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.

Confirmation
Congratulations to the following youth, who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation
Tuesday, May 21, 2019- 7 p.m.

Alyssa Bommarito
Lauren Carney
Amber Cicilian
Nicole Jackson
Brooklynn Marden
Skylar Martinez
Collin Massman
Samantha Norris
Christel Palombit
Nicholas Stumpf

5th Sunday of Easter
"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." - Jn 13:34

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**SUNDAY, MAY 19**

8:30 a.m. ~
†Val Paczkowski– by Pietz Family
†Linda Demeshko– by Art & Ellen Argano
†Roxanne Holst– by Family
11:00 a.m. ~
♥ St. Matthias Parishioners

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**SUNDAY, MAY 26**

8:30 a.m. ~
†Francine Lemont– by Husband & Son
†Henry Patalon– by Family
†Roxanne Holst– by Family
†Salvatore Catalano– by Wife & Son
†Paolina Anile– by Sister & Nephew
†Joe Anile– by Sister in Law & Nephew
11:00 a.m. ~
♥ St. Matthias Parishioners

**MONDAY, MAY 20**

CHURCH & OFFICE 8:00 AM-1:00 PM

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Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 25
4:30 p.m.

Presider:
Fr. Francisco

Lector:
Pat Zelenak

Servers:
Valeria & Daniela

Sunday, May 26
8:30 a.m.

Presider:
Fr. Francisco

Lector:
Fara Bommarito

Servers:
Bommarito Family

Sunday, May 26
11:00 a.m.

Presider:
Fr. Francisco

Lector:
Lori Ciotti

Servers:
Casali Family
Joseph Juliano
Evan Cicilian

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Pfc Aaron C. Alley/Army
Spc Melissa Ablton/Army
Sgt Michael J Borg/Army
Sgt Andrew Chapoton/Army
Sgt Mark Darling/Army
Sgt Brandon Dodson/Army
Capt David G. Fox/Army
Sgt Jeffrey Frame/Army
Sgt Jonathan Stump/Army
Sgt Andrew W. Goebel/Army
Sgt Thomas A. Goebel/Army
Sgt Glenn Harbaugh/Air Force
Sgt Robert Hasenauer/Army
Sgt Paul Ross/Army
Capt Jack W. Manning, Jr/Air Force
Sgt Daniel Mills/Army
T/SGT Christopher Ray/Marine
Capt Christopher Recor/Air Force
CW2 Joseph Recor/Army

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

Aunt Linda
Jamie Adams
Adrienne Akers
Ramsey Azara
Christine Babisch
Deborah Baranski
John David Battani
John Joseph Battani
Gerri Beaupre
Jan Brady
Andrew Bruzewicz
Josie Campbell
Darrin 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 Demuynder
Billy Dombrowski
Bill Doherty
Josephine Edwards
Garrett Fantin
Billy Francis
James Gallagher
Edward Gawronski
Chantal Giacalone
Jackie Gianino
Ray Glasshauser
Corey Goff
James Michael Goldwater
Art Gonzalez
Alison Grewe
Krystyna Griffith
Krystyna Griffith
Dorothy Grunwald
Mark Grunwald
Robert Gryebet
Phyllis Hagerman
Arthur Halperin
Loretta Hart
Glenn Henderson
Decker James Hilbert
Daniel Himml
Greg Hopkins
Chris Iacona
Virginia Janes
Dan Kachadourian
Marlene Kanthook
Jon Kline
Arlene Karas
Evelyn Karas
Martha Karas
Delphine Karpinski
Patsy Kletcha
Irene Kocis
Mark Kozcab
Agnes Kozin
Marianna Kozlowski
Donna Landry
Bernard Latasiewicz
Brian Malarick
Edward Malarick
Jeff Malarick
Sharon Malarick
Susan Mangiapane
Phyllis Marek
Suzette Marconi
Charles Martin
Jon Martin
Irene Matkowski
Christine McCauley
Kenneth McGuire
Wanda Michalski
Grace Militello
Michael Misiewicz
Nancy Mitchell
Colette Mollise
Frances Moran
Tom Murray
Vatasha K. Napier
John Niedowlika
Theresa O’Connor
Wally Perry
Joseph Recor
Terri Reetz
Barbara Richards
Ramona Romero
Angela Rivers
Isabelle Rivers
Randy Ross
Robert Rudzki
Stella Sabatell
Chissy Salade
Salvatore Saputo
Kyle Scott
Dennis Seelengowski
Stephanie Serafinovski
Tahli Serafinovski
Michael Serafin
Frank Singer
Judy Smith
Loretta Spearing
Larry Stevens
Adam Stolarczyk
Mac Sullivan
Debbie Swecker
Walter Szatkowski
Peter Timinsky
Lynda Thull
Linda Tobin
Nhi Tran
Olivia Kelly Tyvcoholic
Kathy Turn
Anthony Vitali
Vokes Family
Stephanie Wesson
Greg Wilk
Pat Wolfe
Brenda Zaremba
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.~
Words from May Lee Brock, Creighton University’s Werner Institute. During grade school, I loved being a Camp Fire Girl. The meetings, the field trips and the camping were so much fun. And I’ll always remember my 10th birthday when my dad, who collaborated with the local baker to design a cake with significance for each of our birthdays, surprised me at our troop meeting with my birthday cake in the shape of the Camp Fire logo. But I really enjoyed working my way through the Camp Fire handbook to explore topics and build skills. For every activity I would earn a colorful wooden bead. But it was the activity itself that had meaning to me: plan and host a child’s birthday party, teach a young child about the solar system, help your family have a safety plan for a tornado. The possibilities seemed endless and I was always looking for the next opportunity to serve. Today’s gospel from John strikes me as the opposite of my Camp Fire Handbook in its simplicity. Jesus gives us one commandment: love one another. There it is. There is no need for multiple tabs and reference books. No need for strategy sessions. Or perhaps there is a need for a certain kind of strategy which is to be ever aware of God’s love for us so we can love one another. Such a simple and such a demanding commandment. Jesus goes on to say that having love for one another is how he will know who his disciples are. My understanding of discipleship continues to grow and in today’s first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we learn of Paul and Barnabas making a considerable number of disciples. They supported the disciples by reminding them to persevere in faith which can be very challenging at times. We all as disciples need to be reminded of the Lord’s commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Listening for and appreciating the love of God allows us to live the commandment to love others. My prayer with today’s readings calls me to discipleship and to a renewed commitment to follow the commandment to love one another. The responsibility of this commandment feels overwhelming. And then I realized I can learn from my Camp Fire Girl experience. I was able to thrive in those years because I was loved. I knew I was loved by my family and my friends. And because of that love I was able to love myself. I know now this love was (and is) a tremendous gift from God. Today I am called to appreciate God’s love for me and in that appreciation show love to others in simple and meaningful ways. A challenge I continually face is to stay in the present and meet others where they are. How can I really hear what someone is trying to say? How can I show patience for someone who is getting in the way of my goal? How can I help someone feel the ever– present love of God? Sometimes showing love for another is so easy to do and sometimes it is the last thing I want to do. Being guided by the Lord’s commandment to love one another as I have loved you is the better part.

Questions for Reflection
When have you experienced giving or receiving a tough love that was really love?
When have you witnessed the joy of others who give of themselves? How are they an example for you?
Where is there a situation in your life where you might be called to put aside your own interests in order to better respond to the needs of others?
When has someone loved you with compassion?
How has it affected your ability to be compassionate?

Respond in Action
Reach out to a facility whose mission is to provide residential care and supportive services for pregnant and parenting adolescent mothers and their infants. See how you can support its mission.
Set aside ten minutes a day this week for reflection and prayer. Re-read the gospel for this week each day. Rest in the Lord’s love for you. Listen for how he is calling you to the love of others.

On Behalf of Others
An advocate is someone who acts on behalf of someone else. Adult children advocate for elderly parents when they attend nursing home care conferences. Elected officials advocate for their constituents. Celebrities advocate for charitable organizations. Discuss the ways that you might advocate for the following: a child who is always the last one picked for sports teams; a teenage girl who is pregnant; a friend or spouse of a friend who is chemically dependent; employees who will be affected by corporate downsizing.
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.

Update on Purse, Jewelry, Scarves Fundraiser

Through the generous support of parishioners and friends of St. Matthias, we stocked the school area with a variety of merchandise and raised $614.00 for our parish. We thank everyone who participated in this fundraiser, prayed, donated items, browsed the merchandise, purchased a treasure and provided us with cash donations. We found a fringed bag for Fr. Francisco to use while riding his motorcycle, it just wasn’t his style. Our gratitude again to The Society of Christian Women especially, Jan Siemen, Jackie Gianino, Linda Deman, Pat Zelenak, JoAnn Levigne, Carol Piper, Margaret Conflitti, Nancy Coulon, Virginia, Dembeck, Evelyn Oja, Gloria Kulha, Myra Laski, Leona Saputo, Marlene Tarnowsky, Eileen Donovaan and Marie McKeown. Accolades to Fr. Francisco for his support and to our Maintenance staff Marsha Laurencelle, Pauleta Pashki, Jose Fuentes, and volunteers Hal Seimen, Ron West and Larry Deman for their ongoing assistance!

St. Vincent dePaul members from St. Matthias traveled to Camp Ozanam in Lexington on Saturday, May 4th. Volunteers were needed to clean the cabins for the campers, clean up the grounds and lake area, painting, changing the batteries in smoke detectors and other maintenance duties. Volunteers from our Parish were: Larry Deman, Barb and Kurt Lang, Claudia Pfommm, Denise and Ken Zimkiewicz.

We remember those who are now with the Lord

Please remember the family of

†John Battani

who entered eternal life.

May He Forever Rest in Peace.

MAY YOU TRUST GOD THAT YOU ARE EXACTLY WHERE YOU ARE MEANT TO BE.

—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX
**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

**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.

Prayer to St. Matthias

O God, who assigned Saint Matthias a place in the college of Apostles, grant us, through his intercession, that, rejoicing at how your love has been allotted to us, we may merit to be numbered among the elect. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**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 by June 1.

It’s the little things that make life big.
Come see why so many seniors are making American House Sterling Heights home!

Paula Marsee, Executive Director
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