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.

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” - Jn 20:27

“Jesus, I trust in You”
**Saturday, April 27**  
†Louise Koczab— by Daughter  
†Giovanni & Angela Cedroni— by Andy & Antoinette Ceccacci  
†Marie Oja— by Lewis Family  
†Joska & Cvetko Javanovski— by Jorge & Nadia Vera

**Sunday, April 28**  
8:30 a.m. ~  
†Francine Lemont— by Husband & Son  
†George Horne— by Linda & Bruce Gillispie

11:00 a.m. ~  
♥ St. Matthias Parishioners

**Tuesday, April 30**  
♥ St. Matthias Parishioners

**Wednesday, May 1**  
†Ken Pilarski— by Family  
†Steve Meyer— by Family

**Thursday, May 2**  
♥ Vocations

**Saturday, May 4**  
†Donald & Patricia McNamara— by Family  
†Jerry Love— by Family  
†George Karas— by Sister & Family  
†Richard Duzykowski— by Connie Roll

**Sunday, May 5**  
8:30 a.m. ~  
†Chris and John Humbach— by Wife Laurel & Children  
†Bill Schaffstein— by Friends  
†George Horne— by Sharon & Joe Husky  
†Val Paczkowski— by Art & Ellen Argano

11:00 a.m. ~  
♥ St. Matthias Parishioners

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**Weekly Schedule**

**Saturday, April 27**  
3:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS  
4:30 P.M. MASS  
**CHRISTIAN WOMEN PURSE SALE**

**Sunday, April 28**  
8:30 A.M. MASS  
11:00 A.M. MASS  
**CHRISTIAN WOMEN PURSE SALE**

**Monday, April 29**  
6:15 P.M. GRADES K-5

**Tuesday, April 30**  
9:00 A.M. MASS  
10 A.M. BIBLE STUDY  
6:30 P.M. JR HIGH/CONFIRMATION

**Wednesday, May 1**  
9:00 A.M. MASS  
9:00 A.M. SVDP  
6:30 P.M. COMMUNION PRACTICE  
8:00 P.M. AA AND AL-ANON

**Thursday, May 2**  
9:00 A.M. MASS

**Friday, May 3**  
CHURCH & OFFICES CLOSED

**Saturday, May 4**  
3:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS  
4:30 P.M. MASS

**Sunday, May 5**  
8:30 A.M. MASS  
11:00 A.M. MASS  
**FIRST COMMUNION**

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Please remember the families of  
†Valerie Paczkowski ~ †Loretta Spearing ~ †Joe Pretari  
who entered eternal life.  
May They Forever Rest in Peace.
Aunt Linda
Jamie Adams
Jordan Agosta
Adrienne Akers
Ramsey Azara
Christine Babisch
Deborah Baranski
John David Battani
John Joseph Battani
Gerri Beauspre
Jan Brady
Andrew Bruzewicz
Josie Campbell
Darin Campis
Kimberly Cameron
Debbie Carey
Amanda Celeste
Fara Chirco
Sue Clements
Margaret Conflitti
Ilene Coppola
Sam Coppola
Kevin Coppa
Betty Corte
Keith Daniska
Arthur Decker
Helen Decker
Kendra Deman
Linda Deman
Tom Dembeck
Julie Demuynck
Billy Dombrowski
Bill Doherty
Josephine Edwards
Garrett Fantin
Billy Francis
James Gallagher
Edward Gawronski
Chantal Giacalone
Jackie Gianino
Ray Glashauser
Corey Goff
James Michael Goldwater
Art Gonzalez
Alison Grewe
Krystyna Griffith
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Dorothy Grunwald
Mark Grunwald
Robert Gryebet
Phyllis Hagerman
Arthur Halperin
Loretta Hart
Glenn Henderson
Decker James Hilbert
Daniel Himm
Greg Hopkins
Chris Iacona
Virginia James
Dan Kachadourian
Marlene Kanthook
Jon Kline
Mary Kaltz
Arlene Karas
Evelyn Karas
Martha Karas
Delphine Karpinski
Patsy Kletcher
Irene Kocis
Mark Kozcab
Don Kosal
Agnes Kosi
Marianna Kozlowski
Burt Lambert
Donna Landry
Brian Malarick
Edward Malarick
Jeff Malarick
Sharon Malarick
Susan Mangiapane
Phyllis Marek
Suzette Marconi
Charles Martin
Jon Martin
Irene Matkowski
Christine McCauly
Kenneth McGuire
Wanda Michalski
Grace Miliello
Michael Misiewicz
Nancy Mitchell
Colette Mollise
Frances Moran
Tom Murray
Vatasha K. Napier
John Niedowik
Theresa O’Connor
Wally Perry
Joseph Recor
Toni Reetz
Barbara Richards
Ramona Romero
Angela Rivers
Isabella Rivers
Randi Ross
Robert Rudzki
Stella Sabatell
Chrisy Salade
Kyle Scott
Dennis Selengowski
Stephanie Serafinovski
Talia Serafinovski
Michael Serafin
Frank Singer
Judy Smith
Loretta Spearing
Larry Stevens
Adam Stolarczyk
Mck Sullivan
Debbie Swecker
Walter Szatkowski
Peter Timinsky
Lynda Thull
Linda Tobin
Nhi Tran
Olivia Kelly Tavetoff
Kathy Turlo
Anthony Vitale
Vokes Family
Stephanie Wesson
Greg Wilk
Pat Wolfe
Brenda Zaremba
John Zelenak
Mary Ziskie

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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Dr. Francisco
Lector:
Mary Angeles
Servers:
Valeria & Daniela

Saturday, May 4
4:30 p.m.

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Sgt Andrew W. Goebel/Army
Sgt Thomas A. Goebel/Army
Lt. Thomas A. Goebel/Army
Capt. Christopher Ray/Marine
Cpt. Jonathan Recor/Army
CW2 Joseph Recor/Army

E5/Sgt Scott J. Resk/Air Force
Sgt John Salvio/Air Force
Steven Schatzberg/Army
Gunnery S/Sgt Jonathan Stump/Marine
Sgt Gerald (Jake) Stier/Army
Spc Michael R. Weber/Air Force
Sgt Douglas Wojtowicz/Army
W4 Matthew Zelenak/Army
Spc Peter Zelenak/Army
Larry Gillick S.J. reflection: Old Thomas is such a good friend of ours. So are the apostles gathered together from fear and separated by their individual shame at having abandoned their Teacher and Lord. We have our doubts, our fears, our shame, and our desires to see just a little bit more so that our faith will be strengthened. It seems that God knows us more than we know ourselves. A little bit more would always be just a little bit more of what we would want. Thomas wanted to see more than he had heard his companions had seen. Seeing is not believing, but rather believing is a way of seeing beyond what can blind us.

Peace & Mercy from Kevin Kersten, S.J. Creighton Law School Chaplain and Communications

When, after His resurrection, Christ entered the Upper Room, He might have said to His disciples: "Where were you? Why did you abandon me when I was laying down my life for you?" But He did not. Rather, He said, "Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give to you." With these words He forgave their infidelity, dispelled their fears, healed their broken hearts, and shared with them His own joy. The two means Pope Francis underlines for becoming instruments of Divine Mercy are to forgive and to heal. And, he says, to be disposed to do so is to be a channel of Christ's Peace. Faced with the tragic events of terrorism in our world today, along with the immense strain on our poor, frustration of our marginalized, and suffering in our victims of injustices, we can feel helpless and crushed. Understandably we may ask ourselves, "Why?" The perpetration of all this evil and the pain of its victims appear insurmountable. And so we may also ask: "How can we adequately deal with this evil and the pain it causes?" For us on our own it is impossible. Only God can bring us what we need. It is Jesus who died on the Cross, rose on the third day, and visited the upper room to be with His beloved disciples who delivers to them the fullness of Mercy and Peace to enjoy and to share with others. He delivers these gifts to us today, throughout the year, and for the rest of our lives. The great St. Francis (after whom our Pope is named) wrote perhaps the truest and most beautiful expression of the link between Mercy and Peace in his famous prayer:

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life."

Questions For Reflection

What fears are keeping you locked up these days?
Name some concrete examples where you are cooperating with the Holy Spirit in your daily life these days?
How can you be a more forgiving presence to the people in your world?
What might Jesus' call to action, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you", be asking of you right now?

Respond in Action

Pax Christi International (www.paxchristi.net) is a Catholic peace movement working on a global scale on a wide variety of issues in the fields of human rights, human security, disarmament and demilitarization and religion and violent conflict. Check it out.

Set aside ten minutes a day this week for reflection and prayer. Listen for the Lord to address you: "Peace be with you…Receive the Holy Spirit…"

Be a part of mentoring a young person who needs support.

Read Hinds' Feet on High Places by Hanna Hurnard with a friend and talk it over.

This is the last week of Faith Formation classes for this school year. On Tuesday night, we will have Confirmation practice from 6:30-7:30 pm.

First Communion Practice is Wednesday, April 30 at 6:30 pm in the Church.

April 29—the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena

Catherine was a strong gatekeeper. When she was a young child, she locked herself inside her room to pray. When she was sixteen, she joined the Third Order of St. Dominic. She lived in her own home, stayed in her room and left only for Mass. Later, Jesus told Catherine to serve him by serving her neighbors. She began to visit prisoners, nurse the sick and bury the dead. On one side of her “gate”, Catherine loved Jesus. On the other side, she loved her neighbors. As you enter your doorways, think about the ways you can love Jesus. As you leave your doorways, think about the ways you can love your neighbors. May 1—Feast of St. Joseph the Worker St. Joseph was the husband of the Virgin Mary. He was law abiding and holy. He was a carpenter, which means he worked with wood, metal or stone. As a family, read about him in Matthew 1:18-25, 2:13-14.

This feast day honors St. Joseph the Worker. Work is an important part of life, whether it is schoolwork, household tasks or employment. As you do your work, honor St. Joseph by doing an extra good job.

Family members of all ages will enjoy The Mark of the Maker, a story about young St. Joseph and his work. You can find it at Christian bookstores.
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Week of April 15, 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

Food Pantry Donations Needed

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

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

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.

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Sterling Heights, MI 48313
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Fax: (586) 731-2576
Email: parishoffice@stmatthiaschurch.net
Website: www.stmatthiaschurch.net
Pastor: Fr. Francisco Restrepo

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

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

Parish Office …………………..………….731-1300
Bookkeeper: Jacki Lenard………….……...731-1300
Maintenance:………………………….731-0654
Director of Music Ministries:………………..……………731-1300
Kristin Glasgow

Faith Formation Office………...586-731-0650
Director: Donna Latimer
Adult Formation: Donna Latimer
Email: latimer_stmatthias@yahoo.com

Finance Council - 731-1300
Chairperson: Carmela Basia
Sue Krouac
Dave Barth

Parish Pastoral Council
Chairperson: Jan Sterien……………..…739-2050
Nick Bommarito………………………...,226-3702
Tony & Veronica Giganti………..………..…...997-3692
Ron West……………………………….254-9419
Cassandra Swiderski………………….………..731-1300
Melinda McNamara…………………..………..731-1300

Worship Commission
Chairperson: Marie Bommarito………..…586-524-1785
Lectors: Denise Zimkiewicz…………………..…566-7546
Ushers: Tony & Veronica Giganti…………………..….997-3692
Altar Server Coordinator: Carrie Carney…...206-4783
Art & Environment: Margaret Peters…………………..….731-1300

Christian Service
Director: Teresa Fortuna…………………..….731-1300 X107
Baptism Preparation: Teresa Fortuna

Christian Women:
Catholic Services of Macomb……………...586-416-2300
Pregnant & in need? ……………………1-800-848-LOVE
Project Rachel Post Abortion Ministry……….1-888-722-4355
Domestic Violence Hotline………………...1-800-799-7233
Protective Services (CHILD & ADULT)…...1-877-412-6109
Legion of Mary
St. Matthias/St. Vincent de Paul…………………..….739-2922
Abigayle Ministries………………………...586-323-1411

Baptism: Contact Parish Office.
Marriage: Arrangements are to be made six months prior to the wedding date.
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Paula Marsee, Executive Director
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