

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

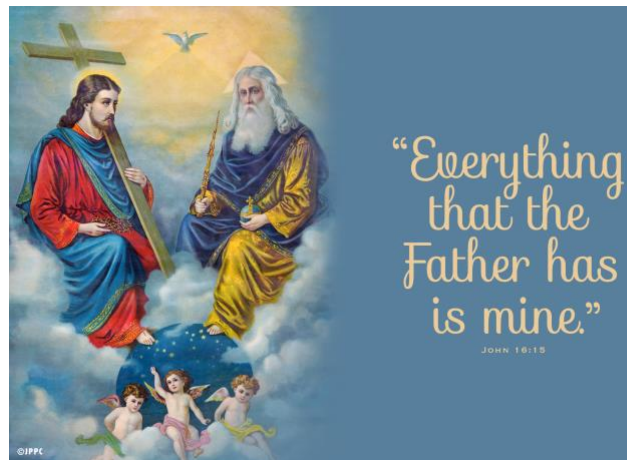
NEW PARISHIONERS: *Welcome to Saint Matthias Parish!* Please see one of the priests after any weekend Mass or call the Rectory if you are interested in registering at Saint Matthias Parish.

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.



JUNE 16, 2019 – MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

June 16, 2019

Trinity Sunday



Saturday, June 15 – *Weekday*

8:00 AM For the Gift of the Life of Patricia Finn Thornton*

5:00 PM Ernest Augustine

Sunday, June 16 – *The Most Holy Trinity*

8:30 AM Louise Vesci

10:30 AM James and Nora Rita Gibbons

7:00 PM Lauren Shenoy

Monday, June 17 – *Weekday*

7:30 AM For Our Parishioners

Tuesday, June 18 – *Saint Barnabas*

7:30 AM Nicholas Chovanes

Wednesday, June 19 – *Weekday*

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, June 20 – *Weekday*

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

Friday, June 21 – *Saint Aloysius Gonzaga*

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, June 22 – *Weekday*

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

5:00 PM Gerald P. Butler

Sunday, June 23 – *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

8:30 AM Rocque "Rock" Fernandes*

10:30 AM Special Intentions of Alan Burdo Shaw

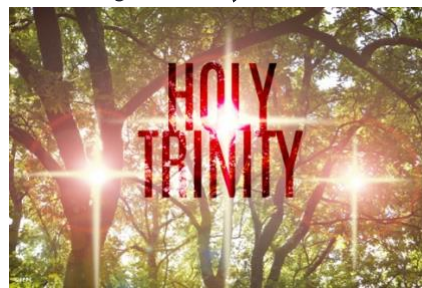
7:00 PM For Our Parishioners

** 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 an intention. Please call the rectory with your intention request by Friday of the previous week.

June 16, 2019



What is Trinity Sunday?

As the first Sunday after Pentecost, Trinity Sunday celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This day is notable for being the only major Christian festival that celebrates a doctrine of the church rather than an event in its sacred history

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Lorraine Beaulieu, Richard & Mary Jane Breen, Christopher Browne, Patricia Coyle, Sister Margaret Donohue, R.S.M., Terri Gaspar, Louise Grato, Raymond Hinson, Dr. Joan Hurlock, Rev. John Kelly, S.J., 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

June 15 & 16, 2019 - \$7,099

June 2 & 3, 2018 - \$4,559

Mission Collection - \$2,116

Thank you for your continued sacrificial generosity!

Priest Celebrant Schedule: June 23 & 24

5:00 PM Rev. Sean Bransfield
8:30 AM Rev. John McGinnis
10:30 AM Rev. Sean Bransfield
7:00 PM Msgr. Gerard C. Mesure

Parish Religious Education Program



SAINT MATTHIAS 2019-2020

Registration Fee is \$150.00 and \$100.00 for each additional child

Early registration before 8/1/16 is \$130.00

Confirmation Preparation Begins in September

PREP IS OPEN FOR PARISH CHILDREN GRADES K THROUGH 8

First day of PREP TBA (early September)

Forms available at church entrances and on the website

*Taking a vacation this summer?
Your parish doesn't!*



—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—

More information at www.saintmatthias.org

A Prayer for Employment

God, our Father, I turn to you seeking your divine help and guidance as I look for suitable employment. I need your wisdom to guide my footsteps along the right path, and to lead me to find the proper things to say and do in this quest. I wish to use the gifts and talents you have given me, but I need the opportunity to do so with gainful employment. I know you will not abandon me, dear Father, in this search, but rather grant me this favor I seek so that I may return to you with praise and thanksgiving for your gracious assistance. Grant this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule
June 15 & 16**

Lectors

5:00 PM Denise Francis
8:30 AM Allison Heid
10:30 AM Toni Pratt
7:00 PM Vanessa Kraus

Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 PM Deacon Mike and Dolores DiGiacomo
8:30 AM Charlie and Peg Lamb
10:30 AM Andrea and Luis Constantino
7:00 PM Vanessa and Therese Kraus

Altar Servers

5:00 PM Jenna Briggs and Nathan Tran
8:30 AM Ben Palasol, Samantha Torrecampo, Nolan Shanley and Chris Mamo
10:30 AM Lucas Rodriguez, Alexia Levine and Mai Linh Shanley
7:00 PM Eva Kraus, Keiko Nguyen and Hanna Nguyen

Greeters

5:00 PM Pat and Connie Cerone and Dolores DiGiacomo
8:30 AM Claudia Martinez, Miriam Mitchell, Jenny Custer and Claire Mamo
10:30 AM Jeff Haley, Peggy Haley and Tia Pratt
7:00 PM Peter Van Allen and Maddie Brown

Counters

Shane & Diann Coady & Louise Vesci



**Intentions of
Pope Francis**

June 2019 – Evangelization

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those most poor.



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 June 12, 2019, 77 parishioners have donated a total of \$19,141 or 38% of our goal. Please be generous!**

Readings for the Week: June 16, 2019

- Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 97:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4; Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a; Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** 2 Cor 1:1-11; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
- Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 6:19-23
- Saturday:** 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 6:24-34
- Sunday:** Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

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.

Each year, we publish a listing in the bulletin of all our parish graduates (high school, college, graduate, post-graduate, etc.) and other good news of our parishioners. This year, the list will appear in the **June 23rd** bulletin. Please email information directly to nickfiorellini@gmail.com or call the Rectory at 610-664-0207 with the information **no later than Monday, June 17th at 12:00 Noon. Because of printing deadlines, absolutely no submissions can be accepted after that date and time.** Please include: name, school graduating from (degree, if appropriate), school going to in the fall (major, if appropriate)/future plans, awards received, etc.

Young Adult Emmaus Retreat

All young adults aged 18-35 are invited to attend this 24-hour retreat! Whether you are curious about Catholicism or are already deeply in love with the Church, we invite young people of all stages of faith to join us. This overnight retreat will bless all who attend—it is guaranteed! Single or married – you are welcome here.

Fr. Jim Otto and Fr. John Wackerman are the retreat directors for this all-new retreat!

Event Location: Malvern Retreat House
Date & Time: Friday June 28 – 6:30 PM to Saturday, June 29 – 12:00 PM

Verse of the Day – June 16, 2019

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine...

Proverbs 3:9-10



Sacred Heart Novena



Casseroles for Saint John's Hospice
We are grateful to those who make casseroles, freeze them in foil pans (pans & recipes available in the church vestibules), then place them in the gym lobby on the morning of the **third Monday of each month**. The next pickup will be on **June 17, 2019**. Saint John's Hospice seeks to be a community that is grounded in faith and service. Here, homeless individuals find dignity, respect, nourishment, and opportunities for new beginnings. The hospice is in dire need of additional casseroles each month as the number of homeless men served has increased over the past years. Will you lend a hand by feeding the hungry? Many thanks to those who exercise this Corporal Work of Mercy.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is one of the most widely practiced and well-known devotions, taking Jesus' physical heart as the representation of His divine love for humanity. The devotion especially emphasizes the unmitigated love, compassion, and long-suffering of the heart of Christ towards humanity. The Feast of the Sacred Heart (formally, Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus) has been a solemnity in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church since 1856. It falls on the Friday 19 days after Pentecost. This year the Feast will be observed on June 28th. One form of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a Novena.

Join Parishioners for the Phillies vs Pirates Ballgame this August!



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A novena—and prayers—to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at Saint Matthias church starting at **6:30 pm** from **June 20 to June 28**. Mass celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart will be at **7:00 pm on Friday June 28**. All are welcome!

Join fellow Parishioners for the Phillies vs Pirates on Monday, August 26 at 7:05 PM

Altar Servers: In Thanks for your Ministry Service, your attendance to the game is free of charge.

If fifty tickets are sold, the **cost of attendance will only be \$10.00 per ticket**.

If there is sufficient interest, a bus will be ordered for transportation from the Parish. E-mail secretarymatthias@outlook.com or call Eileen at 610-664-0207 at the rectory to order seats. A non-refundable deposit is required to hold tickets; seats must be paid for by July 12, 2019.

Register for Camp Matthias



Do you have a young child and are looking for something for them to do this summer? Come join us at Camp Matthias from **June 24 to June 28** in the gym for Bible stories, games, crafts and fun!

Camp will run from **9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Noon**; bring a lunch and **stay until 1:00 PM**. Morning snack will be provided.

Register now and do not miss out! Registration forms are available at all church entrances or call the rectory at 610-664-0207.

Significance of Father's Day 2019

Father's Day is a holiday celebrated annually on the third Sunday of June. It is a day that commemorates fatherhood and appreciates all fathers and father-figures (including grandfathers, great-grandfathers, stepfathers, and foster fathers) as well as their contribution to society.

History of Father's Day

The History of Father's Day 2019 dates back to 1910 in Spokane, Washington, where 27-year-old Sonora Dodd proposed it as a way to honor the man (a civil war veteran William Jackson Smart) who raised her and her five siblings alone after her mom died in childbirth. Dodd was at a church thinking about how grateful she was for her father when she had the idea for Father's Day, which would mirror Mother's Day but be celebrated in June, her dad's birthday month.

It is said that she was inspired after hearing a sermon about Jarvis' Mother's Day in 1909 at Central Methodist Episcopal Church, and she therefore told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. A bill to nationally recognize the holiday was introduced in Congress in 1913.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson went to Spokane to speak in a Father's Day celebration and wanted to make it official, but Congress resisted, with the fear that it would just be another commercialized holiday. The movement grew for years but only became popular nationally in 1924 under former President Calvin Coolidge.

The holiday gained popularity during World War II, with most men leaving their families to fight in the war. In 1966 President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed the third Sunday of June to be Father's Day. US President Calvin Coolidge recommended in 1924 that the day be celebrated by the nation, but stopped short of issuing a national proclamation.

Two attempts to formally recognize the holiday had earlier been rejection by Congress. In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972.

A Father's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ, our rock and defender.
Amen.

