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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES

Brooklyn Brooks
Brooklyn Celeste
Ava Dean
Sydney Chabot
Nina Harwood
Dawson Hopp
Giana Martinez
Kendell Noe
Mason Paull
Daniela Saldana
Annamaria Toscana
Alyssa VanDriessche
Evan Wisniewski

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesu] said to him, “Follow me.” - Jn 21:19b
| **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  

| **SUNDAY, MAY 5** |  
| 11:00 a.m. ~  
| ♥ St. Matthias Parishioners  

| **TUESDAY, MAY 7** |  
| ♥ St. Matthias Parishioners  

| **WEDNESDAY, MAY 8** |  
| †Joann Meyer– by Family  

| **THURSDAY, MAY 9** |  
| ♥ Vocations  

| **SATURDAY, MAY 11** |  
| †Benita Hynes– by Jack & Jeanne Mc Glinchey  
| †Luisa Ceccacci– by Andy & Rosie Orsini  
| †Cristina Guzman– by Joyce Papden  

| **SUNDAY, MAY 12** |  
| 8:30 a.m. ~  
| †Faro Pizzo– by Family  
| †Frances Straka– by Daughters  
| †George Horne– by Sharon & Joe Husky  
| †Blanche Gordon– by Son Frank  
| †Anna Palleschi– by Family  
| †Shirley Valenti– by Family  
| †Phil Ladowski– by Family  

| **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**  

| **MONDAY, MAY 6** |  
| CHURCH & OFFICE 8:00 AM-1:00 PM  

| **TUESDAY, MAY 7** |  
| 9:00 A.M. MASS  
| 10 A.M. BIBLE STUDY  
| 6:00 P.M. CHRISTIAN WOMEN  

| **WEDNESDAY, MAY 8** |  
| 9:00 A.M. MASS  
| 9:00 A.M. SVDP  
| 8:00 P.M. AA AND AL-ANON  

| **THURSDAY, MAY 9** |  
| 9:00 A.M. MASS  
| 11 A.M. 50 & UP  
| 6 P.M.– 8 P.M. SVDP  

| **FRIDAY, MAY 10** |  
| CHURCH & OFFICES CLOSED  

| **SATURDAY, MAY 11** |  
| 3:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS  
| 4:30 P.M. MASS  

| **SUNDAY, MAY 12** |  
| 8:30 A.M. MASS  
| 11:00 A.M. MASS  

When a loved one passes away we ask you to please go to the funeral home first and they will contact the church.
Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ... and that believing you may have life in His name." — John 20, 30-31

Living is what grace is about and graceful living is how we proclaim that Jesus has risen. We do not know how Jesus rose, but we do hear how the early apostles rose and lived their faith in the risen Lord. Jesus rose once and by his grace we keep rising from the dusts of failure, shame and self re-crimination. We prepare for this celebration by celebrating the reality of our personal and little risings. The Gospel replays two aspects. The coming is the importance for John and his early Christian community. Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation are the four steps to the seeing of Jesus. These four Sacraments are the four highlighted events of today’s Gospel. They follow the usual sequence of our sacramental system. John or one of his disciples added this Gospel event to make sure we the readers, listeners and followers of Jesus might grow more deeply in our desires to follow Jesus along with Peter. The sacraments of vocation are the ways one who has come and seen will express his or her faith in the Risen Lord. We are in the season of celebrating our belonging, our being included, and our being sacramentally prepared for a deeper following of Jesus. All the Sacraments in the Church are for our going out into life, for this we jumped into the water, were fed, forgiven, had our ears cleaned for better listening. Peter, the other apostles, you and I are initiated into our being sacraments of his love and light in this world. Source Larry Gillick, S.J., Creighton online ministries

Gratitude: We are grateful to everyone who assisted with Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Special thanks to one and all! We thank parishioners and friends, ushers/safety team, Rosary leaders, Worship Committee, Music Ministry and Children’s Choir, altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, hospitality team, Parish Council, Finance Committee, Counting Teams, Van Drivers, Faith Formation leader and volunteers, Christian Women, set-up and clean up crews, SVdP helpers, environment decorators, gardeners, outdoors clean up and maintenance, bulletin editor, parish office assistants, and those who place inserts in our Messenger. We appreciate Fr. Francisco’s support and his great sense of humor, along with our parish staff. We are blest with so many wonderful people who serve our loving God.

We also thank decorators Margaret Peters and Paula Paaski along with volunteers Robert and Lorna Batzloff, Larry Deman, Pat Farris, Della Mulka, Agnes Passarelli. Hal Siemen, along with Pat Zelenak and young altar servers, Valeria & Daniela with brother Jose and their patience parents. Everyone worked diligently with a cheerful attitude no matter the task. We appreciate your presence, your time, talents and support to beautify our Church for the Easter season.

The Society of Christian Women sponsored the Easter Vigil reception. Grazie to volunteers Virginia Dembeck, Joann Levigne, Jan, Hal & David Siemen and Larry Deman for setting up, cleaning up, serving and donating madeleine treats, blueberry muffins, pretzel candy snacks, a shrimp platter and fruit plate. We thank the ladies who donated enticing plates of food: Carol Piper cookies, Evelyn Oja candy & nut snack, Leona Saputo cracker/cheese platter, Pat Zelenak appetizer turkey-cheese tray, and tea sandwiches (from person who prefers to remain anonymous).

Sincere appreciation to all who pray for teens and children and to those who donated 45 Easter baskets. Your generosity helped bring light, hope and great joy to each recipient. We are truly a blessed community!

Questions for Reflection

When have you experienced an unexpected abundance in your life?

Think of a time you listened to Jesus’ instructions and were abundantly rewarded.

Where do you recognize Jesus’ light in your life today?

What are you currently doing to feed his lambs and tend his sheep?

Respond with action

Go to the Food for the Poor website (www.foodforthepoor.org) or Catholic Relief Services (www.crs.org) and see what these organizations are doing around the world to feed the Lord’s sheep. Prayerfully consider how you may help.

Take a trip to a local soup kitchen and see what is going on and volunteer.

Get up early, before dawn someday this week. Go for a walk in your neighborhood or near a local body of water or just sit at home in the dark. Pray for Jesus to shine his light and open your eyes to his radiance. Wait for the sun to rise and notice all of God’s wonderful creation as it becomes obvious in his light.

Thank You!

As the school calendar ends for this year, I would like to thank everyone who has helped in the Faith Formation department.

Janice Pike ~ Sherry Jackson ~ Delores Bogel ~ Terry Latimer ~ Deborah Hinz ~ Michelle VanDriessche ~ Lori Urbanak ~ Lisa Norris ~ Teresa Fortuna ~ Andrea Priehs ~ Paul Thomas ~ Jeanette Mercer ~ Stephanie Hoff ~ Alyssa Bommarito ~ Pat Zelenak ~ Agness Passarelli ~ Jean Rudzki

Preparations for next year’s classes are already underway, and we are in desperate need of catechists. Please pray over this and let me know if you could help in any way. 586-731-0650

How do you see God?

We know God through Jesus, and we experience God’s love in many ways. Learn from each other by sharing the answers to these questions. Think back to your earliest memories. What did you think God looked like? In what ways has that image changed for you? Tell about a time you experienced God's love.

Encourage young children to draw, paint, sculpt the way they see God. Ask them what they can tell you.
Spring is in the Air
ts its now time to add to our Memory Garden

The Paver Garden Crew is getting ready to insert the newest bricks for our Memory Paver Garden. If you would like to make a donation for a paver brick - please come to the Parish Office to fill out a paver form with your needed information. Any questions or for more information, please call the Parish Office at 586-731-1300.

Graduates of High School & College

We will be featuring pictures of our seniors in our June 16 bulletin. Please send in your picture to the Parish Office with your name and school written on the back.

The Society of Christian Women

Meet Tuesday, May 7, at 6:00 pm in the Social Hall for pizza/salad (bring a beverage to share, if you want) We’ll wrap up our year for summer hiatus. All are welcome to join us. Questions: contact Teresa
Church Support

Week of April 22, 2019

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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 hands---

Out of darkness is born the light.
—ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

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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