

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

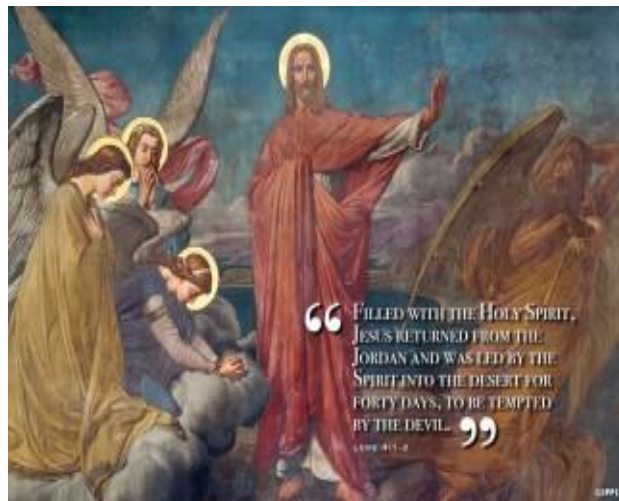
NEW PARISHIONERS: *Welcome to Saint Matthias Parish!* Please see one of the priests after any weekend Mass or call the Rectory if you are interested in registering at Saint Matthias Parish.

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 10, 2019 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Mass Intentions

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 Nini & Bob Tarampi
7:00 John F. Ferraro

Monday, March 11 – *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 Philip Martelli

Tuesday, March 12 – *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 For the St. Matthias Parishioners

Wednesday, March 13 – *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, March 14 – *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 Rev. Msgr. James J. Vizzard

Friday, March 15 – *Lenten Weekday*

***7:30 Intentions of the Naley – Trese Families**

Saturday, March 16 – *Lenten Weekday*

8:00 Salvatore Burdo
5:00 Emily T. Borek

Sunday, March 17 – *Second Sunday of Lent*

8:30 Mary Vesci – 90th Birthday
10:30 James Farrell
7:00 For the St. Matthias day Parishioners

** 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

March 2 & 3, 2019 - \$8,123

March 3 & 4, 2018 - \$8,827

Catholic Education – March 3, 2019 \$479

Second Collection this week:

Church in Latin America

Thank you for your continued sacrificial generosity!

Priest Celebrant Schedule: March 16 & 17

5:00 Rev. Gregory Finn
8:30 Msgr. Gerard Mesure
10:30 Rev. Sean Bransfield
7:00 Rev. Quan Tran

*Liturgical Ministry Schedule
March 15, 2019 & March 16, 2019*

Lectors

5:00 PM Denise Francis
8:30 AM Erin Rooney
10:30 AM Thomas Finley
7:00 PM Vanessa Kraus

Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 PM Deacon Mike & Dolores DiGiacomo
8:30 AM Claudia Martinez & Letty Padolina
10:30 AM Mike DeMonte & Therese Trainor
7:00 PM Vanessa Kraus & Victoria Britt

Altar Servers

5:00 PM Isa Alemaychu & Katie Timberlake
8:30 AM Patrick & Cormac Rooney
10:30 AM Emily Donoghue, Keira Gibbons & Angelina DeMonte
7:00 PM Roman Nepomuceno & Eva Kraus

Greeters

5:00 PM Dolores DiGiacomo, Claire Mamo & Katie Bryson
8:30 AM Mark Rooney, Jenny Custer & Heidi Schultz
10:30 AM Jeff Haley, Margareta & Mike DeMonte, & Mary Whelihan
7:00 PM Rox, Ray & Mia Nepomuceno

Counters

Heidi Schultze & Ashley Cordova

Altar Server Practice

Thursdays, at 6:00 PM in the church



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.



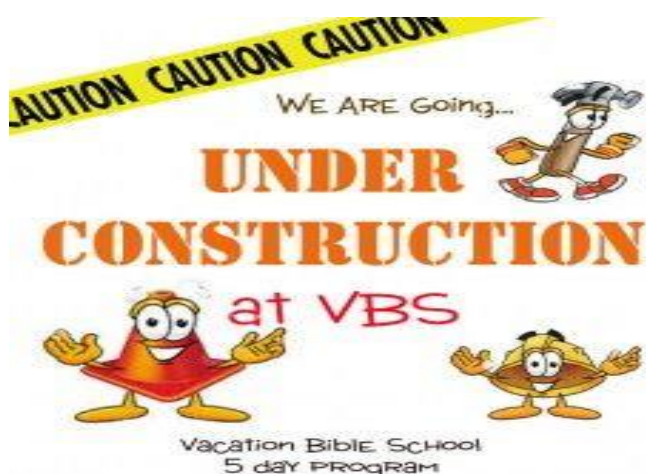
**Family Night Hosting PB&J Event
On Friday, April 5th at 6:00 PM**

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



**Our Faith
Our Family
Our Future**



**“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 this weekend - **Commitment Weekend**.

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.

**CASSEROLES FOR
SAINT JOHN'S HOSPICE**

The next casserole pick-up will be **next week Monday, March 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.

PREP Toiletries Drive

On Sunday, April 14th the PREP students will be hosting “Fill a bag with Love Toiletries Drive”

Children will fill decorated bags with much need toiletries and donate to a homeless shelter. Bar soap, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, mouthwash, combs and toothbrush donations would be much appreciated. Please place donations in bags located at the entrances of 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 7th 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.

**Stations of the Cross
Tuesdays of Lent
7:00 p.m.**

Followed by Confessions



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.

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**. 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

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 _____



*Registration is open for Merion Mercy's
Summer Program!*

We have a variety of academic, enrichment and athletic offerings for girls and boys, including our acclaimed pre-eighth grade **Summer Academy** and **High School Placement Test Preparation** course, and our popular (entering) 6th and 7th grade **Jump Start Program**, which focuses on math, language arts, writing and study skills. We also offer fun enrichment programs and sports camps such as Basketball, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Art Camp, and Coding, among others.

Please visit our website at www.merion-mercy.com/summerprograms to download a full brochure and to register online. For more information, you may also contact Mrs. Barbara Harrison, Director of Summer Programs, at 610-664-6655 Ext. 120 or e-mail her at bharrison@merion-mercy.com--

**LENT TAIZÉ PRAYER FOR
YOUNG ADULTS**

March 26th from 7 PM to 8 PM
Light refreshments to follow.

Immerse Yourself in music & silence
Find yourself in letting go.
Wrap yourself in the Mystery of the Creator

The worship service includes repetitive prayers, music & silence. This service is based on prayer that was begun by an ecumenical community in Taizé France.

Sisters of Mercy, Convent of Mercy
515 Montgomery Avenue, Merion, PA 19066

RSVP: tsetta@mercymidatlantic.org



St. Katherine School

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

Upcoming Events at Saint Raphaela Center

616 Coopertown Rd., Haverford

610-642-5715 // www.straphaelacenter.org

- **Feast Day- March 25th** – Mass will be at 11:30 am and a simple lunch to follow. Come together to celebrate and pray together as a community and enjoy each other's company as well as learn and reflect on a few key aspects of our faith through the charism of the Handmaids and see how they pertain to our lives and mission.
- **Lenten Day of Prayer - March 27, 2019**
Highlights of the day: Presentations by Fr. Peter McIsaac, SJ, Personal time for prayer and reflection, Sacrament of reconciliation, Celebration of the Eucharist. 8:30 am to 3:30 pm – Cost \$45.00

Know anyone who has an apartment?

Quiet, respectful Catholic tenant working for the Church is looking for a 1 bedroom apartment in the Bala Cynwyd area for a move date of May 2019. Please contact Meghan at mkcokeley@gmail.com or call 301-512-3333.

John W. Hallahan H.S. Alumnae Association is sponsoring their annual *50 Years & Beyond* luncheon on Wednesday, May 1 at Connstatter Volksfest-Verein, 9130 Academy Rd., Philadelphia for graduates of Hallahan for 50+ years. Cost is \$35/person. Please contact Marge West Kiefski '66 at 215-913-4482 or at mmkiefski@aol.com.