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**Mass Schedule (in person):**

Sat - 5 PM, Sun - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12 noon  
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**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. MATTHIAS**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024**  
 2nd Sunday of Advent



There will  
 be a  
 second  
 collection  
**TODAY**  
 for the  
 Retirement  
 Fund for  
 Religious



**Solemnity of the**  
**Immaculate Conception of the**  
**Blessed Virgin Mary has been**  
**transferred to Monday, December 9th**  
**Mass is at 8 AM**  
**Adoration at 6 PM**



**MEMBERS OF SMYLE YOUTH MINISTRY**  
**ARE COLLECTING ITEMS IN SUPPORT OF**  
**UNITY SQUARE**  
**TODAY BEFORE & AFTER EVERY MASS**  
**SEE PAGE 7 FOR MORE DETAILS**



The Giving Tree is back for us to help those  
 in our community most in need.  
 Please consider taking a tag & donating a gift.  
 Please see page 9 for detailed information.

Masses are also livestreamed on our YouTube channel: [youtube.com/c/StMatthiasSomersetNJ](https://youtube.com/c/StMatthiasSomersetNJ)

The Church is open for individual prayer  
 Mon-Fri: 7:30 am to dusk, Sat: 9 am to 6pm, and  
 Sun: 7:30 am to 1 pm, unless another service is taking place.

**Saturday, Dec 7, 2024**  
 3:00PM Reconciliation Church  
 5:00PM Vigil Mass Church

**Sunday, Dec 8, 2024 2nd Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00AM Mass Church  
 10:00AM Mass Interpreter Church  
 11:00AM RCIA de Porres Rm & Ruiz Rm  
 11:00AM Rosary Altar Mtg. St. John XXIII Rm  
 12:00PM Mass Church  
 2:00PM GIFT Church, St. John XXIII Rm, Clrms

**Monday, Dec 9, 2024 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**  
 8:00AM Mass, Miraculous Medal Novena Church  
 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration Church  
 7:00PM Cub Scout Pack 195 Meeting Cafeteria

**Tuesday, Dec 10 2024 Our Lady of Loreto**  
 8:00AM Mass Church  
 6:30PM GIFT Church, St. John XXIII Rm, Clrms  
 6:30PM SAC Meeting de Porres room  
 7:30PM Handbell Rehearsal Church

**Wednesday, Dec 11, 2024 St. Damasus, Pope**  
 8:00AM Mass St. Joseph Novena Church  
 9:30AM Holy Spirit Prayer Group de Porres Rm  
 2:00PM Alzheimer's Group Meeting de Porres Rm  
 6:30PM Girl Scout Troop 63202 Meeting PreK Clm  
 7:30PM Folk Group rehearsal Church

**Thursday, Dec 12, 2024 Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
 8:00AM Mass Church  
 1:30PM Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
 3:30PM Children's Choir, Grades 3 & 4 Church  
 4:00PM Children's Choir Grades 5-8 Church  
 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

**Friday, Dec 13, 2024 St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**  
 8:00AM Mass Church  
 6:45PM Boy Scout Troop 154 Mtg St. John XXIII Rm

**Saturday, Dec 14, 2024 St. John of the Cross,**  
 1:00PM Family Matters de Porres Rm  
 3:00PM Reconciliation Church  
 5:00PM Vigil Mass Church

**Sunday, Dec 15, 2024 3rd Sunday of Advent**  
**LAST DAY TO DROP OFF GIVING TREE GIFTS**  
 8:00AM Mass Church  
 10:00AM Mass Church  
 10:00AM First Reconciliation - #3 Church  
 11:00AM RCIA de Porres Rm & Ruiz Rm  
 12:00PM Mass Church  
 1:30PM Baptisms Church  
 1:30PM SMYLE meeting St. John XXIII Rm

**BULLETIN ARTICLE REQUESTS:**  
 If you would like to send information to be included in our bulletin, please email it to [bulletin@stmatthias.net](mailto:bulletin@stmatthias.net) by **9 AM, MONDAY, 5 business days before the needed bulletin date** (earlier for holiday weekends). Approved content is published on a space-available basis.  
**Bulletin deadlines for this holiday season up to mid-January are accelerated by the Publishers. Hence matters to be published must be submitted 10 days earlier than the usual time.**



Dear Friends,

**Our “Spread the Light” is on!** With our Christmas Trees lighting and Manger blessing this weekend, we are making our festival season more visible and charming. We are so very grateful to all those who happily sponsored the Christmas trees. They will be excited to see the names of their dear ones memorialized with a laminated plaque on each tree. As it happened last year, I’m sure that this year too we will see numerous people – parishioners and visitors alike - stopping by to enjoy the enchanting sight especially at night, reminding all what these trees surrounding the manger symbolize: the love of God manifested at the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

**This huge project became a reality due to the hard work of so many.** JoAnn Piagentini and Pat Cullen took the lead to make this a reality with their indefatigable spirit, hard work and optimism. The parish staff, especially Vinnie Natale, Nathalie Godet, Mary Pat Burke-Grospin, Julio Montero, Anthony Baio, Sue Lenczewski, Joan Seamon, Amy Hanna and Kelly Counts contributed much to this project. Many volunteer groups like the Knights of Columbus, Boy Scouts, youths from our parish, St. Joe’s and even from Seton Hall gave their time and energy on two Saturdays to set up and decorate them, enduring the cold and windy weather. We are glad that Patrick Gianotto from Franklin Electric is providing us with the electrical services. Numerous other volunteers - too many to name here - gave their time to make this happen. We were blessed to receive a substantial amount as seed money for this endeavor from Bill Gleason of the Gleason Funeral Home. In the name of the parish community, I am truly grateful to all people of good will who helped in one way or other with this wonderful project that lights up not only our church compound but also our hearts.

**This year the annual feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary – December 8 – falls today.** Since Sunday takes precedence over other feasts, this solemn feast is transferred to tomorrow. This dogma proclaims that our Blessed Mother was conceived without original sin. It refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother Anne, even though the gospel we hear at Mass this day is about the conception of Jesus. The relevance of this feast for us is to see in Mary an example of what God can do in a person and what we can do, if we put ourselves in God’s hands and at God’s service as Mary did. It will enable us to remain free from sin as much as humanly possible with God’s grace. I invite you to attend the 8 am Mass. Being a working day, it is understandable that many cannot attend. But when you come home from work, why not access our YouTube channel and join that Mass as the concluding act of this important day?

**It is interesting to note that there are two more feasts of our Blessed Mother this week.** On 10th is the feast of **Our Lady of Loreto**. According to tradition, the Holy House of Loreto is the birthplace of Mary, the home of the Holy Family, and the site of the Annunciation. Then we have the very popular feast of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** on 12th. This Catholic holiday honors Mary, Mexico’s patron saint who is also referred as the Lady of the Americas. Mary’s appearance to Juan Diego, a peasant, in 1531, is a powerful reminder that Mary - and the God who sent her - accept all peoples and that we are all God’s loving children.

Your brother in Christ,  
 Fr. Abraham Orapankal

## Readings for the Week

**Monday** Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday** Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday** Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Jud 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Friday** Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday** Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18



## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Sat., December 7</b>	5:00PM	Bill Murphy
<b>Sun., December 8</b>	8:00AM	Adoracion & Esther DeGuzman by The DeGuzman Family
	10:00AM	Intention of Parishioners
	12:00PM	Eddie Wyckoff by The Dupras Family Myrna H. Ignacio by Susan Tiongson
<b>Mon., December 9</b>	8:00AM	Birthday Blessings for Jolisa B. Ramos by Grandma
<b>Tues., December 10</b>	8:00AM	Silvio Chiado by The Nepote Family
<b>Wed., December 11</b>	8:00AM	Birthday Blessings for Frances Curtis by Francine & Michelle
<b>Thurs., December 12</b>	8:00AM	Lillian Bartlett by William
<b>Fri., December 13</b>	8:00AM	Elizabeth Meagher by Children
<b>Sat., December 14</b>	5:00PM	Repose of the Soul of Marie DeFeo by daughter Lisa Jill Szabo by The St. Matthias Music Ministry
	8:00AM	Josephine Printon by Michael & Rebecca Zinnikas
<b>Sun., December 15</b>	10:00AM	Sr. Sonia by Paul & Patricia Nolan
	12:00PM	Intention of Parishioners

## Pray for those who are sick...

If you or a family member are sick, please call the Parish Office or [email prayer@stmatthias.net](mailto:prayer@stmatthias.net) to add the name to this list. Names will be listed in the bulletin for **6** weeks. Please let us know if this time period needs to be extended. We want to know how you are doing and want to offer you the support of our prayers.

**New people on our prayer list are noted in blue.**

Sue Alese	Sharon Gadomski	Kim Krikorian	Menchie Molano-Sotelo	Sr. Bernadine Marie Stemnock
Edgar Banaag	Heinley Gaspard	Kathy Langenbacher	Sarah Braun Morini	<b>Mary Sullivan</b>
Carolyn Banghart	Emma Gergely	Rose Larangeira	Robert Pellegrino	Richard Sury
Ghislaine Baron	Claude Godet	Linda Leone	Robert Pierro	Jacqueline Taylor
Samantha Bellouny	Marie Godet	Henrietta Lesiak	Robert Pietrowiak	Anita Vance
Carmen Bender	Fr. Ben Gomez OMI	John Litrakis	Randolff Pinard	Minda Villarica
Mary Bostrom	Shelly Greene	Mary Lou Litrakis	Valerie Polci	Eileen Weber
<b>Patricia Burke</b>	Linda Hartong	Aries Magali	Kim Price	Nancy Whelan
Tara Capatosto	Jeff Hentz	Kenneth & Kelly Magat	Frank Rispoli	Ginette Zamor
Rustico Castellano	Marilyn Horvath	Susan, King & Tosh Manansala	Gabriel Rivera	Celia M. Zelinski
Lisa DeFeo	Jerry & Donna Hucul	Colleen Maniscalco	Bob Rotz	Anne Zando
<b>Patricia Dolphin</b>	Nicole Cherill Hynes	Alexandra Marquez	Marisa Ruppel	<b>And for all who are ill, homebound, elderly, in nursing care, or living with chronic illness, we pray.</b>
Sanora Doyen	Marilyn Jensen	Christine Matthews	Maria Schwenzer	
Andrea Dubuisson	Jean Alix Jolly	Ann McElwee	Amy Shepp	
Derowitsch Family	Marie Claude Jolly	Jessica Marie Merrick	Sr. Rosaria Shina, OSF	
Hattie Evans	Donna Kahora	Gail Miranda	Timothy Siclari	
Margaret Ann Cichon Ford	<b>Patty Kerekes</b>		Catherine Steele	
	Betsy Kondrat			

## Pray for those who have died...

— "His mercy endures forever." Chronicles

Helen Bell, mother of Annie Dupras

## Reflect



### Smile with Your Family



A charitable man decided to visit a sick ward at a hospital to cheer up the patients. He took along a keyboard and played humorous songs and told jokes at many a bedside. After finishing his final performance for an old man he said, "I hope you get better." The old man smiled vaguely at the performer and replied, "I hope you do too." 😊

An older gentleman was rushed to the hospital with a possible concussion. The doctor asked him a series of questions: Do you know where you are? I'm at Rex Hospital. What city are you in? Raleigh. Do you know who I am? Dr. Hamilton. He then turned to the nurse and said, I hope he doesn't ask me any more questions. Why? she asked. Because all of those answers were on his badge. 😊

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?" The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped: "Didn't you get my text?" 😊

Q: What nails do carpenters hate to hit? A: Fingernails. 😊

**Generation gap:** A mom texts, "Hi! Son, what do IDK, LY and TTYL mean?" He texts back, "I don't know, love you and talk to you later." The mom replies, "It's OK, don't worry about it. I'll ask your sister. Love you too." 😊

**Clean sweep:** "I decided to sell my vacuum cleaner. All it was doing was gathering dust." 😊

Middle age is when your age starts to show around your middle. 😊

## *A Pearl of Wisdom For This Week*

**If You Are Right Then... There is No Need to Get Angry.  
And If You Are Wrong Then... You Don't Have Any Right to Get Angry.**

### FAMILY ADVENT WREATH: LIGHTING THE 2ND CANDLE

*(Assign readings among family members)*

**Reader #1:** Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for God to send divine love and light into our dark world.

**Reader #2:** How does this happen?

**Reader #1:** God's light comes through Jesus, who became a human being just like you and me, so that he could show us the way back to God's divine love and light.

**All:** *"Merciful God, give us grace to heed the warnings of the prophets and forsake our sins, so that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer."*

**Reader #3:** A reading from the prophet Malachi: "I the LORD All-Powerful, will send my messenger to prepare the way for me. Then suddenly the Lord you are looking for will appear in his temple. The messenger you desire is coming with my promise, and he is on his way. (Malachi 3:1)

**Reader #1:** We continue to wait for the coming of Jesus. Last Sunday, we began in the dark, then lit one candle. Today, on the second Sunday of Advent, we light two candles.

*First and second candles are lit. While this is being done, the following is read:*

**Reader #2:** Every week in Advent, we light another candle. Each candle that we light reminds us that the Light of the World will soon come to us in the human form of the baby Jesus.

**All:** *The Way of the Lord is being prepared in our hearts. May every valley be filled and every mountain and hill be made low. May the crooked paths be made straight and the rough ways smooth. When our Lord comes, may all of us then see the salvation of God. Amen.*

## Reflect

### THE SYMBOLISM OF THE ADVENT WREATH

You will be happy to know and share these meaningful explanations:

The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. Even these evergreens have a traditional meaning which can be adapted to our faith: The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly, and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns, and one English legend tells of how the cross was made of holly. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolize life and resurrection. All together, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and resurrection.

**The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent.** Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead. The light again signifies Christ, the Light of the world. Some modern day adaptations include a white candle placed in the middle of the wreath, which represents Christ and is lit on Christmas Eve. Another tradition is to replace the three purple and one rose candles with four white candles, which will be lit throughout Christmas season.

By the Middle Ages, the Christians adapted this tradition and used Advent wreaths as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. In family practice, the Advent wreath is most appropriately lit at dinner time after the blessing of the food.



### SANTA CLAUS IS SAINT NICHOLAS...?

Tell your kids how the true story of Santa Claus begins with St. Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara in the present day Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships.

Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly persecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and imprisoned. After his release, Nicholas attended the Council of Nicaea in AD 325. He died December 6, AD 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church, where a unique relic, called manna, formed in his grave. This liquid substance, said to have healing powers, fostered the growth of devotion to Nicholas. The anniversary of his death became a day of celebration, St. Nicholas Day, December 6th.

The gift-giving nature of St. Nicholas was appealing to all. But the saint's name shifted from St. Nicholas to Santa Claus—a natural phonetic alteration from the German Sankt Niklaus as well as from the Dutch figure of Sinterklaas. Pre-modern representations of the gift-giver from Church history and folklore merged with the English character Father Christmas to create the character known to Americans and the rest of the English-speaking world as Santa Claus.

#### ***"Make ready the way of the Lord."***

A blizzard hit the Kansas prairie. Two feet of snow drifted to five and six feet in places. The telephone rang in the doctor's home. The time had come for John Lang's wife to have her baby. But it was impossible for the doctor to get through those drifts. John Lang called his neighbors: Can you help the doc to get through? In no time, from all directions, came men and boys with plows and shovels. They labored with all their might almost for two hours until finally the old doc was able to make it, just in time to deliver the Lang boy. ***Today, to all of us comes a call from another father, God the Father through His prophet Isaiah and repeated by Jesus' own cousin John the Baptist: "Make ready the way of the Lord." But we are called, not to remove piles of snow, but piles of sin, neglect, and thoughtlessness, the things that make it difficult and often impossible for the divine child to be reborn to our hearts and lives.***

## TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND OTHER WARNING SIGNS

At an intersection, the green light changes to yellow. At the theater, the house lights flash. In the Battalion Tactical Operations Center, a Warning Order comes down from Brigade. At the airport terminal, the boarding call comes over the intercom. At a railroad crossing, the lights begin to flash. In a small Midwestern town, the tornado siren screams. On the football field, the two-minute warning sounds. In the cargo bay of a C-140, a red light comes on. In the Desert of Judea, voice of one calling in the wilderness is heard declaring, "Prepare the way of the Lord." What do all these have in common? They are signs or warnings that people, including ourselves, need to prepare for what is about to happen.

*Today's readings give the same message of warning. We need to prepare the way for the Messiah in our hearts: We have to fill in the "valleys" of our souls which have resulted from our shallow prayer life and a minimalist way of living our faith. We have to straighten out whatever crooked paths we've been walking, like involvement in some secret or habitual sins or in a sinful relationship. If we have been involved in some dishonest practices at work or at home, we are called to straighten them out and make restitution. If we have been harboring grudges or hatred, or failing to be reconciled with others, now is the time to clear away all the debris. If we have been pushing God off to the side of our road, if we have been saying to Him that we don't really have the time for Him, now is the time for us to get our priorities straight. As individuals, we might have to overcome deep-seated resentment, persistent fault-finding, unwillingness to forgive, dishonesty in our dealings with others, or a bullying attitude. And we all have to level the "mountains" of our pride and egocentrism. As a society we might have to dismantle unfair housing policies, employment disparity, economic injustice, or racial and ethnic biases.*

## REAL PROOF OF INNER CLEANSING

John's message calls us to confront and confess our sins. A smooth road means nothing to God, but a repentant heart means a great deal. Hence, the truly important goal for us is to prepare our hearts to receive the Lord. We have to turn away from our mistakes and wrong choices in sincere repentance and receive God's forgiveness. There are basically two reasons why people who have recognized their sins fail to receive forgiveness for them. The first is that they fail to repent. But the second is that they fail to forgive. Jesus is very explicit about this in Matthew 6:14 and 15. He says, *For if you forgive men their transgressions, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.* Is there someone I need to forgive today? We must not let what others have done destroy our lives. We can't be forgiven unless we forgive. We must release our bitterness if we are to be able to allow God to do His healing work in our lives.

## CHANGE OF HEART IN PRACTICAL TERMS

A few years ago, newspapers carried the story of Al Johnson, a Kansas man who came to faith in Jesus Christ. What made his story remarkable was not his conversion, but the fact that as a result of his newfound faith in Christ, he confessed to a bank robbery he had participated in when he was nineteen years old. Because the statute of limitations on the case had run out, Johnson could not be prosecuted for the offense. Still, he believed his relationship with Christ demanded a confession. And he even voluntarily repaid his share of the stolen money!

*John the Baptizer challenges us to change our hearts to welcome the Messiah. How to do that in our lives? William Bausch offers some suggestions as to how we might accommodate the Baptizer. "Make friends with someone you're at odds with. Pick up the phone and talk to somebody you haven't talked to in months or years. Be the first to hold out the hand of reconciliation even though it gets slapped or rejected. Don't turn your head at shady dealings. Be willing to put some of your possessions on the line. Tithe, not out of your excess, but out of your substance. Add up your Christmas spending bills that you chalked up for presents and then slice off 10 percent and give it to the poor. Give evidence that you mean to repent." Sally Koch reminds us that great opportunities to help others seldom come but small ones surround us every day. It takes only a minute to be kind, but the prophet reminds us the end result can remain forever and a day.*

## JOHN'S PREACHING AND CONFESSION

The Jordan River was the place that represented the eastern border of the Promised Land, separating it from the desert — where the Jews had wandered aimlessly for 40 years after centuries of slavery in Egypt. By preaching his message there, John was inviting the Jews of his day to come out of the bondage of slavery, to leave their faults, their wandering and their sinful lives behind, and to enter into the Promised Land full of God's blessings. John called people to repent as a way of preparing their hearts and lives for the Lord's visit. He is calling us, too, to get ready for something so great that it fills our emptiness with expectation.

*The Fathers of the Church have called the Sacrament of Reconciliation our "second baptism," in which we're brought back to the Jordan and cleansed interiorly as we were on the day of our Christening. Advent, like Lent, is a season given to us so that we may repent of our sins and be reconciled with God and His Church by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was for this purpose that the Sacrament was instituted by Jesus after His Resurrection: "Receive the Holy Spirit: Those whose sins you forgive are forgiven; those whose sins you retain are retained" (Jn 20:18-22). It is for this on-going reconciliation, then, not just to "preach repentance and forgiveness of sins ... to all nations beginning from Jerusalem" (Lk 24:47), that Jesus sent His apostles and their successors out to the ends of the world.*

*Let's Go Shopping!*

St. Matthias School  
**CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
DEC 8TH  
9AM - 2PM

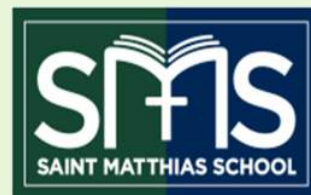
**SHOPPING FOOD BAKE SALE**

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**ST. MATTHIAS  
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM  
WORKERS NEEDED**

St. Matthias School is in need of workers for our After School Program. The hours are 2:30PM-6:00PM. Please email [Mary Lynch, mlynch@stmatthiasnj.org](mailto:mlynch@stmatthiasnj.org) & [Tesh Barr, tbarr@stmatthiasnj.org](mailto:tbarr@stmatthiasnj.org) or call 732-828-1402 for more information.



Serve

SMYLE will be collecting the following items for Unity Square after all Masses from now until **December 15th**. The items needed are for men and women.



- Hats
- Scarves
- Gloves
- toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Small deodorants



All items should be marked "SMYLE" and left in the cry room.

The team will pick them up each weekend after Mass. **SMYLE meetings will be from 1:30-3:30.**

We will meet **Next Sunday, December 15th** in the cafeteria to sort and bag the items.

## Pray

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



PLEASE COME JOIN THE MANY WHO SPEND SOME QUIET TIME WITH THE EUCHARISTIC LORD.

**OUR NEXT ADORATION WILL BE MONDAY EVENING,  
DECEMBER 9, 2024 FROM 6 PM TO 8 PM.**

**WHEN THE DEACON IS AVAILABLE, WE CONCLUDE ADORATION WITH A BENEDICTION.**

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GO FOR ADORATION? YOU FALL IN LOVE! ULTIMATELY, YOU CAN'T HELP THIS ONE! WHEN YOU SPEND MORE TIME WITH AN OPEN HEART IN ADORATION AND JUST LET CHRIST LOVE YOU, THEN YOU'LL FALL IN LOVE TOO.**

**THAT LOVE WILL DEFINE YOU AND ALLOW YOU TO BE YOURSELF.**

**"I CAME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE, LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS." (JOHN 10:10)**



### SIMBANG GABI 2024

This annual devotional 9 day novena will be celebrated in various parishes in the Diocese of Metuchen from **December 15-23.**

**St Matthias Parish will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> night novena Mass on December 17 at 6:30 pm**



For complete Simbang Gabi schedule and updates, please visit the Filipino Apostolate Facebook page:  
<http://www.facebook.diometuchenFA>

All are welcome to join this Simbang Gabi journey and experience the beautiful tradition in staying alert and focused on what Christmas is all about.



### RCIA

We are very happy to announce that a good group of adults and teens have registered for the new class for RCIA (now renamed as OCIA). But you might know someone, in your families or friendship circles, who has not received the Sacrament of Holy Communion or Confirmation. Kindly ask them to contact our RCIA Coordinators:

Anne Marie Francis at [alfrancis.30@gmail.com](mailto:alfrancis.30@gmail.com) or Mary Frances Reavey at [mfreavey@gmail.com](mailto:mfreavey@gmail.com)

We are making it easy for all to attend these sessions by meeting on Sundays after the 10 am Mass. These sessions are conducted not in a lecture or class model but as a faith-sharing group that is truly fun to learn and have good support in the faith journey.

## Connect



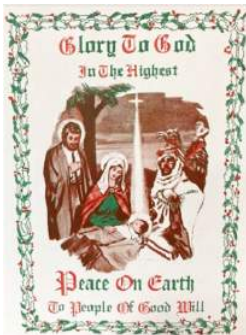
### ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP MEETS ON ZOOM, ON DECEMBER 11TH AT 2 PM

The Alzheimer's Association and Saint Matthias Catholic Church are co-hosting a monthly Support Group for individuals living with Alzheimer's or Dementia, their care partners, and others dealing with the disease. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 13th, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Zoom.**

To register, call 800-272-3900 and mention the St. Matthias group.

For more information, visit [alz.org/NJ](http://alz.org/NJ).

## OPLATEK – THE CHRISTMAS WAFER



The Oplatek (o-pwa-tek), Christmas Wafers, will be available in the parish office for you to take to share with your family for Christmas. The word Bethlehem means "House of Bread". The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity, and friendship. Religious family traditions and customs bring the truths of Faith into the home. One of these beautiful Christmas customs is the Christmas wafer. A Wafer bearing a simple design commemorative of Christ's birth is broken by the head of the family and shared with everyone at the Christmas meal. With a simple prayer for God's grace and the welfare of the present and absent members of the family, the head family member breaks the Wafer and distributes it, a piece to each one at the table. While doing so each member of the family is kissed and is wished a joyful feast. The other family members then greet one another in the same way. All this brings to mind clearly our charity for one another, to seek salvation together. Family customs remind us that we seek and obtain salvation with the help of others at all times.



# Give (and Receive!)

Stewardship Totals for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025				Last Year's Total
Current Month	In-Pew/Mail	Parish Giving	Weekly Total	Weekly Total
Week 18 - November 3, 2024	\$12,037.75	\$13,838.50	<b>\$25,876.25</b>	\$29,108.25
Week 19 - November 10, 2024	\$13,807.75	\$25,640.00	<b>\$39,447.75</b>	\$37,628.89
Week 20 - November 17, 2024	\$9,135.00	\$12,370.50	<b>\$21,505.50</b>	\$21,887.75
Week 21 - November 24, 2024	\$8,617.50	\$11,326.50	<b>\$19,944.00</b>	\$18,307.25
All Saints Collection: <b>\$2,037.00</b>			<b>Month-to-date Total</b>	<b>November Total Last Year</b>
Works of Mercy Campaign: <b>\$4,154.00</b>			<b>\$106,773.50</b>	\$106,932.14
<b>** This bulletin was printed on an accelerated schedule</b>			<b>Current Year-to-date Total</b>	<b>Year-to-date as of November 30, 2023</b>
<b>*** A correction has been made to the November 3<sup>rd</sup> In Pew/Mail Total.</b>			<b>\$512,678.96</b>	<b>\$451,496.67</b>

## GIVING TUESDAY IS BACK!

GivingTuesday is an opportunity for people to give back in many different ways: through acts of kindness, gifts of voice, time, talent, or treasure. Our parish of St. Matthias has been blessed with generous parishioners who always responded joyfully to every need of our community. Please consider donating to St. Matthias Church as one of your GivingTuesday contributions. Every contribution no matter how small goes towards making improvements to our church. Thank you for your goodness. Scan the QR code or visit: [stmatthias.net/givingtuesday/](http://stmatthias.net/givingtuesday/)



### Stewardship Reflection December 8, 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

*“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)*

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your “obligation” to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend more time with those you love.

### Reflexiónese – 8 de diciembre de 2024 2<sup>o</sup> Domingo de Adviento

*“Y esta es mi oración: que su amor se exprese cada vez con más conocimiento y entendimiento; para que distingan lo que es realmente importante de lo que no lo es...” (Filipenses 1:9-10)*

Durante la temporada de compras navideñas es fácil quedarse atrapado en el frenesí de la compra de regalos. Sin embargo, ¿ese regalo es realmente una expresión de su amor por la otra persona? ¿O, lo hace solo como su “obligación” de darle algo? Para que la amistad con otras personas crezca, usted necesita pasar tiempo con ellos y aprender lo que es valioso para ellos. Quizás este año, compre menos “cosas” y pase más tiempo con sus seres queridos.



## GIVING TREE 2024

The Giving Tree will be at the front of the Church beginning **Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**, and remain there until **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. During this time you will have the opportunity to take ornaments (gift tags) off the tree and purchase some or all of the items listed. Gifts/gift cards should be dropped off to the Church the weekends of **December 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>** and **December 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>**. **PLEASE if you take a gift tag, please return the gift. ALL GIFTS ARE DUE BACK DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>.**

St. Matthias parishioners and friends have been very generous in the past. Your kindness is truly appreciated by the recipients at YES Early Learning Centers, Great Expectations, Ozanam Family and Men’s Shelter, Naomi’s Way, Pregnancy Aid, Elijah’s Promise and other local families. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

As always, we can use more elves before and after Sunday Masses and **need drivers for deliveries the mornings of December 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, after the 8:00 AM Mass.**

If you can volunteer a bit of time, please contact:

**Joanne Diana** at (732)322-6270 or [j-diana@comcast.net](mailto:j-diana@comcast.net). Thank you.

# Connecting to Our Local Community



**SACRED TIME, SACRED SPACE**      **Wednesday, December 11 from 9:30am-3pm**  
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**VIRTUAL COMFORTABLE CUP OF TEA 100**      **Thursday, December 12 from 3-4pm**  
 Join us on Zoom for an hour of lectio divina, prayer, conversation and small group sharing.  
 Freewill offering

**SPIRITUAL AWAKENINGS VIDEO CLUB**      **Friday, December 13 from 10-11:30am**  
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**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**      **Sunday, December 15 from 4-6:30pm**  
 Join us in person or on Zoom for prayer, food and fun. The party will be held in the Mount Saint Mary Parlor.  
 Standard Ticket: \$50; Seraphim Choir: \$75; Cherubim Choir: \$100; Archangels – Greater than \$100

## Holiday Support Group for Adult Children of Divorce

The Life-Giving Wounds Ministry for adult children of divorce is sponsoring a hybrid support group consisting of a series of virtual meetings and 2 in-person sessions. The first session will be held at St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on **December 7th**. Subsequent meetings will take place each Thursday evening on Zoom from 8 to 9:30 p.m. The final session will take place on **February 8th**. Cost is \$45 per person for materials.

**To register, please visit:**

[www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce](http://www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce)

**For questions, please contact Molly at:**

[molly.moltane@gmail.com](mailto:molly.moltane@gmail.com)

## Parish Leadership

<b>Parish Pastoral Council:</b> <b>Co-Chairs:</b> Stephen Busono <a href="mailto:sbusono@gmail.com">sbusono@gmail.com</a> Bill Isele <a href="mailto:t33sm@aol.com">t33sm@aol.com</a>	<b>Co-Secretaries:</b> Didi Molano Sheila Tartaglia Teresa Yannotta Joe Percoco	Miles London Fr. Lancelot McGrath, Fr. Abraham, Ex-Officio <b>Trustees:</b> Pearl Scott Marge Richards	<b>Parish Finance Council:</b> Kester Hector, Chair <b>Finance Council</b> <a href="mailto:@stmatthias.net">@stmatthias.net</a> Carmen Driz-Melilli Barry Dusault Joan Pritchard	Mary Pat Burke-Grospin, Ex-Officio Fr. Abraham, Ex-Officio
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## About St. Matthias (please contact the staff members on the cover for up-to-date information)

**Parish Registration** — Welcome to St. Matthias! Please register on our website. [www.stmatthias.net/join-us](http://www.stmatthias.net/join-us), or visit the Parish Office.

**Marriage** — Registered parishioners should contact the parish office a year before the desired wedding date.

**Baptism** — Baptismal Preparation Sessions are held four times a year for registered parishioners. Please contact the parish office before the baby is born. The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of each month, except during Lent.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** - If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing the Sacraments of Initiation--Baptism/Confirmation/Eucharist, please call the Parish Office.



**St. Matthias School** is a PreK3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade school rooted in faith, inspired by love, and dedicated to academic excellence. Before and After School Care Programs are available. Come visit! Contact 732-828-1402 to schedule a tour.



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