

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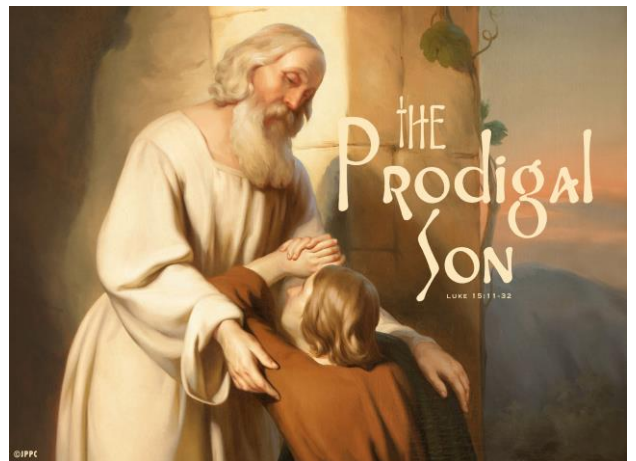
**NEW PARISHIONERS:** *Welcome to Saint Matthias Parish!* Please see one of the priests after any weekend Mass or call the Rectory if you are interested in registering at Saint Matthias Parish.

**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 24, 2019 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

# March 24, 2019

## Fourth Sunday of Lent



### 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 Unetta M. Packard

### Monday, March 25 – *The Annunciation of the Lord*

7:30 For St. Matthias Parishioners

### Tuesday, March 26 – *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 Noel McCoy

### Wednesday, March 27 – *Lenten Weekday*

7:30

### Thursday, March 28 – *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 Special Intentions of Eileen Keenan

### Friday, March 29 – *Lenten Weekday*

7:30

### Saturday, March 30 – *Lenten Weekday*

8:00 Rev. Michael McClean  
5:00 Linda Carothers

### Sunday, March 31 – *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

**\*8:30 In Memory of Margy Norton**  
10:30 Maggie Duffy  
7:00 St. Matthias Parishioners

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

**LIVING LIGHTS:** If you have a prayer request and would like a special intention candle lit, we have three candles on the side of the sanctuary near the Sacred Heart Statue that burn for a week.

There is a donation of \$10.00 for each candle. Please call the rectory with your intention request by Friday of the previous week.

A candle this week is burning for a **Special Intention.**

**Second Collection Envelopes this Weekend:**

**Church in Europe.** Please place second collection envelopes in the main collection

### 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, 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 16 & 17, 2019 - \$6,936

March 17 & 18, 2018 - \$6,705

Lenten Sacrifice for our Parish

March 16 & 17 2019 - \$1,008

***Thank you for your continued sacrificial generosity!***

### Priest Celebrant Schedule: March 30 & 31

5:00 Rev. Sean Bransfield

8:30 Rev. Gregory Finn

10:30 Msgr. Gerard Mesure

7:00 Rev. Quan Tran

## *Liturgical Ministry Schedule March 30 & March 31, 2019*

### Lectors

5:00 PM	Denice Francis
8:30 AM	Therese Trainer
10:30 AM	Mike Utkus
7:00 PM	Vanessa Kraus

### Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 PM	Mary Ellen & Nelson Keyser
8:30 AM	Bridget & Jim Carney
10:30 AM	Deacon Mike & Eileen Keenan
7:00 PM	Vanessa Kraus & Kathleen Johnson

### Altar Servers

5:00 PM	Nathan Tran & Chris Hyland
8:30 AM	Amelie Lemay & Jace Rothberg
10:30 AM	Emily Donoghue, Keira Gibbons & Angelina DeMonte
7:00 PM	Roman Nepomuceno & Eva Kraus

### Greeters

5:00 PM	Dolores DiGiacomo, Pat & Connie Cerone & Dave Fabry
8:30 AM	Miriam Mitchell & Jenny Custer
10:30 AM	Margareta & Mike DeMonte, Mary Whelihan & Jeff Haley
7:00 PM	Kathleen Johnson, Cesaria & Kale Adote & Katie Bryson

### Counters

Jon & Marie Rothberg

## CONGRATULATIONS!

NEW ALTAR SERVERS - INSTALLATION MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019 @ 10:30 AM



## 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.

### SPECIAL EVENTS FOR LENT!

**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.

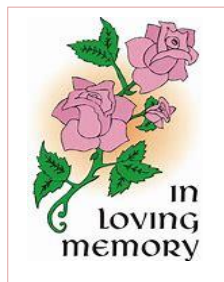
### STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOLLOWED BY A LENTEN SUPPER

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.

### 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 Memorial Mass for  
William Kelly,  
son of  
Deacon & Mrs. Gerry Kelly  
will be offered on Saturday,  
April 27, 2019 at  
10:30 AM.*



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

Thank you, thank you for your generous donations of Peanut Butter and Jelly.

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

Everyone is invited to help at this event.  
It was a fun evening last year!

**Donations benefitting St. Francis Inn!**

**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.



**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.*

*Volunteers*

MAKE GREAT THINGS HAPPEN!  
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**Looking for Teen Volunteers to help with the Easter 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

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



The Stations of the Cross

*Jesus is  
Judged by Pilate*



*Tuesdays of Lent 7:00 p.m.*

*Followed by Confessions*



**Congratulations!**

Samuel Grosser  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade student at  
LaSalle College High  
School received  
1<sup>st</sup> honors.



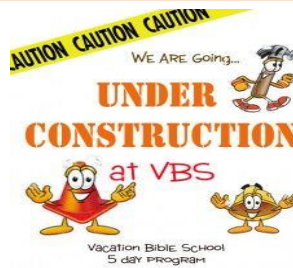
## Catholic Charities 2019 "Partners in Hope"

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 14<sup>th</sup>, 35 parishioners have donated a total of \$10,090 or 20% of our goal. Please be generous!**

### Verse of the Day – March 24, 2019

"Even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

[Joel 2:12-13](#)



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

## 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.

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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

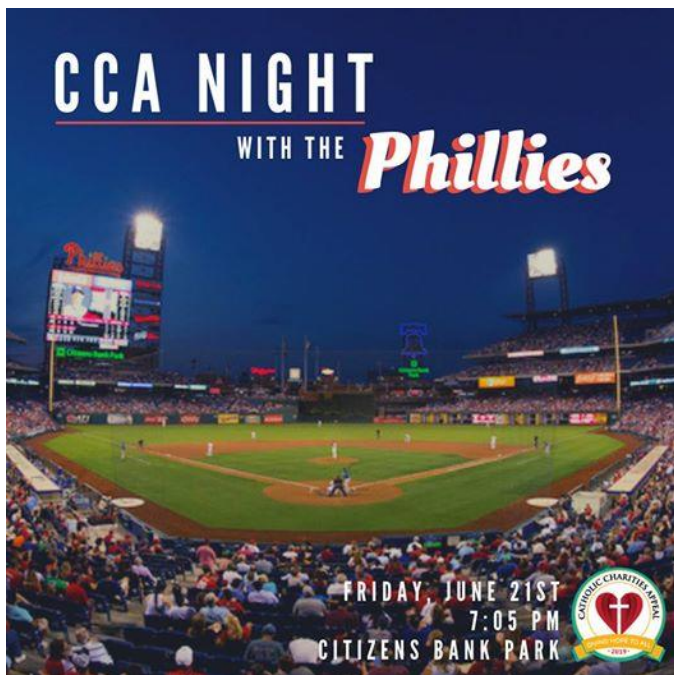
Call Marge Kiefski at 215-913-4482 or by email at [mmkiefski@aol.com](mailto:mmkiefski@aol.com)

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 \_\_\_\_\_



Join the Catholic Charities Appeal for CCA Night with the Phillies on June 21st! If 500 tickets are sold, a student from Catholic Social Services Out-of-School Time Program will throw out the first pitch of the game and a beneficiary group will sing the National Anthem.

A portion of all tickets sold will directly benefit the CCA and our incredible beneficiaries. Tickets are available in three different sections of the ballpark – to purchase tickets visit

[phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight](http://phillies.com/catholiccharitiesnight)

#GivingHopeCCA #phillies #RingTheBell

#bryceharper

IHM Conference Center - 401 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue  
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 - 610-581-0120

**Movie With Meaning:  
“Same Kind of Different as Me”**

Wednesday, April 3, 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)

This movie is based on a true story of international art dealer Ron Hall, who befriends a homeless man in hopes of saving his struggling marriage. His wife is a woman whose dreams will lead all three of them on the most remarkable journey of their lives.

**Conference Day:**

**“Forgiveness, the Other Side of Love”**

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Presenter: Sister Beth Woodward, IHM

Stipend: \$40 (includes breakfast, lunch, confession, and Mass)

In a world where violence is escalating, the awareness and practice of forgiveness becomes even more vital. What is forgiveness? Where do we learn to forgive, and how can we forgive as Jesus did? Models of forgiveness will be presented as we explore “forgiveness, the other side of love.”

Kindly register for these events by calling 610-581-0120 or email Sister Marie at

[ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com](mailto:ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com)



**Wedding Anniversary Mass**

**Saturday May 4 2019, 5:15 PM Anticipated Mass** • The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass is celebrated for couples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who have been married 1-5 years, married 25 years or more, and married 50 years or more.

**Malvern Retreat House  
11<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Golf Classic**

Please join The Malvern Retreat House for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Golf Classic on Tuesday, May 21st at the fantastic Whitmarsh Valley CC in Lafayette Hill. Partial proceeds will benefit the area homeless through our *Malvern Cares* program. Outing includes lunch, championship golf, reception, dinner, live/silent auctions and a golfer gift.

Players/donors/sponsorship opportunities are still available! For more information, visit:

[www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com) or contact Tara

McCormick: [tmccormick@malvernretreat.com](mailto:tmccormick@malvernretreat.com)