Mission Statement

St. Matthias Parish is committed to becoming a prayerful community by celebrating the Sacraments together, and supporting the parish and one another by sharing the time, talents and treasures God has given us. Through prayer and good works we will strive to grow in peace and unity with God and our community.

Fr. Francisco and Staff would like to wish everyone a “Happy Easter”
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Church of St. Matthias, Sterling Heights

**Ministry Schedule**

**Saturday, April 27**
4:30 p.m.

**Presider:**
Fr. Francisco

**Lector:**
Matthew Cichowlas

**Servers:**
Valeria & Daniela

**Sunday, April 28**
8:30 a.m.

**Presider:**
Fr. Francisco

**Lector:**
Mariana Kozlowski

**Servers:**
Bommarito Family

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~ When a loved one passes away we ask you to please go to the funeral home first and they will contact the church. ~

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**Members Serving Our Country**

**Pfc Aaron C. Alley/Army**
**Spc Melissa Abton/Army**
**Pvt Alexander Bayadich/Marines**
**Sgt. Michael J. Borg/ Air Force**
**Sgt Andrew Chapotou/Army**
**S/Sgt Mark Darling/ Air Force**
**Pvt Brandon Dodson/Marines**
**Capt David G. Fox/Army**
**Sgt. Jeffrey Frame/Army**
**A/Sgt Brandon Gadde/Air Force**
**Capt Michael Gates/Marines**
**Pvt Aaron B. Goebel/Army**

**Sgt Andrew W. Goebel/Army**
**Thomas A. Goebel/Marines Recruit**
**T/Sgt Glenn Harbaugh/Air Force**
**ATI Robert Hasenauer III/Navv**
**Paul moss/Marines**
**Jack W. Manning, Jr./Navv**
**Sgt Daniel Mills/Army**
**T/Sgt Priebe/Navv Reserves**
**Capt Christopher Ray/Marines**
**Cpt. Jonathan Becor/Air Force**
**CW2 Joseph Becor/Army**

**ES5/Sgt Scott J. Resk/Air Force**
**Sgt John Salvio/ Air Force**
**Steven Schatzberg/Army**
**Gunnery S/Sgt Jonathan Stumpor/Marines**
**Sgt Gerald (Jake) Stier/Army Reserves**
**Capt John Szatkowski/Navv**
**CMSgt Gerald Szydlowski/Air Force**
**Spc Michael R. Weber/Army**
**Pvt Douglas Wojtowicz/Army**
**W4 Matthew Zelenak/Army**
**Spc Peter Zelenak/Army**

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**Remember in your prayers**

Aunt Linda
Jamie Adams
Jordan Agosta
Adrienne Akers
Ramsey Azara
Christine Babisch
Deborah Baranski
John David Battani
John Joseph Battani
Gerri Beausep
Jan Brady
Andrew Bruzewicz
Josie Campbell
Darrin Campis
Kimberly Cameron
Debbie Care
Amanda Celeste
Fara Chirco
Sue Clements
Margaret Conflitti
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Sam Coppola
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Helen Decker
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Kenneth McGuire
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Grace Militello
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Randy Ross
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Stella Sabatell
Chrisy Salade
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Tahlia Serafinowska
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Frank Singer
Judy Smith
Loretta Spaner
Larry Stevens
Adam Stolarczyk
Mac Sullivan
Debbie Swecker
Walter Szatkowski
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We have been preparing for our Easter celebration with the prayers of Lent. We have been praying with the call back to our own baptismal innocence. We now pray forwardly; leaning towards the adventure of living Christ’s life within us more publicly. We pray to toss out the old “yeast” and allow God’s “yeast of grace” to leaven our human dough and inspire us to rise to full stature as his body. We ask to be “untombed” ourselves from fear, self-negativity and agenda-driven convenience. If we do not rise then his rising remains merely His personal history. We can pray for the grace of making his rising our communal Good News! Three months ago, just before Christmas, the sun began its return toward our half of the globe. The ancient celebrations of its return proclaimed hope, fruitfulness and life. We have Easter symbols of little chickens scratching their way out of eggshells. We have little baby rabbits hopping playfully around young children. We have Easter flowers to sing the ancient hymn which I heard on our front lawn this morning. The sun rose and by its light we see all things anew. Death has been conquered and life belongs again to the living. The Gospel opens with the darkness just before dawn. This again is an artistic form for the writer of this account; good things happen in the light and bad things occur in the dark. Something really good is about to happen, but not quite just yet. Mary Magdala comes to the tomb while still in the dark about Jesus’ having risen, but it is not night; the dawning of the light is very near. She notices the stone having been rolled aside, but she is still in the dark about its true meaning. We may be in the dark about how the Resurrection took place. We can intellectually stay in the tomb of our prideful minds until some light turns us on. The early believers saw what they saw and believed what they could not see. They began making news by their living in the light, in the day of hope. Seeing, having to see, demanding to see leads ultimately to frustration and back into the dark. Dawn is such a wonderful Easter symbol. At dawn though, which is the time in which we actually live, things are just coming into view. Peter and the other disciple saw, but it was the dawning of the dawn, not the noon of eternal clarity. The news from the early Church was and is that we have just the exact right amount to see and still believe. Having to see signs, evidence, written reports and such is a form of blindness. We who believe are “untombed” to make news by our living in the light, the promise of hope and great joy to each recipient. Thank you. We are truly a blessed community!

Questions for Reflection

What do you need to do to make your life more joyful, juicy and jubilant?

How are you experiencing signs of Christ’s risen life around you, or within you these days?

Name a situation in your life that needs some resurrection spirit brought to it and what you might be able to do to stir up that spirit?

What were the highlight moments for you in this year’s celebration of Holy Week?

Respond in Action

Resurrect some area of creativity in your life that lies dormant or has been ignored.

Plant some Alleluia seeds (for yourself or with a young child). Bury the seeds inside pieces of paper with the word Alleluia on them along with your marigold, morning glory, etc. seeds. The paper will turn to compost. As your new shoots appear, greet them with an Alleluia!

Love Conquers Death

An open door and a vacant tomb, linen cloths tossed carelessly to the side—simple signs of a life raised miraculously from the dead. Easter serves as a powerful proclamation that the God, who is love, is the conqueror of death.

What, in your personal experience, gives witness to love’s power to overcome sin and separation, difficulties and death?

Rejoice in the signs of resurrection that abound in your life, and offer praise to the God of empty tombs.

To New Life

A butterfly is a symbol of new life. Think about its life cycle. First it is a caterpillar. It spins a cocoon and stays inside for a while. Then it comes to new life as a butterfly. The butterfly’s new life is different from its old life as a caterpillar, but it is the same.

At Easter, we celebrate new life. Jesus died and then rose to new life. His new life is different than his old life, but he is the same Jesus. This is the same new life that we look forward to.

As a family, go for a walk. Look for signs of new life in nature.

"Whatever you do to the least of my brothers or sisters you do for me" Mt. 25:40

Sincere appreciation to all who pray for children and teens along with donating 45 Easter baskets. Your generosity and caring speaks loudly and helps to bring light, the promise of hope and great joy to each recipient. Thank you.

We are truly a blessed community!

“...This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.” Ps. 118:1-2
Reminder: Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, April 28, after each Mass, visit our St Matthias Resale Shop in the school area for resale of purses, ladies accessories and jewelry some with original clay pieces created from recycled materials. You may find a treasure for a Mother’s Day gift, for an upcoming birthday or special occasion or even a surprise for yourself. This fundraiser benefits our parish.

Mark your calendar

Wedding Anniversary Blessing at 11:00 am Mass Sunday, May 19, for couples celebrating their first year anniversary in 2019 or their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th or more years. All are invited to enjoy light refreshments in the Social Hall following Mass. Please RSVP to parish office 586-731-1300 by May 13 with number of people attending reception along with your wedding anniversary date.

Little White Books

The Easter Little White Books are now available at the entrances of our church. Just like the Little Black Books cover the season of Lent, the Little White Books cover the season of Easter from April 21 through June 9, Pentecost Sunday. This book is meant to help you enjoy six minutes a day in prayer during the 50 days of the Easter Season. Suggested Donation- $2.00

Looking for volunteers to join our Finance and Parish Councils. If interested please call the Parish Office. (586) 731-1300

We welcome our newly baptized Into our Faith Community

Santino Anthony Badia
and
Chloe Elise Collins
**Church Support**

Week of April 8, 2019

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Giving is not about making a donation.
It is about making a difference.

**St. Vincent De Paul**

~ Thank You for your generous giving to our requests ~

We are in need of:
- Breakfast Cereal
- Canned Fruit, Rice
- Rice Mixes, Saltine Crackers
- Pudding, Jello
- Ketchup, Dish Soap
- Paper Towel, & Toilet Paper

**Attention All Gardeners**

Spring is rapidly approaching. If there are any green thumbs in our congregation who would like to assist with the gardens at St. Matthias, please contact Pat Farris – 586-292-5179. We would welcome you with open green hands---

**Easter Flowers A Memorial, a Thank You In keeping with our tradition here at St. Matthias.**

Many of us have made it an Easter custom to contribute to our church as a special way to remember a deceased loved one or as a gesture of thanksgiving for the abundance that we all share. As Easter begins, we Thank You for your generous contribution towards the beautiful, multi-colored, flowering fragrances, remembering always that living and thriving plants symbolize the new life that we all share in the Risen Christ.

**St. Matthais Catholic Community**

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Email: parishoffice@stmatthiaschurch.net
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Pastor: Fr. Francisco Restrepo

Weekend Mass Times:
- Confessions: Saturdays: 3 p.m. until all heard or by appointment.
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Saturday 4:30pm – Sunday 8:30am & 11:00 am

Parish Office Hours:
- Monday thru Thursday: 8 am-1 pm
- Closed Fridays

Parish Office
Bookkeeper: Jacki Lenard
Maintenance: Marsha Laurencelle - Jose Fuentes - Pauleta Pashki

Director of Music Ministries: Kristin Glasgow

Faith Formation Office
- Donna Latimer

Adult Formation: Donna Latimer
Email: latimer_stmatthias@yahoo.com

Finance Council - 731-1300
Chairperson: Carmelia Badia
Sue Kirouac
Dave Barth

Parish Pastoral Council
Chairperson: Jan Siemen
- Nick Bonmartino
- Tony & Veronica Giganti
- Ron West
- Cassandra Swiderski
- Melinda McNamara

Worship Commission
Chairperson: Marie Bonmartino
Lectors: Denise Zimkiewicz
Ushers: Tony & Veronica Giganti
Altar Server Coordinator: Carrie Carney
Art & Environment: Margaret Peters

Christian Service
Director: Teresa Fortuna
Baptism Preparation: Teresa Fortuna
Christian Women:
Catholic Services of Macomb
Pregnant & in need?
Project Rachel Post Abortion Ministry
Domestic Violence Hotline
Protective Services (CHILD & ADULT)
Legion of Mary
St. Matthias/St. Vincent de Paul
Abigayle Ministries

Baptism: Contact Parish Office.
Marriage: Arrangements are to be made six months prior to the wedding date.
Comes see why so many seniors are making American House Sterling Heights home!

Paula Marsee, Executive Director
Darlene Anderson, Assistant Executive Director

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