

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

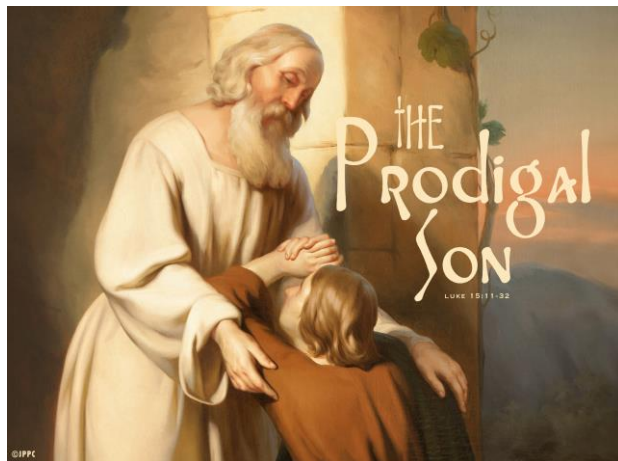
NEW PARISHIONERS: *Welcome to Saint Matthias Parish!* Please see one of the priests after any weekend Mass or call the Rectory if you are interested in registering at Saint Matthias Parish.

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 31, 2019 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)

March 31, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Lent(Laetare Sunday)

Mass Intentions
for the Week

Saturday, March 30 – *Lenten Weekday*

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

Sunday, March 31 – *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

***8:30 In Memory of Margy Norton**
10:30 Maggie Duffy
7:00 In Thanksgiving for the Torrecampo Family

Monday, April 1 – *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, April 2 – *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 Paloma Faith Fitzgerald – 1st Birthday

Wednesday, April 3 – *Lenten Weekday*

7:30 Special Intentions of Silvio Caiaro

Thursday, April 4 – *Lenten Weekday*

7:30

Friday, April 5 – *Lenten Weekday*

7:30

Saturday, April 6 – *Lenten Weekday*

8:00 In Thanksgiving to the Infant of Prague
5:00 Ray & Roxanne Nepomuceno

Sunday, April 7 – *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:30 Andrew G. Block
10:30 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Fleming
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: **Meredith DiFilippo.**

**Second Collection Envelopes this Weekend:
Rice Bowl.**

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 – Universal

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

Sacrificial Giving ~ Stewardship

March 23 & 24, 2019 - \$7,179

March 24 & 25, 2018 - \$6,191

Second Collection – Church in Europe

March 23 & 24 2019 - \$448

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

Priest Celebrant Schedule: April 6 & 7

5:00 Msgr. Gerard Mesure

8:30 Rev. Sean Bransfield

10:30 Msgr. Gerard Mesure

7:00 Rev. Gregory Finn



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – April 14

Palms will be blessed at each Mass in memory of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem

Saturday, April 13

Confessions 4:15 – 4:45 PM

Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 14

Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 AM, and 7:00 PM

Monday of Holy Week – April 15

Mass: 7:30 AM

Tuesday of Holy Week – April 16

Mass: 7:30 AM

Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

Confessions available after Stations

Wednesday of Holy Week – April 17

Mass: 7:30 AM

Holy Thursday – April 18

Morning Prayer (Lauds): 8:00 AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM

The Church will remain open until 10:00 PM

for adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament at the Repository

Good Friday – April 19

Morning Prayer (Lauds): 8:00 AM

The Church will remain open all day for visitation

Confessions: 12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 PM

(Reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion)

Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday – April 20

Morning Prayer (Lauds): 8:00 AM

Easter Egg Hunt: 11:00 AM

Blessing of Easter Food: 11:30 AM

Confessions: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM *No 5:00 PM Mass*

Easter Sunday – April 21

Masses: 8:30 & 10:30 AM, *and 12 Noon*

No 7:00 PM Mass



Anointing of the Sick

Anointing Mass

Sunday, April 7, 10:30 AM

During the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, April 7th we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. In this sacrament the Church commends to the Lord, those Faithful who are in danger due to serious illness or old age.

Those seeking to be anointed should speak to one of the Greeters before the Mass. There will be special seating in the front of the Church on the St. Joseph Side.

Contact the Rectory if you have any questions.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOLLOWED BY A LENTEN SUPPER
Friday, April 12th 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.

The Stations of the Cross

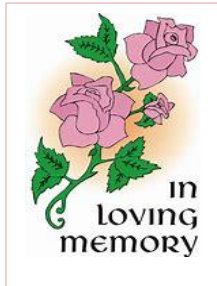
*Jesus,
Betrayed by
Judas, is Arrested*



Tuesdays of Lent 7:00 p.m.
Followed by Confessions

Verse of the Day – March 31, 2019

Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness. **Genesis 15:6**



*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 5th
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 14th 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.



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**



CONGRATULATIONS!

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS - INSTALLATION
MASS**

TODAY, MARCH 31ST @ 10:30 AM



**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.



PREP Schedule

Sunday, April 14th – gather in gym @ 8:45 A “Fill a Bag with Love Event” (Parents are welcome to join us)

Sunday, April 21st – **NO PREP “Happy Easter”**

Sunday, April 28th – gather in gym @ 8:45 AM

Sunday, May 5th – gather in gym @ 8:45 AM

Sunday, May 12th – gather in the gym at 10:00 AM
dismissal at 11:30 or after the 10:30 Mass

SAINT MATTHIAS PARISH VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2019

THEME “Under Construction”

June 24th to June 28th 9:00 AM to 12 Noon

Lunch Bunch 12:00 Noon to 12:45 (bring your lunch)

Children ages K through 4th grade

5th to 8th grade Jr. Volunteers.

High School Students Camp Assistants

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT ENTRANCES

Laetare Sunday is the popular name for the Fourth Sunday in Lent. *Laetare* means “Rejoice” in Latin, and the Introit (entrance antiphon) in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo is Isaiah 66:10-11, which begins “*Laetare, Jerusalem*” (“Rejoice, O Jerusalem”).

Because the midpoint of Lent is the Thursday of the third week of Lent, **Laetare Sunday** has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened. The passage from Isaiah continues, “rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow,” and on Laetare Sunday, the purple vestments and altar cloths of Lent are set aside, and rose ones are used instead.

Flowers, which are normally forbidden during Lent, may be placed on the altar. Traditionally, the organ was never played during Lent, except on **Laetare Sunday**.

Laetare Sunday is also known as Rose Sunday or Refreshment Sunday, and it has a counterpart in Advent: Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, when purple vestments are exchanged for rose ones. The point of both days is to provide us encouragement as we progress toward the end of each respective penitential season.

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 _____

Liturgical Ministry Schedule
April 6 & 7, 2019

Lectors

5:00 PM Pat Black
8:30 AM Megan Zak
10:30 AM Dennis Unpingo
7:00 PM Vanessa Kraus

Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 PM Pat Black & Dan Russoniello
8:30 AM Dennis Zak Mary Graham Zak
10:30 AM Deacon Mike & Eileen Keenan
7:00 PM Ray & Rox Nepomuceno

Altar Servers

5:00 PM Chris Hyland
8:30 AM Amelie Lemay & Nathan Tran
10:30 AM Emily Donoghue, Mai Linh & Nolan Shanley
7:00 PM Roman & Mia Nepomuceno

Greeters

5:00 PM Pat & Connie Cerone
8:30 AM Mary Graham Zak, Claudia Martinez,
Miriam Mitchell & Heidi Schultz
10:30 AM Jeff Haley, Tia Pratt, Stephanie Shin &
Carlo
7:00 PM Rox & Ray Nepomuceno, Peter Van
Allen & Mary Switkey

Counters

Dolores DiGiacomo & Brian Fogarty



The Sacrament of *Baptism*
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*Congratulations to the following who have recently been
baptized at St. Matthias*

January 20, 2019 - **Kennedy Condon** daughter of Timothy
Condon and Susie Giunta Condon

March 17, 2019 - **Helena Hansbro** daughter of Jeff Hansbro
and Kathryn Simok Hansbro

March 24, 2019 - **Naomi Carol Plocki** daughter of Alexander
Plock and Mary Caroline Sincavage Plock



Retrouvaille
... a lifeline for Marriages

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their Marriages through Retrouvaille (Retro-VIE). If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program please pass it on. Couples learn to build communication skills and rediscover intimacy. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. **The next program in your area begins on the weekend of April 26 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Another weekend will be held in August.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**EXPERIENCE LOVE & ACCEPTANCE BY
COMING HOME TO THE CATHOLIC
CHURCH.**

There's an old saying that goes, "Once a Catholic, always a Catholic." Maybe you have been away from the Church for a little while or for quite some time, but now you feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Catholic Church. Listen to that tug. It's your Heavenly Father reaching his arms out to you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, hoping to draw you home.

We hope you accept this as your invitation to rediscover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic faith. As your brothers and sisters in our worldwide Catholic family, we want you back. We've missed you, and our Church is not the same without you.

Regardless of why you left or got out of the habit of going to Mass, you can always come home and return to the practice of the sacraments and the fullness of relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church he founded. We are Catholic. Welcome



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 22nd, 44 parishioners have donated a total of \$10,900 or 22% of our goal. Please be generous!**