

# 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 24, 2019 – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES**

# February 24, 2019

## Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time



**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

**Monday, February 25** – *Weekday*

7:30 Mary Tortorelli

**Tuesday, February 26** – *Weekday*

7:30 Sister R. Lourdine Bielewski, OSF

**Wednesday, February 27** – *Weekday*

7:30 Sister R. Lourdine Bielewski, OSF

**Thursday, February 28** – *Weekday*

7:30 Rose Notorianni

**Friday, March 1** – *Weekday*

7:30 In Thanksgiving to Dear God & Jesus

**Saturday, March 2** – *Weekday*

\*8:00 Special Intentions  
5:00 Marge & Ed Kiefski

**Sunday, March 3** – *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 Zygmunt Serafin  
10:30 Sister R. Lourdine Bielewski, OSF  
7:00 Souls in Purgatory

*\* 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 16 & 17, 2019 - \$6,992  
Sunday, February 17 & 18, 2018 - \$8,074

*Thank you for your continued sacrificial generosity!*

**Second Collection next weekend:**  
**Catholic Education Collection.** This collection is used to support the various educational projects of the Parish, in particular, it underwrites the costs of our PREP program and the subsidies we as a Parish provide for our children attending Catholic grade schools. (*All second collection envelopes, clearly marked as such, should be placed in the main collection at the offertory of the Mass.*)

*Liturgical Ministry Schedule  
March 2, 2019 & March 3, 2019*

Lectors

5:00 PM Pat Black  
8:30 AM Allison Heid  
10:30 AM Toni Pratt  
7:00 PM Matt Unpingco

Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 PM Alex & Maria Horn  
8:30 AM Charlie & Peg Lamb  
10:30 AM Eileen Keenan & Deacon Mike  
7:00 PM Therese Trainer & Mike Utkus

Altar Servers

5:00 PM Nathan Tran & Isa Alemaychu  
8:30 AM Jace & Logan Rothberg  
10:30 AM Mai Linh & Nolan Shanley & Emily Donoghue  
7:00 PM Keiko Nguyen

Greeters

5:00 PM Dolores DiGiacomo & Claire Mamo  
8:30 AM Ed & Peg Saeger, Claudia Martinez & Miriam Mitchell  
10:30 AM Jeff Haley, Tia Pratt, Mary Whelihan & Gina Sullivan  
7:00 PM Cesaria & Kale Adote & Peter Van Allen

Counters

Ed & Marge Kiefski



*New Parish Center*

Monsignor Mesure and members of "Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future" Renovation Committee spoke at all the Masses today to encourage all members to be a part of the renovation of St. Matthias Convent to a new Parish Center.

Our minimum goal of \$350,000 is in sight. Monsignor passed out pledged forms and return envelopes and is asking everyone to try and make their pledge by **Commitment Weekend, March 9 & 10**. Instead of asking anyone to make their pledge in church Monsignor asks you to consider these 4 words before making your pledge:

**THOUGHTFUL:** How will St. Matthias Parish benefit from your gift? **REFLECTIVE:** How has St. Matthias Parish nourished and blessed you? **PRAYERFUL:** Ask God's help in making this decision. Mindful of the beneficiary and your blessings, how does God want you to respond? **SACRIFICIAL:** Will your gift make a difference in your life?

We are very grateful to the 53 families who have inspired us with their early and generous gifts of \$250,000 YOUR gift/pledge will get us to our goal. Please think about it, pray about it and please give what you can. Thank you



*First Tuesday  
All-Day Eucharistic  
Adoration with  
Benediction is March 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. The rosary will be prayed after the 8:00 AM Mass. Why not take 15, 30, 60 minutes (or more) out of your hectic day to speak to the Lord and listen in silence to what He is saying to you this Lenten season? Sign up in the back of the church!



*Parish E-Mail  
Problems*

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



## 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.



## Lent 2019

Make this Lent a special time of experiencing God's love and grace by participating in these opportunities throughout Lent:

**Daily Mass:** Monday to Friday at 7:30 am and Saturday at 8 am

**Rosary:** Monday to Saturday after daily Mass.

**Stations of the Cross:** Tuesdays of Lent at 7pm followed by confessions.

**Confessions:** Saturdays from 4:15 pm to 4:45pm and Tuesdays of Lent after 7pm Stations.

### Catholic Charities Appeal

"Partners in Hope." Giving to those in need is an important part of Lent. Donations made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide needed support to tens of thousands of people through countless organizations, programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



## 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](mailto:RoxanneNepo@gmail.com) to find out where a small group is meeting near you. First meeting is the week of **FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup>**

### Join us on:

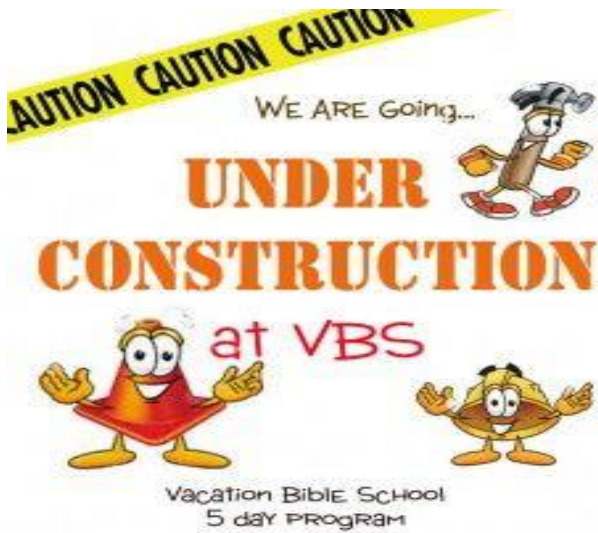
<b>Monday</b> 7 PM	<b>Wednesday</b> 7 PM	<b>Thursday</b> 7 PM	<b>Sunday</b> 8:45 AM
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**Pick the meeting day and time that fits your schedule!**



## Prayer for the 2019 Catholic Charities Appeal

God, our Father, we thank you for all the gifts and blessings that you give out of your love for us all. You call us to open our hearts to share what we have been given. Grant that through giving to the Catholic Charities Appeal, we may bring joy, hope and strength to those most in need. Our charity towards those in need is a real way in which we show our gratitude and love for you. Through this year's Catholic Charities Appeal, may we help as many people as we can, including a young person striving to learn and grow in Faith; a deaf child receiving a quality Catholic Education; a veteran who is struggling with homelessness; a parish carrying out vital local missionary work; a retired priest who has dedicated his life to the needs of the faithful. Help us to do all we can to make sure the "poor have their fill" of your blessings. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**CAMP MATTHIAS**  
**June 24<sup>th</sup> to June 28<sup>th</sup>**



**First Communion - Parent Meeting**  
 Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00AM  
 (New Location) **Convent**



**Altar Server Practice**  
 Thursdays, at 6:00 PM in the church.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**  
**February 24, 2019**

But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,  
**Jude 1:20**



**Family Night Hosting PB&J Event**  
**On Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**

During the month of March, we hope to collect PB&J for this event.

Collection boxes will be located on Highland Ave. & Bryn Mawr Ave. entrances.

Everyone is invited to help at this event. It was a fun evening last year, hope you can join us.

**Donations benefiting St. Francis Inn**

St. Francis Inn is a Franciscan, Eucharistic community called to minister with the poor and homeless of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Formed in the spirit of the Gospel and inspired by the life and compassion of Sts. Francis and Clare of Assisi, who try to meet the immediate daily needs of the people they serve with food, clothing and hospitality. Furthermore, they empower persons to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty and address structural injustices. They seek to build relationships with those that they serve by respecting their human dignity and by helping them to restore hope in their lives, and by living simply among them.

*Readings for the Week*  
*February 24, 2019*

**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  
**Monday:** Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29  
**Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37  
**Wednesday:** Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40  
**Thursday:** Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mk 9:41-50  
**Friday:** Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12  
**Saturday:** Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18; Mk 10:13-16  
**Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

## Lenten Choral Vespers

The Choir at Old St. Joseph's Church, 321 Willings Alley (4th and Walnut Streets), Philadelphia, PA 19106, under the direction of Dr. Mark Bani, will sing a Lenten Choral Vespers Service on **Sunday, March 31 at 4:00 PM**. In addition to chanting the antiphons and psalms appointed for the day, the choir will sing a choral gem from the late Georgian period, The Wilderness, by Samuel Sebastian Wesley, and Herbert Sumsion's lyrical setting of the Magnificat in G Major. Organ music will include Brahms' poignantly moving setting of O Sadness, O Heart Sorrow, and Buxtehude's setting of O Sacred Head Surrounded. (A free will offering will be gratefully accepted.) All are cordially invited to join us for this ancient prayer of the Church, the Divine Office.

## Lenten Regulations for Fasting and Abstinence

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as a minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

### Please join us for our second annual PARISH LENTEN SUPPER on Friday, April 12.

The evening will begin at 6:30 PM with Stations of the Cross in Church, and immediately afterwards we will move to the Gym for a simple Lenten supper of meatless soup and bread prepared by different parishioners. This night of prayer and fellowship promises to provide a good way to prepare for the beauty of Holy Week.

A free will collection will also be taken during the supper, and all the monies collected will be given to Saint John's Hospice in Center City Philadelphia. Please join us for this evening as we simply, prayerfully and socially prepare to enter into Holy Week. If you wish to attend, **please RSVP by Tuesday, April 9th by filling the form listed below and dropping it in the Sunday Collection Basket or at the Rectory or call Marge Kiefski at 215-913-4482 or by email mmkiefski@aol.com**. Also, if you wish to volunteer to help with the supper (preparing meat-free soup, setting up, cleaning up, etc.), please contact the Rectory in advance and let us know. Thank You!



### Parish Lenten Soup Supper – April 12, 2019

#### Response Form

Call Marge Kiefski at 215-913-482 or by email at mmkiefski@aol.com

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Will bring a meat-free soup? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Will volunteer to help with: Setting-up \_\_\_\_\_ Clean-up \_\_\_\_\_