great. Students are focusing on the Apostles Creed.

Fourth Grade: Ten Commandments and how they guide us through life.

Fifth Grade: becoming more familiar with the different parts of the mass.

Sixth Grade: The love Abraham and Isaac had for God. The importance of honoring our parents who love us. We are learning about "holy moments" and setting time aside for others to share our time and talents to show love and caring.

Go into the world and proclaim the Gospel.
I am with you always, says the Lord. *Mark 16:15;*
Matthew 20:20



Rachel Vineyard

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-Frazier, 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

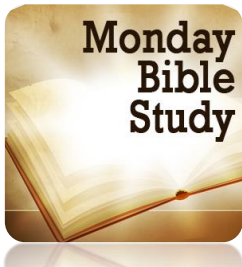
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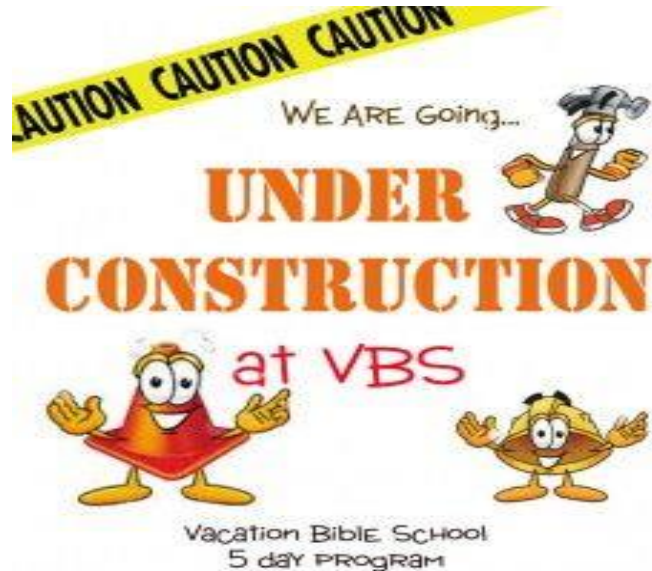
MAMMA MIA!

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.



Monday, February 18th is the last session of Bible Study. We will offer another Bible Study again in September, 2019!



SAVE THE DATE
CAMP MATTHIAS
June 24th to June 28th



Designer Bag Bingo

St. Margaret School in Narberth will be hosting a Designer Bag Bingo Friday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 PM in the school gym. Join us for 10 rounds of bingo and chances to win beautiful bags from Tory Burch, Coach, Kate Spade, Longchamp and Lilly Pulitzer. Raffles and door prizes will also be available. Book an individual seat or a table with 8 friends and bring your favorite beer, wine and appetizers. Tickets are \$30 online or \$35 at the door - or purchase a Bag Bingo Bundle for \$20 more that includes an additional bingo book, a dauber, 12 raffle tickets and entry into the bonus round! Proceeds support the 8th grade. Please register online at www.smsbluefest.org/bagbingo.

VERSE OF THE DAY

February 17, 2019

He said: "In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help, and you listened to my cry.

Jonah 2:2

St. Raphaela Center

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

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

Wedded Wednesday Session **An Evening of Reflection for Married or Engaged Couples**

Date: Wednesday, February 20th **Time:** 5:00-9:00 pm
Cost: \$40 **Registration** on line.

Charis Young Adult "What's Next?" Retreat **March 1 - 6:30pm to March 3 - 1:00pm**

Considering making a transition in life? Unsure about what lies ahead next for you? Trying to find meaning in your experiences?

Join us for the "What's Next?" Retreat to: Grow in Faith, Connect with others, Encounter God

Date: March 1-3, 2019 (arrive 6:30pm, depart 1pm)

For Whom: Young adults in their 20s and 30s; **Cost:** \$180, deposit \$100 – Register online

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.

February 22 – The Feast Day of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

The relic is a wooden throne that tradition claims the **Apostle Saint Peter**, the leader of the Early Christians in Rome and first Pope, used as Bishop of Rome. ... Cathedra is Latin for "**chair**" or "throne", and denominates the **chair** or seat of a bishop, hence "cathedral" denominates the Bishop's church in an episcopal see.