

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

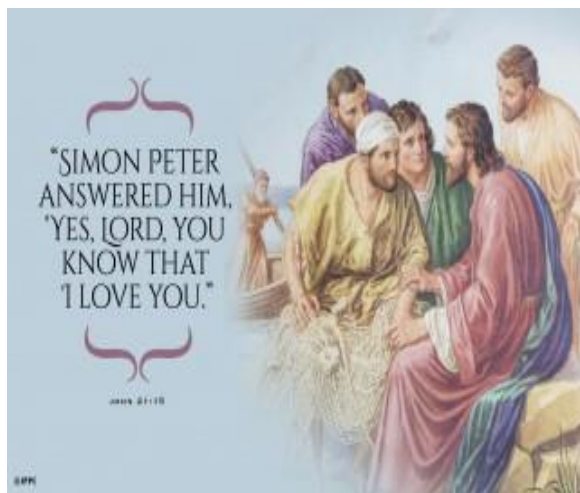
NEW PARISHIONERS: *Welcome to Saint Matthias Parish!* Please see one of the priests after any weekend Mass or call the Rectory if you are interested in registering at Saint Matthias Parish.

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.



MAY 5, 2019 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2019

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 4 – *Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM Ernest Augustine

Sunday, May 5 – *Third Sunday of Easter*

8:30 AM Marie Przystewski
10:30 AM For Our First Communicants
7:00 PM For St. Matthias Parishioners

Monday, May 6 – *Easter Weekday*

Tuesday, May 7 – *Easter Weekday*

Wednesday, May 8 – *Easter Weekday*

7:30 Clement Wimmer

Thursday, May 9 – *Easter Weekday*

Friday, May 10 – *Easter Weekday*

7:30 AM Patrick O'Gara

Saturday, May 11 – *Easter Weekday*

***5:00 PM** Young Catholics will remain close to the Church

Sunday, May 12 – *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

8:30 AM Maureen Lyons (Happy Birthday)
10:30 AM Bill Duffy
7:00 PM For 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:

Tina & Chris Bromley

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Rose Augustine, Lorraine Beaulieu, Richard & Mary Jane Breen, Christopher Browne, Sister Margaret Donohue, R.S.M., Terri Gaspar, 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

Sacrificial Giving ~ Stewardship

April 27 & 28th, 2019 - \$6,633

April 28 & 29, 2018 - \$6,305

Second Collection - \$309.00

Second Collection this Sunday is for Catholic Home Mission

Thank you for your continued sacrificial generosity!



Intentions of Pope Francis

May, 2019 – Evangelization

That the church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.



***Congratulations!
Our prayers are with
Our First
Communicants
who will receive Jesus
for the first time in the***

***Most Blessed Sacrament, Sunday at the
10:30 Mass***

Priest Celebrant Schedule: May 11 & 12

5:00 PM Rev. Gregory Finn
8:30 AM Rev. Sean Bransfield
10:30 AM Msgr. Gerard Mesure
NOON Rev. Sean Bransfield



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



**St. John
Hospice
Casseroles!**

Please consider making a casserole, freezing it, and dropping it off at our parish gym **on Monday morning, May 20**, (3rd Monday of every month). Pans are located in the Church vestibules. Simple, nourishing, yet inexpensive recipes, and more information can be found at saintjohnshospice.org.



Mother's Day Carnations

Mother's Day Carnations will be available to support the Pro-Life Union after all the Masses on May 11th & May 12th.



Congratulations!

Our very own, Amelie Lemay, a student at Harriton High School, earned a perfect score on her **AM Exam**.

According to the College Board, Amelie was one of only 113 students in the world to score the maximum number of points on the exam.

BRAVO!!!!



**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 April 25, 61 parishioners have donated a total of \$17,136 or 34% of our goal. Please be generous!**



**All-Day Eucharistic
Adoration
This Tuesday,
May 7, 2019**

The Most Blessed Sacrament is exposed on our Altar for Adoration from following the 7:30 AM Mass through Benediction at 7:00 PM. Stop by for 15, 30, 60 or more minutes with God. Please sign up for a slot on the sheet at the rear of the Church.



Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive

We want to thank all those who donated peanut butter and jelly so that we could make sandwiches for those who use the services of St. Francis Inn in Kensington. Many of these individuals have no place to live and come to St. Francis Inn for a meal and companionship.

Many of those who participate in the Friday Family Fun Night came and helped make sandwiches before hitting the court for some basketball. It was heartwarming to see toddlers, young children and families as well as some of our seasoned parishioners spreading peanut butter & jelly on bread to feed those who are homeless. The children learned how important one sandwich is to a person who has little to nothing to eat without their help and those of the good people at St. Francis Inn.



Toiletries Drive

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated toiletries for those who utilize St. John Hospice's

Program. The "Youth Group" PREP volunteers organized all the donations into categories and prepared them to be packed by the PREP students. The young artists from K-4th grade decorated brown lunch bags with their unique artistic talents and the bags were then filled by the older PREP students. Some of the 5th & 6th Grade PREP students stapled the bags and packed them into boxes for delivery to St. John's.

This was a great ministry experience for all the PREP students as they learned about the difficulties that are faced by those who are homeless and live on the streets of Philadelphia and who rely on others for food and personal care items. The children also prayed for the people who would receive these care packages.

Verse of the Day – May 5, 2019

"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Matthew 6:9



Easter Egg Hunt

Hop! Hop! Hop! came the Easter Bunny with her associates to help the children gather Easter Eggs on Easter Saturday. The Easter Bunny posed for many photos with the children when they arrived at the Easter Egg Hunt. There were over 300 Easter Eggs to find that were hidden by the bunny and her volunteers throughout the convent to be discovered by those who braved the rain and wind. Each child had their own unique style of finding and securing eggs into their baskets, some grabbed all they could, others selected specific colors, and some went for the most obvious ones "hidden in plain sight". The children then emptied the goodies from the eggs and received an extra prize and they left hopping home to more adventures for the day. We thank all who came with their parents to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt and we especially thank our Easter Bunny and all those who helped make it a fun day for the children of the St. Matthias Parish.

Ministry



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Ministers who assisted during the Holy Week and Easter Services. Our celebrations of Holy

Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday were beautiful and captured the essence of Jesus Christ's love for us and His everlasting ability to forgive us our sins and bless us with His love and mercy. We want to thank the Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors and Greeters for their service to the parishioners of St. Matthias Parish during this sacred week when we recall the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We also take this opportunity to say thank you to all those who offer their time and talents through their ministry throughout the year. You are most appreciated, and we ask God to continue to bless you always.



Remember your Mom next Sunday!

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12!

Liturgical Ministry Schedule May 11 & 12

Lectors

5:00 PM	Katie Bryson
8:30 AM	Erin Rooney
10:30 AM	Tia Pratt
7:00 PM	Vanessa Kraus

Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 PM	Nelson & Mary Ellen Keyser
8:30 AM	Deacon Mike Kubiak & Letty Padolina
10:30 AM	Eileen Keenan & Andrea Constantino
7:00 PM	Vanessa Kraus & Rox Nepomuceno

Altar Servers

5:00 PM	Chris Hyland & Chris Mamo
8:30 AM	Patrick & Cormac Rooney & Gerard Wilk
10:30 AM	Alexia Levine, Paloma Cordova & Annabel Shin
7:00 PM	Roman & Mia Nepomuceno & Eva Kraus

Greeters

5:00 PM	Dolores DiGiacomo, Maria Damas & Claire Mamo
8:30 AM	Mark Rooney, Heidi Schultze, Alan Tremper & Jenny Custer
10:30 AM	Mary Whelihan, Jeff Haley, Stephanie Shin & Carlo Falco
7:00 PM	Rox & Ray Nepomuceno & Maddie Brown

Counters

Jon & Marie Rothberg

A SPECIAL NOTE OF
thanks

Where has the time gone? Feeling like it was just Christmas, but Easter Sunday has come and gone. We are blessed to have such a wonderful pastor and priests here at St. Matthias, Holy Week and Easter were beautiful. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their service to our parish. Altar guild, altar servicers, greeters, eucharistic minister, choir and

for those who participated in the liturgies we are grateful.

Looking back the PB&J sandwich making was fun and successful. St. Francis Inn was thrilled to have something extra to share with the homeless. Also, during Lent the kids filled bags with toiletries for St. John Hospice. Without **YOUR** donations these events would not have been possible. Thank you always for your generosity.



This is the end of the year for our Parish Religious Program, today we celebrate First Holy Communion, 17 of our parish children will receive Jesus for the first time.

Next Sunday, May 19th the closing Mass for PREP at 10:30 AM. Hope you can join us as we crown Mary our Queen and Mother.

Our PREP teachers have been so patient and so willing to help during our move from the parish center to the convent and most recently our move out of the convent. Lot's of boxes were packed and unpacked! I (we) thank these special people and ask the Lord to bless them and to continue to inspire them.

Parents, your cooperation is appreciated during our move. I always keep you in my prayer. Thank you for teaching your children the importance of being a part of a parish family.

Finally, I am personally grateful for our pastor, Monsignor Mesure who keeps us grounded and on track, Father Bransfield, who came to visit our PREP kids throughout the year and participated during summer camp and the Christmas Fun Fest.

Despite all the changes it has been a great year and I am looking forward to our new home in the newly renovated convent about to be transformed into our New Parish Center. Have a great summer and be safe.

Gratefully,

Peggy Haley, CRE

Quo Vadis Days – June 24-27, 2019



High school men are invited to gather for this 4-day, 3-night camp with the Philadelphia Seminarians. The camp includes dynamic talks, small group discussions, meaningful prayer experiences, and a fun environment including a ropes course, swimming pool, lake, basketball, soccer, frisbee, and more. A sliding scale registration fee of \$25-\$300 includes lodging, meals, t-shirt, and activities. To register, or for more information, visit HeedTheCall.org/QuoVadis or call the Vocation Office at (610) 667-5778

Celebrate Mary with MOM



May is the month of Mary. Since she is the patroness of our *Ministry of Mothers* (MOM) group, we will focus on getting to know her better this month. We'll begin by better understanding her titles of Mother of God, Immaculate Conception, and Our Lady of Lourdes.

All are welcomed to join us on **any one of the following Mondays** from 9:00 – 10:15am, in the Antioch Annex (the lower church) of St Margaret Church in Narberth: 208 N Narberth Avenue.

Our following meetings, all 9:00 – 10:15am, are:

May 15 - The Rosary (We will pray the rosary together.)

May 29 - Mary: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Fatima and Czestochowa

June 12 – Our last meeting before the summer break

Coffee, refreshments and toys are always provided.



MERION MERCY ACADEMY

Merion Mercy Academy, an independent, all girls Catholic High School sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, has an opening for a Varsity Basketball coach and a JV Volleyball coach for the 2019-2020 school year. Interested and qualified applicants are asked to submit a cover letter and resume by May 10th to Athletic Director, Barbara Clarke, at bclarke@merion-mercy.com.

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 11, 2019 – Ordination to the Diaconate, 10:00 a.m.

Location: St. Martin of Tours Chapel

May 12, 2019 – World Day of Prayer for Vocations

May 14, 2019 – Baccalaureate Mass, 4:00 p.m.

Location: St. Martin of Tours Chapel

May 15, 2019 – Concursus, 10:00 a.m.

Location: St. Martin of Tours Chapel

May 18, 2019 – Ordination to the Priesthood, 10:00 a.m.

Location: Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

May 23, 2019 – Cardinal Foley Symposium, 7 p.m.

Location: Vianney Hall Auditorium

The Cardinal Foley Symposium's lecture and discussion will be "From Social Network Communities to the Human Community" and will be followed by the presentation of the Cardinal Foley Award to *Wall Street Journal* columnist Bill McGurn.

Malvern Retreat House **11th Annual Spring Golf Classic**

Please join The Malvern Retreat House for the 11th Annual Spring Golf Classic on Tuesday, May 21st at the fantastic Whitemarsh 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 or contact Tara McCormick: tmccormick@malvernretreat.com

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way, it is not irritable or resentful, it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." – *1 Corinthians 13:4-7*