

# 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*

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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

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**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 17, 2019 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

# March 17, 2019

## Second Sunday of Lent



## Mass Intentions

### 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 – 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

10:30 James Farrell

7:00 For the St. Matthias day Parishioners

### Monday, March 18 – *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 John Gallagher

### Tuesday, March 19 – *St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed*

*Virgin Mary*

7:30 Georgetta Giorno

### Wednesday, March 20 – *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 Angelo Bonnaccorsi

### Thursday, March 21 – *Lenten Weekday*

\*7:30 Stephani Schmieder

### Friday, March 22 – *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 Noel McCoy

### Saturday, March 23 – *Lenten Weekday*

8:00 Claire Chovanes (Happy Birthday)

5:00 Eugene Chovanes

### Sunday, March 24 – *Third Sunday of Lent*

8:30 Robert McQuiston

\*10:30 Canpanale Family

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 & for a Special Intention.**

### Priest Celebrant Schedule: March 23 & 24

5:00 Msgr. Gerard Mesure

8:30 Rev. Sean Bransfield

10:30 Rev. Gregory Finn

7:00 Rev. Sean Bransfield

### 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 6 – Ash Wednesday - \$1,468

March 9 & 10, 2019 - \$6,320

March 10 & 11, 2018 - \$6,945

Church in Latin America – March 9 & 10-\$361

Second Collection Next Week

*Lenten Sacrifice for our Parish*

*Thank you for your continued sacrificial generosity!*

## CASSEROLES FOR SAINT JOHN'S HOSPICE

The next casserole pick-up will be **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.

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule March 23 & March 24 2019

### Lectors

5:00 PM	Monique T. Brady
8:30 AM	Megan Zak
10:30 AM	Jordan Constantino
7:00 PM	Ray Nepomuceno

### Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 PM	Brian & Kim Fogarty
8:30 AM	Jenny Custer & Deacon Mike
10:30 AM	Andrea & Luis Constantino
7:00 PM	Victoria Britt & Ray Nepomuceno

### Altar Servers

5:00 PM	Katie Timberlake
8:30 AM	Patrick & Cormac Rooney
10:30 AM	Lucas Rodriguez, Annabel Shin & Teddy Eisenstein
7:00 PM	Roman Nepomuceno & Keiko Nguyen

### Greeters

5:00 PM	Pat & Connie Cerone & Dave Fabry
8:30 AM	Mary Graham Zak, Jenny Custer, Miriam Mitchell & Erin Rooney
10:30 AM	Carla Falco, Andrea Constantino, Stephanie Shin & Jeff Haley
7:00 PM	Mary Switkey & Rox, Ray & Mia Nepomuceno

### Counters

Pat Cerone & Jim Carney

### Altar Server Practice

Thursdays, at 6:00 PM in the church

**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>**





### Stations of the Cross

*Tuesdays of Lent*

*7:00 p.m.*

*Followed by Confessions*



## 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 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**

## JOIN THE 2020 CENSUS TEAM APPLY ONLINE!

[2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs)

2020 Census jobs provide:

Great Pay (\$20.00 per hour)

Flexible Hours - Weekly Pay

Paid Training - Stay in your zip code

## PREP Toiletries Drive

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

Children will fill decorated bags with much needed 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. **As of March 7<sup>th</sup>, 28 parishioners have donated a total of \$6,795 or 13% of our goal. Please be generous!**



## Easter Egg Hunt

### 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.*

## 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

## 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.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOLLOWED BY A LENTEN SUPPER Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

Come join us for our second annual Lenten Supper. Occuring two days before Palm Sunday, this is a good way to enter into the spirit of Holy Week.

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



# How to Go to Confession...

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all  
the saints,  
whatever good you do and suffering you endure,  
heal your sins,  
help you grow in holiness,  
and reward you with eternal life.  
Go in peace. —Rite of Penance, no. 93

**1 PREPARATION:** Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ’s commands to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this “examination of conscience,” you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).

**2 GREETING:** The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.

**3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [give days, months, or years] since my last confession.”

**4 CONFESSION:** Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: “I am sorry for these and all my sins.”

**5 PENANCE:** The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

**6 ACT OF CONTRITION:** After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:  
My God,  
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong  
and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you  
whom I should love above all things.  
I firmly intend, with your help,  
to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever  
leads me to sin.  
Our Savior Jesus Christ  
suffered and died for us.  
In his name, my God, have mercy.  
(Rite of Penance, no. 45)

**7 ABSOLUTION:** The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, “Amen.”

**8 PRAISE:** The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And your response would be, “His mercy endures forever” (Rite of Penance, no. 47).

**9 DISMISSAL:** The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, “Go in peace.”

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, “Do not fear” (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how to guide with you! (For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/confession](http://www.usccb.org/confession).)

## Verse of the Day – March 17, 2019

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.  
He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake  
Psalm 23:1-3



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](mailto:principal@stkds.org)

## PREP



Parish Religious  
Education Program

## What's Happening at PREP for, the Month of March

Families of First Communicants were invited to a second meeting in preparation for their child's First Communion.

We are preparing for Holy Week by revisiting the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. The K class reminded us that the Easter Bunny will visit on Easter Sunday.

We are preparing for our "Fill a Bag with Love Toiletries Drive" scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>. Children will fill decorated bags with much needed toiletries and donate them to a homeless shelter.

During March PREP students are learning.....

**Kindergarten:** That we grow not only in size, but also spiritually by sharing our love of God with others through actions and words.

**First Grade:** That the sacrament of Baptism washes away original sin.

**Second Grade:** The ten commandments, parts of the Mass, how to become more like Jesus, and how to be good soil, so the word of God grows in us.

**Third Grade:** God's kingdom is a kingdom of love.

**Fourth Grade:** The Ten Commandments and giving/fasting during Lent.

**Fifth Grade:** About the Mass, focus on Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**Sixth Grade:** How to become the "Best Version of Yourself" through "holy moments" during the season of Lent. They are discussing the Gospel placing themselves "into the Gospel by looking at what being one of the people in the Gospel felt like. Students are discussing how they can follow Jesus and how hard it was to follow Jesus, and why we follow Jesus during His three years leading up to His death and resurrection.

I am with you always, says the Lord. *Mark 16:15; Matthew 20:20*

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_