

# 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.



**MARCH 3, 2019 – EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES**

# March 3, 2019

## Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time



### Saturday, March 2 – *Weekday*

**\*8:00** Special Intentions

5:00 Veronica Aylmer

### Sunday, March 3 – *Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 Zygmunt Serafin

10:30 Sister R. Lourdine Bielewski, OSF

7:00 Souls in Purgatory

### Monday, March 4 – *Weekday*

7:30 For the Parishioners of St. Matthias

### Tuesday, March 5 – *Weekday*

7:30

### Wednesday, March 6 – *Ash Wednesday*

7:30 Special Intentions of Frank Burdo, Jr.

12:00 In Thanksgiving for Marge & Ed Kiefski

7:00

### Thursday, March 7 – *Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

7:30 For the Parishioners of St. Matthias

### Friday, March 8 – *Friday after Ash Wednesday*

**\*7:30** In Honor of St. Joseph

### Saturday, March 9 – *Saturday after Ash Wednesday*

8:00 Special Intentions

5:00 Nicholas Chovanec

### Sunday, March 10 – *First Sunday of Lent*

8:30 Maria Przybyszewski

10:30 Nina & Bob Tarampi

7:00 John F. Ferraro

**\* 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:

Rose Augustine, 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*

#### March, 2019 - Evangelization

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

### Sacrificial Giving ~ Stewardship

Collection figures were not available at the time of printing.

#### **Second Collection next week:**

Church in Latin America

*Thank you for your continued sacrificial generosity!*

### Priest Celebrant Schedule: March 9 & 10

5:00 Msgr. Gerard Mesure

8:30 Rev. Sean Bransfield

10:30 Rev. Gregory Finn

7:00 Msgr. Gerard Mesure

*Liturgical Ministry Schedule  
March 9, 2019 & March 10, 2019*

**Lectors**

5:00 PM Gerry McDevitt  
8:30 AM Kathleen Johnson  
10:30 AM Tia Pratt  
7:00 PM Vanessa Kraus

**Ministers of Holy Communion**

5:00 PM Deacon Mike & Dan Russoniello  
8:30 AM Ed & Peg Saeger  
10:30 AM Peggy Haley & Lek Sullivan  
7:00 PM Vanessa Kraus & Pat Black

**Altar Servers**

5:00 PM Chris Hyland  
8:30 AM Amelie Lemay  
10:30 AM Mia Linh Shanley, Teddy Eisenstein & Annabel Shin  
7:00 PM Eva Kraus

**Greeters**

5:00 PM Dolores DiGiacomo & Pat & Connie Cerone  
8:30 AM Ed & Pat Saeger & Heidi Schultz  
10:30 AM Jeff Haley, Toni Pratt, Stephanie Shin & Eileen Keenan  
7:00 PM Peter Van Allen, Maddie Brown, Matt Unpingco & Pat Black

**Counters**

Brian Fogarty & Mike Utkus



*First Tuesday  
All-Day Eucharistic  
Adoration with  
Benediction is  
Is this Tuesday 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. 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!



***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.

**Parish Lenten Supper:** April 12, 2019 after Stations of the Cross in the Gym.

**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. ***If you are still interested in joining a small group meeting weekly it's not too late.*** 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.



### 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 benefitting 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

**CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION**  
WE ARE Going...  
**UNDER CONSTRUCTION**  
at VBS  
Vacation Bible School  
5 day Program

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

**ALTAR SERVERS**

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



### 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!

### SPECIAL EVENTS FOR LENT!

#### PRESENTATION ON THE HOLY LAND

Monday, March 18, at 7:00 PM (Parish Gym)

Come Listen to Fr. Bransfield as he recounts and describes, with the help of photos and personal stories, the amazing places that are so important to our faith.

#### FAMILY NIGHT, FEED THE HUNGRY

Friday, April 5 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM (Parish Gym)

Help make Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwiches to aid Saint Francis Inn.

#### ANOINTING MASS

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM Mass

In the Sacrament of the Sick the church commends those who are seriously ill to the suffering and glorified Lord in order that He relieve and save them. We will be celebrating this wonderful Sacrament within the 10:30 Mass.

**“Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future”  
Renovation Fund  
Commitment Weekend, March 9 & 10**

“Monsignor Mesure and members of "Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future" Renovation Committee spoke at all the Masses February 23 & 24 to encourage all members to be a part of the renovation of the St. Matthias Convent to a new Parish Center.

Our minimum goal of \$350,000 is in sight. Monsignor passed out pledge forms and return envelopes and is asking everyone to try and make their pledge by **Commitment Weekend, March 9 & 10.**

We are very grateful to the 53 individuals and 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.



**Parish E-mail  
Update**

We have been having difficulties with our [Matthias.com](http://Matthias.com) e-mails over the last several months. The problems have now been rectified. We sorry for anyone whose e-mails were lost during this time.



Here at St. Matthias and in a number of other parishes scammers have been sending out emails that appear to be from the pastor and/or the parish asking the recipient to send gift cards to a certain address. If you get one of these emails please delete it. If you ever have questions if a communication is from the parish, please call the rectory office to confirm.

**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 out the form 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](mailto: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 215-913-4482 or by email at [mmkiefski@aol.com](mailto:mmkiefski@aol.com)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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

I will bring a meat-less soup: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Easter Egg Hunt and Blessing of the First Food of Easter



### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

*Hosted by our Parish Religious Education Students*

**Holy Saturday, April 20**

11:00 a.m. SHARP

Parish Parking Lot and Rectory Front Lawn

All adults must be accompanied by a child!

*In case of rain, the hunt will be held in the gym.*

### Holy Saturday Blessing of Easter Food and Easter Baskets in Church at 11:30 AM



## TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL EGG HUNT

If you are available on Holy Saturday at 10:00 AM to help at the egg hunt please contact Peggy Haley at 610-664-0207. PREP kids may sign up during PREP.

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### IHM Conference Center

**Conference Day: "To Walk Humbly With Our God"** Tuesday, March 5, 2019 - 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Presenter: Sister Catherine Kaporch, IHM  
Stipend: \$40 (includes breakfast, lunch, and Mass)

### Movie with Meaning: "Paper Clips"

Wednesday, March 20, 2019 –  
10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (if necessary)  
Lunch is served at 12:00 noon for both groups  
Stipend: \$15 (Includes lunch)

## MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (AGES 52-66)

Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club", to share common interests & dine together twice a month. Our next scheduled events are Sunday, March 3rd @ 5:30 P.M., a restaurant event at "Marokko" located at 54 E. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore, PA. 19003.

Saturday, March 23rd, "Post St. Patty's/St. Joe's" house party at a member's home in Haverford, PA. More info call Barb (610) 896-6542.

***Catholic men are encouraged to participate.***

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### Upcoming Programs at Saint Raphaela Center

#### ●Praying with your Whole Self

A Day of Learning to Pray through Moving your Body  
Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> - 8:30am-3:00pm

Prayer is a conversation with God, but doesn't mean we have to be sitting quietly. Prayer can be "ALWAYS ALL-WAYS". Come experience a day of learning various prayer styles used throughout the world such as walking meditation, prayerful drawing, liturgical dance, and SoulCore movement class.

#### ●Celtic Women's Day of Prayer

Mar 14, 2019 - 8:30am to 3:00pm  
The Anam Cara Tradition: Holy  
Souls and Friends of God



The Book of Wisdom declares: "In every generation wisdom lives in holy souls and makes them friends of God." The Celtic tradition abounds with stories of soul friends, anam cara. During our time together we will explore the evolution of the anam cara tradition and its implications for us today. Whether you have Irish blood or not, everyone is Irish around the 14th of March! Come for a day of reflection and celebration, led by Sister Megan Brown, RSM, a dynamic presenter who has done extensive studies of Celtic spirituality. Come explore the Anam Cara Tradition. Lunch will be particularly Irish. **Cost: \$40.**

**Register** online at [www.straphaelcenter.org](http://www.straphaelcenter.org), email us at [straphaelcenter@gmail.com](mailto:straphaelcenter@gmail.com) or call us at 610-642-5715.