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.
**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 Ladzinski– by Family

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 14**  
†Leo Allen– by Edna  
†Myrtle Lautner– by Edna

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**  
♥ St. Matthias Parishioners

**THURSDAY, MAY 16**  
♥ Vocations

**SATURDAY, MAY 18**  
†Sylvia Hock– by Family  
†Luisa Ceccacci– by Andy & Rosie Orsini  
†Cristina Guzman– by Joyce Papden

**SUNDAY, MAY 19**  
8:30 a.m. ~  
†Faro Pizzo– by Family  
†Marie Oja– by Lewis Family  
†Dominic Ortisi– by Family  
†Josephine Ortisi– by Family  
†Burt Lambert– by Linda & George Fox  
11:00 a.m. ~  
♥ St. Matthias Parishioners

**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

**MONDAY, MAY 13**  
CHURCH & OFFICE 8:00 AM-1:00 PM

**TUESDAY, MAY 14**  
9:00 A.M. MASS  
10 A.M. BIBLE STUDY  
7:00 P.M. PARISH COUNCIL

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 15**  
9:00 A.M. MASS  
9:00 A.M. SVDP  
8:00 P.M. AA AND AL-ANON

**THURSDAY, MAY 16**  
9:00 A.M. MASS

**FRIDAY, MAY 17**  
CHURCH & OFFICES CLOSED

**SATURDAY, MAY 18**  
3:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS  
4:30 P.M. MASS

**SUNDAY, MAY 19**  
HOSPITALITY BREAKFAST AFTER EACH MASS  
TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. MATTHIAS  
8:30 A.M. MASS  
11:00 A.M. MASS ~  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS  
12:30 P.M. BAPTISMS
Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 18
4:30 p.m.

Presider:
Fr. Francisco

Lector:
Gordon Lenz

Servers:
Carney Family

Sunday, May 19
8:30 a.m.

Presider:
Fr. Francisco

Lector:
Agnes Passarelli

Servers:
Bommarito Family

Sunday, May 19
11:00 a.m.

Presider:
Fr. Francisco

Lector:
Marguerite Teschke

Servers:
Dobry Family

~ When a loved one passes away we ask you to please go to the funeral home first and they will contact the church.~
**Fourth Week of Easter** We celebrate this week of the Easter season by entering more deeply into the stories of the early followers of Jesus. All week in Acts, we will read of an increasing boldness by the disciples, and the beginning of Paul's ministry to the Gentiles. John's gospels continue to draw us into the image of Jesus as our shepherd, loving us with an individual tenderness. Jesus continues to tell us that he and the Father are one. Like his followers, we sometimes simply can't see it. This is a week to pray with joy for the love God showers on us and for the presence of Jesus' warm caring for us in our everyday lives. We are not perfect. We are not sin-free. But we are loved by our Risen God - and that is what we celebrate in this season.

“We are his people, the sheep of his flock.” Ps 100

The Eucharist celebration waits to welcome us personally and communally. We enter this gathering by blessing ourselves with the water of our original baptismal welcome. We bring our personal histories and mingle them with those of the others also welcomed by Baptism. As with our attending any party or celebration, we go to assist and we go to be assisted back out after the party, celebration. We prepare to receive into our hands the permanent pledge that we belong to the Christ whose hands we are placed by God’s choice and love. We prepare this week by living in his hands and not allowing anyone or anything to take us from them. So we hear in today's Readings how Paul and Barnabas went into the synagogue and while there began proclaiming the Word. They were confronted by jealousy and violent rejection of certain factions of the Jewish leadership. ... they finished what they had to say and then made a dramatic statement of orientation. “We now turn to the Gentiles” as it has been written that they, the apostles, are to be a “light” to all the nations. Persecution by some of the Jewish leaders and being expelled, gave Paul and Barnabas courage and the Gentiles joy to be included into the people of God. Resistance does create energy and Paul, with his fellow apostles, received plenty of both. Jesus is telling us that we belong to him. He offers us eternal life and that nobody can take us out of his hands! We are in the hands of his Eternal Father as well and no one can take us away from those hands. …Control is our safeguard and our illusion. As consoling as these lines might be, the more comforting line is when he affirms, “I know them…” Larry Gillick, S.J.,

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**Questions for Reflection**

Recall a time when you felt utterly safe, totally protected.

To what extent do you think of eternal life as a gift or as something you earn?

How strong a sense of living eternal life now?

What is necessary for a trusting relationship to develop?

When recently have you felt one with Jesus?

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**Questions for Reflection**

Set aside twenty minutes some day this week for reflection and prayer. The Talmud, the second most important Jewish book, suggests, “Three things one should do in the course of one’s life: have a child, plant a tree and read a book.” Consider what you regard as key milestone events, already accomplished or still to be realized. Pray in thanksgiving and petition.

Take the Ecological Footprint Quiz (www.myfootprint.org) to learn how much you impact the environment around you.

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**Vacation Bible School**

We are looking for volunteers to help with Vacation Bible School the week of July 15, 2019. We need teen and adult helpers. Call the Faith Formation Office if you can assist us.

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**Register for Fall**

As soon as you receive your registration packet, you can return your information to the Faith Formation Office, in person or by mail.

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**Happy Mother’s Day!**

Today is Mother’s Day. Share memories with your mother if you can. If you cannot, share memories of your mother with someone who is close to you. Reflect on the ways that the Holy Spirit is present in mothers, grandmothers and stepmothers.

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**To the Moms Who Are**

To the Moms who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.

To the Moms who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.

To the Moms who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the Moms who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.

To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.

To those who knew they never wanted kids, and the ways they have contributed to our shared world.

To those who mothered colleagues, mentees, neighborhood kids, and anyone who needed it.

To those remembering Moms no longer with us.

To those moving forward from Moms who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honor the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves.  Hannah Kardon,
Pastor at Elston Avenue United Methodist Church
Spring is in the Air

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.

We welcome our newly baptized
Into our Faith Community

Ivanna Isabel Puebla

Holy Baptism

Pentecost Weekend - June 8 & June 9

Geranium Dress-Up

It has become our tradition at St. Matthias to provide RED geraniums to decorate the church for Pentecost weekend - June 8 & 9. Feel free to bring a RED geranium or two with you to Church and place them on the steps around the altar. This will be a visual reminder of the first Pentecost and the wonderful presence of the Holy Spirit within each Christian.

Please also wear RED to Mass. RED signifies the fire of the Holy Spirit. RED is also for our vibrant life as a Christian. Geraniums because the blossoms are composed of many small flowers joined together and because geraniums bloom and bloom and bloom.

My Life Journey

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, there lived a person named..... Skylar, she was an amazing person and she was loved and looked upon by everyone around her. She cared for others in a way no other people could. She has a motherly figure to those who needed it. The moment she realized she was called upon by God was when her baby cousin was born. Just by holding the baby she felt a deep love for the child. God blessed her with the power to love like no other. She used her gift to care for those who needed it most. This gift changed her life and gave her purpose.

By ~ Skylar Martinez
Confirmation Candidate

Please remember the families of

†Vittorio Maiani & †Donald Kosal
who entered eternal life.
May They Forever Rest in Peace.
Week of April 29, 2019

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Breakfast Cereal, Canned Fruit, Rice, Rice Mixes, Saltine Crackers, Pudding, Jello, Ketchup, Dish Soap, Paper Towel, & Toilet Paper

Food Pantry Donations Needed

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.

My Life Journey
A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, there lived a person named….. Samantha, who worked very well with children. In her teenage years, Samantha was called by the Lord to take care of abandoned kids. He asked her to treat them like her own and she did. At the beginning of her life, Samantha was a shy child who would help others but she was timid most of the time. After the Lord had called upon her, Samantha made it her goal to speak up and help a person everyday. Her unique gifts were helping children to learn and grow.

By ~ Samantha Norris
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