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**Mass Schedule (in person):**

Sat - 5 PM, Sun - 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12 noon  
 M/T/W/Th/F at 8:00 AM  
 also on our YouTube channel  
[youtube.com/c/StMatthiasSomersetNJ](https://youtube.com/c/StMatthiasSomersetNJ)

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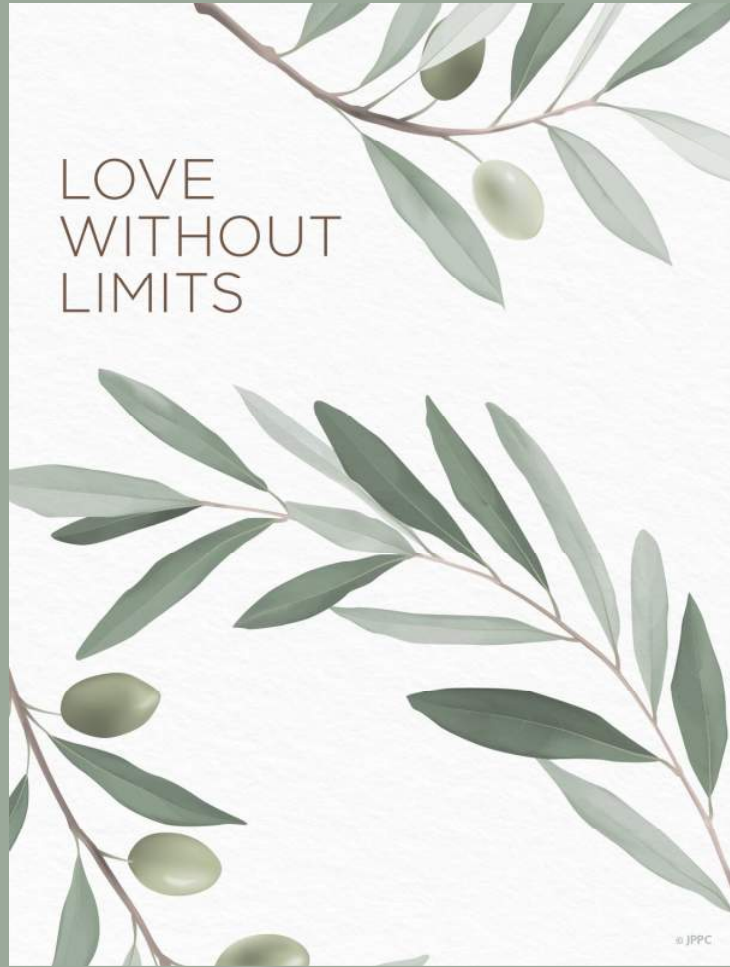
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**THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. MATTHIAS**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025**  
 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



LOVE  
 WITHOUT  
 LIMITS

Lent is coming. Are you ready?  
 Why not join a Small Faith Group?

See page 7 for details



**EMPTY BOWLS...IS BACK!**

**Come connect while helping support the Franklin Food Bank.**

See page 8 for more information



**PLEASE COME JOIN THE MANY WHO SPEND SOME QUIET TIME WITH THE EUCHARISTIC LORD.**  
**OUR NEXT ADORATION WILL BE FEBRUARY 24, 2025 FROM 6 PM TO 8 PM.**  
**WHEN THE DEACON IS AVAILABLE, WE CONCLUDE ADORATION WITH A BENEDICTION.**

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.

**Sunday, Feb 23, 2025**

|         |                    |                        |
|---------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 8:00AM  | Mass               | Church                 |
| 10:00AM | Mass (Interpreter) | Church                 |
| 11:00AM | RCIA               | de Porres Rm & Ruiz Rm |
| 12:00PM | Mass (Boy Scout)   | Church                 |
| 1:30    | Baptisms           | Church                 |

**Monday, Feb 24, 2025**

**St. Adela, Princess of England**

|        |                         |           |
|--------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 8:00AM | Mass                    | Church    |
| 6:00PM | Eucharistic Adoration   | Church    |
| 7:00PM | Cub Scout Pack 195 Mtg. | Cafeteria |

**Tuesday, Feb 25, 2025**

**St. Walburga, Abbess**

|        |                    |        |
|--------|--------------------|--------|
| 8:00AM | Mass               | Church |
| 7:30PM | Handbell Rehearsal | Church |

**Wednesday, Feb 26, 2025**

**St. Porphyry of Gaza, Bishop**

|         |                          |                   |        |
|---------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| 8:00AM  | Mass                     | St. Joseph Novena | Church |
| 9:30AM  | Holy Spirit Prayer Group | de Porres Room    |        |
| 6:30 PM | Girl Scout Roop 63202    | Pre K Classroom   |        |
| 7:30 PM | Folk Group Rehearsal     |                   | Church |

**Thursday, Feb 27, 2025**

**St. Gabriel Our Lady of Sorrows, Confessor**

|         |                                |        |
|---------|--------------------------------|--------|
| 8:00AM  | Mass                           | Church |
| 3:30 PM | Children's Choir, Grades 3 & 4 | Church |
| 4:00 PM | Children's Choir Grades 5-8    | Church |
| 7:30 PM | Adult Choir Rehearsal          | Church |

**Friday, Feb 28, 2025**

**St. Hillary, Pope**

|        |                     |           |
|--------|---------------------|-----------|
| 8:00AM | Mass                | Church    |
| 6:45PM | Boy Scout Troop 154 | Cafeteria |

**Saturday, March 1, 2025**

**St. David of Wales, Bishop**

|         |                |         |
|---------|----------------|---------|
| 10:30AM | Bible Study    | Ruiz Rm |
| 3:30 PM | Reconciliation | Church  |
| 5:00 PM | Vigil Mass     | Church  |

**Sunday, March 2, 2025**

|         |                      |                        |
|---------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 8:00AM  | Mass                 | Church                 |
| 10:00AM | Mass                 | Church                 |
| 11:00AM | RCIA                 | de Porres Rm & Ruiz Rm |
| 11:00AM | Rosary Altar Meeting | St. John XXII Rm       |
| 12:00PM | Mass                 | Church                 |
| 1:30PM  | GIFT                 | Church                 |



Dear Friends,

In another week, we will be at the threshold of the holy season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is on March 5 – a day of fast and abstinence. The Jubilee Year 2025 makes this Lent special as both remind us of the journey of life with the Word of God. During Lent every year, our Small Faith-sharing groups become more active than ever, reflecting on the Scriptures. The participants are greatly enriched with their experience in small gatherings – at church and at homes. Some may wonder why this insistence on small groups? Here are some reasons:

- Small groups are biblical.
- Small groups allow us to dialog with people of differing views.
- Small groups give us a place to talk about personal and spiritual things in a safe environment.
- Small groups help us to experience the power of love and prayer.
- A small group provides us with much needed support and encouragement.
- A small group helps facilitate our faith journey.

This year a special faith-sharing resource based on the jubilee theme: “Pilgrims of Hope” has been prepared by RENEW International. They have aptly titled it as “Jubilee: Join the Journey of Hope.” I found them very helpful. The six sessions include topics such as:

- Materialism versus gospel values
- Care for those in poverty, the sick, and the elderly
- Concern for young people
- Compassion and encouragement for prisoners; rejection of the death penalty
- Welcome for strangers
- Forgiveness and reconciliation

These sessions call us to grow closer to God and one another. The testimonies you hear from our own parishioners speak for themselves as to what these small group meetings can do to you personally and for your family.

As I often mention while inviting us all to join small groups, there is no requirement for a long term commitment, but a desire to attend just six sessions during the six weeks of Lent. Let us listen to the promptings that the Spirit of God is giving us and act upon them without procrastinating. Many Catholics will take part in the Jubilee by traveling to Rome or to the Holy Land. But for most of us the more practical way to be a part of a Church “on the move” is through personal reflection and sharing in a small group during Lent. For signing up, please contact **Debbie Schurko**, our Director of Religious Education, at: [dschurko@stmatthias.net](mailto:dschurko@stmatthias.net)

Give yourself a chance, and see the difference it will make in your life, especially this Lent!

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Orapankal

**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.

## Readings for the Week

**Monday** Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday** Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday** Sir 4:11-19 Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday** Sir 5:1-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mk 9:41-50

**Friday** Sir 6:5-17 Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday** Sir 17:1-15 Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 Mk 10:13-16

**Sunday** Sir 27:4-7 Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sat., February 22** 5:00 PM 75th Anniversary for Marie & Mauro DeFeo by Lisa DeFeo

**Sun., February 23** 8:00 AM Lauren Salvi by The Enad Family

10:00 AM Jean Elguicze by Maria Saumell

12:00 PM Intention of Parishioners

**Mon., February 24** 8:00 AM Natalija Liaukiene by Nijole Klimik

**Tues., February 25** 8:00 AM Jose Lawas by Agnes

**Wed., February 26** 8:00 AM Birthday Blessings for Nina Ripley by the Family

**Thurs., February 27** 8:00 AM Marion Bradford by Pat Dolphin

**Fri., February 28** 8:00 AM Miguel & Petra Andrade by Gavilanes Family

**Sat., March 1** 5:00 PM Intention of Parishioners and Courtney Onwuz by Dad, Anthony Onwuz

**Sun., March 2** 8:00 AM Anne Ritchick by St. Matthias Rosary Altar Society

10:00 AM Helen Bell by Nancy Inzano

12:00 PM Birthday Blessings for Menchie Ventura and Don Tibay by Alma Valdez

## 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.**

|                       |                      |                       |                       |   |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Connie Adams          | Derowitsch Family    | Marilyn Jensen        | Joan Mazzacco         | Sr. Rosaria Shina, OSF  |
| Beth, Jim & Jay Adams | Hattie Evans         | Jean Alix Jolly       | Frank McCann          | Timothy Siclari   |
| Sue Alese             | Adam Figueriedo      | Marie Claude Jolly    | Ann McElwee           | Catherine Steele  |
| Robert Baker          | Margaret Ann Cichon  | Donna Kahora          | Jessica Marie Merrick | Richard Sury  |
| Edgar Banaag          | Ford                 | Patty Kerekes         | Gail Miranda          | Jacqueline Taylor   |
| Carolyn Banghart      | Sharon Gadomski      | Betsy Kondrat         | Catalina Moran        | Anita Vance   |
| Ghislaine Baron       | Heinley Gaspard      | Kim Krikorian         | Sarah Braun Morini    | Minda Villarica   |
| Samantha Bellouny     | Emma Gergely         | Kathy Langenbacher    | Robert Pellegrino     | Eileen Weber  |
| Carmen Bender         | Gerard Giordano      | Rose Larangeira       | Robert Pierro         | Nancy Whelan  |
| Mary Bostrom          | Claude Godet         | Linda Leone           | Robert Pietrowiak     | GINETTE ZAMOR   |
| Robert Brisson        | Marie Godet          | Henrietta Lesiak      | Randolff Pinard       | Celia M. Zelinski   |
| Patricia Burke        | Fr. Ben Gomez OMI    | John Litrakis         | Valerie Polci         | Anne Zando  |
| Karin Cabezas         | Shelly Greene        | Mary Lou Litrakis     | Kim Price             | <b>And for all who are ill, homebound, elderly, in nursing care, or living with chronic illness, we pray.</b> |
| Ben Campbell          | Joan Harris          | Aries Magali          | Frank Rispoli         |   |
| Tara Capatosto        | Linda Hartong        | Cynthia Magat         | Gabriel Rivera        |   |
| Rustico Castellano    | Jeff Hentz           | Kenneth & Kelly Magat | Bob Rotz              |   |
| Pierre Celestin       | Sloopy & JP Hoffman  | Bobby Manansala       | Marisa Ruppel         |   |
| Lisa DeFeo            | Marilyn Horvath      | Susan, King & Tosh    | Gloria Santos         |   |
| Patrick Dolphin       | Jerry & Donna Hucul  | Manansala             | Maria Schwenzer       |   |
| Vivian Dong           | Nicole Cherill Hynes | Colleen Maniscalco    | Felix Sebastian       |   |
| Sanora Doyen          | Nick Isele           | Alexandra Marquez     | Patricia Shea         |   |
| Andrea Dubuisson      | Rafael Jara          | Christine Matthews    | Amy Shepp             |   |

## Pray for those who have died...

— “His mercy endures forever.” Chronicles

Rosa Pacheco de Urbina

Ann Eileen Roberts

Leslie Allen

Anthony Stone



## Reflect



### Smile with Your Family



*This is part 2 of a re-run from the national archives of the letters of pure hearted kids to their pastors proving how pure they are in heart:*

Dear Pastor, I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland.  
*Loreen. Age 9. Tacoma.*

Dear Pastor, Please say a prayer for our Little League team. We need God's help or a new pitcher. Thank you,  
*Alexander. Age 10, Raleigh.*

Dear Pastor, My father says I should learn the Ten Commandments. But I don't think I want to because we have enough rules already in my house.  
*Joshua. Age 10, South Pasadena.*

Dear Pastor, Who does God pray to? Is there a God for God?  
*Sincerely, Christopher. Age 9, Titusville.*

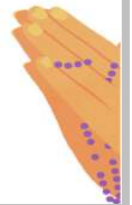
Dear Pastor, Are there any devils on earth? I think there may be one in my class.  
*Carla. Age 10, Salina.*

Dear Pastor, How does God know the good people from the bad people? Do you tell Him or does He read about it in the newspapers?  
*Sincerely, Marie. Age 9, Lewiston*



## SAVE THE DATES

**March 15<sup>th</sup> for Parish Retreat &  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> for Anointing of the Sick**



## JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE 10 THINGS TO KNOW - #7

**Major Events:** Major events are happening in Rome, including jubilee gatherings with liturgies, speakers, and papal audiences to celebrate different groups within the church. Some of them already took place: the Jubilee of the World of Communications on Jan. 24-26, the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel on Feb. 8-9, and the Jubilee gatherings for artists Feb. 15-18. This weekend is the Jubilee of Deacons (Feb 21-23). The month of March has three events: 8-9: Jubilee of the World of Volunteering, 28: 24 Hours for the Lord – Lenten Mission, and 28-30: Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy.

**Reflection:** Some of these special gatherings will coincide with major canonizations, such as the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis during the Jubilee of Teenagers April 25-27, and the canonization of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati during the Jubilee of Young People July 28-Aug. 3. No matter what the major events are, Pope Francis asks us not to forget those who suffer and are in need of our help as he wrote in the Bull of Indiction of this Jubilee Year 2025: “During the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind. ... Signs of hope should also be shown to the sick, at home or in the hospital. Their sufferings can be allayed by the closeness and affection of those who visit them. Works of mercy are also works of hope that give rise to immense gratitude. Gratitude should likewise be shown to all those healthcare workers who, often in precarious conditions, carry out their mission with constant care and concern for the sick and for those who are most vulnerable. Inclusive attention should also be given to all those in particularly difficult situations, who experience their own weaknesses and limitations, especially those affected by illnesses or disabilities that severely restrict their personal independence and freedom. Care given to them is a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope that calls for the choral participation of society as a whole.” (numbers 10 & 11, Spes non Confundit)

## TWO PRESIDENTS AND A TRUCK DRIVER

When President Gerald Ford granted former President Richard Nixon “a free, full and absolute pardon” for his participation and perjury in the “Watergate” scandal, many considered Ford’s decision to be an act of weakness. In 1977, when President Jimmy Carter offered amnesty to those

who, during the Vietnamese War, had avoided being conscripted, he was criticized for not enforcing the law. Both men, one a Republican, the other a Democrat, “took the heat”, as it were, because neither was motivated by partisan politics or the pressure of public opinion. Each had chosen to go beyond the limits of strict justice in order to exercise a mercy that was dictated, not by law, but by a conscience formed on gospel principles. During the race riots in Los Angeles, in the aftermath of the Rodney King incident, a truck driver named Reginald Denny was pulled from his vehicle and severely beaten with a brick. When the case went to trial in 1993, Denny stunned the courtroom with his offer of forgiveness to those who had almost killed him. Later Denny said that only by forgiving the perpetrators of the crime against him had he been able to put the event behind him and move on.

*The Scripture readings we hear at Mass today are linked together by one main theme: the power of Christian love, when exercised in unconditional forgiveness. The readings also instruct us about our right and wrong choices. The right choices lead us to God, and the wrong ones break our relationship with Him and with one another. The first reading shows us how David made the right choice respecting God’s anointed king by forgiving his offenses, while Saul continued to make the wrong choices, perpetuating his misery with his revenge. In the second reading, St. Paul tells us how the “First Adam” made a wrong choice of disobedience, bringing death into the world, whereas Jesus, the “Second Adam,” made the correct choice of fulfilling his Father’s saving plan. Today’s gospel (Luke 6:27-38), gives us Jesus’ revolutionary moral teaching about correct choices in our human relationships, placing special emphasis on the golden rule, “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” This golden rule is amplified by a string of particular commands: “Love your enemies...Do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you and pray for those who maltreat you.” For Jesus, love is a fundamental attitude that seeks another’s good. Jesus orders us to love our enemies and to be merciful as God our Father is merciful. Jesus challenges us to do for others what God does for us. “Be compassionate, as your Father is compassionate.” He concludes by instructing us to stop judging and start forgiving.*

## “JUDA BEN HUR, YOU HAVE BECOME A MASSALA”



Some of you will remember that epic Hollywood motion picture titled Ben Hur, starring Charlton Heston. You may remember it for the exciting chariot race at the end. At the time Ben Hur was the most expensive Hollywood movie ever made. In the movie, based on a Lew Wallace book, an old friend named Massala has become Juda Ben Hur’s enemy. Because of Massala’s evil doing, Ben Hur is captured and forced into service down in the galley of a slave ship. Meanwhile, his mother and sister are sent off to prison. Ben Hur loses contact with them and later is told that they are dead. Juda Ben Hur, returns to Israel intent on one thing--revenge. Because of Massala, he has lost everything. And now he lives for one thing, to avenge himself upon Massala. This passion consumes Ben Hur to such an extent that his sweetheart, Esther, looking into his tortured eyes exclaims, “Juda Ben Hur, you have become a Massala.” That’s what hatred does to us. It is impossible to have the Spirit of Christ within us and at the same time to have a spirit of hatred for any other human being.

**Solution? Pray for the strength to forgive! At every Mass we pray the “Our Father”, asking God to forgive us as we forgive others. Our challenge is to overcome our natural inclination to hate. To meet that challenge we need to ask God for the strength to forgive other. Each of us needs to ask: do I have anyone in my life I call an enemy? Is there anyone who actually hates me? Are there people who would really curse me? Is there anyone in my life who mistreats me--a boss, a teacher, a parent, a co-worker, a family member, a former spouse? These things hurt us, and they are often difficult to forgive. However, we must forgive, because only forgiveness truly heals us. If we remember how God has forgiven us, it will help us forgive others. For those who have hurt us, Jesus tells us our response should be love: “Forgive and you will be forgiven.” Let us start forgiving right now by curbing the sharp tongue of criticism, suppressing the revenge instinct and tolerating the irritating behavior of a neighbor.**



## Reflect

### **“WE ARE NOT ADVOCATING VIOLENCE. WE MUST LOVE OUR ENEMIES.”**



On January 30, 1956, Martin Luther King, Jr. came home from a meeting to find his home had been bombed while his wife and children were inside. Crowds full of anger swarmed in the front yard. After a while, Dr. King

came out to address the crowd. This is what he said: “We are not advocating violence. We must love our enemies. What we are doing is just and God will be with us.”

*Jesus challenges our willingness to endure unjust suffering for his sake and the sake of his Gospel. For example, we must often endure the suffering that comes when a co-worker calls us "a religious fanatic" because we believe in the Ten Commandments; the pain that comes when family members refuse to associate with us because we take our faith seriously and refuse to compromise our beliefs; the suffering that comes to a practicing Christian youth who is ostracized by his friends because he won't do drugs or engage in promiscuous sexual activity. These are examples of the "little martyrdoms" that Jesus challenges us to embrace every day in his name! (CCC 2264)*

### **“I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FORGIVE THE MAN WHO MURDERED MY MOTHER!”**

A few years ago the small town of Palm Bay, Florida, experienced a deep community trauma. A crazed alcoholic filled his pockets with high-powered ammunition. Then, taking a semiautomatic rifle, he walked into a crowded shopping center and started killing people at random. By the time he was finally chased into a grocery store (where he held a young woman hostage for several hours before the police persuaded him to give up), he had killed six people and wounded a dozen more some seriously. Emotions ran high. One of the ladies killed was a sixty-eight year-old saint who worked in a church nursery. People were confused. What role did justice play in this kind of situation? Forgiveness? Each person had to arrive at his own conclusion.

*But Sandy Thompson, the daughter of the slain woman, made a deliberate decision not to hate. "If I hate him," she told her pastor, "I am also a murderer." She said, "Jesus said, "Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment. But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment.' (Matt. 5:2122). He also said: "You have heard that it was said, Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.' (Matt. 5:4344) Therefore," said Sandy Thompson, "I have no choice but to love and forgive the man who murdered my mother."*

### **“FRATRES PONTIFICES,” THE BRIDGE-BUILDING BROTHERS**



In A.D. 1191, Pope Clement III approved a new guild. Its members included nobles, clergy, and artisans. The work of the guild consisted of clearing dangerous roads for pilgrims and building bridges over rivers and chasms. Members of the guild wore clothing that carried a picture of two things: a cross and a bridge. The guild was called "fratres pontifices," the bridge-building brothers. And that is who we who follow Jesus are called to be. An Episcopal priest, Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, once commented: "People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges."

*Practice the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Christian ethics consists, not in merely refraining from evil, but in actively doing good, not only to those who are friends, but to those who hate us or do evil against us. In other words, Jesus expects us to rise above our human instincts and imitate the goodness and generosity of God. The observance of the golden rule makes us like God whose love and mercy embrace saints and sinners alike. At the same time the Golden Rule does not require that we allow others to take advantage of us.*

### **LESSON FROM THE GODFATHER II**



Michael Corleone preaches the following principle: "Keep your friends close and your enemies closer yet." Powerful information is wrapped up in criticism. You will always learn more from your enemies than from your friends. Enemies can provide a largely untapped source of truth; they give us tips, either about us or (if the critique is off-base) about those who criticize us. Either way we receive valuable information. Proverbs 23:12 can be translated as: "Don't refuse to accept criticism; get all the help you can."

*What makes Christianity distinct from any other religion is the quality known as grace, i.e., God's own life working in us, so that we are able to treat others, not as they deserve but with love, kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as to the just. Hence our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us. When we pray for those who do us wrong, we break the power of hate in ourselves and in others, and release the power of love. How can we possibly love those who cause us harm? God gives the necessary power and grace to those who believe and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers our hurts, fears, prejudices and grief. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment, and give us the courage to return good for evil.*



## COME PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

The Rosary Altar Society meets every first Sunday of each month after the 10 am Mass to pray the rosary. ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN.



## Live Lent

### JOIN A SMALL GROUP...? BUT WHY?

That is a reasonable question one can pose as we live in a culture that is so inclined to the philosophy of individualism. Let me give just two reasons:



#### First, The small groups are Biblical:

- ◆ Jesus chose his small group – the disciples. (Mark 3: 14-15)
- ◆ The early church followed Jesus’ example. They gathered regularly in their homes for small group fellowship (Acts 2: 42).
- ◆ The Apostle John stressed group fellowship. (1 John 1:7) The Greek word John used for fellowship, “koinonia,” means much more than a kind of social interaction occurring in many fellowship halls or at church potluck suppers. It is a very intimate, life-sharing type of association. Koinonia is the sort of in-depth camaraderie Jesus shared with his disciples.

#### Second, Scholars recommend small groups as extremely beneficial:

For most of history, group life was a given. But in today’s fast-paced global society, this culture is very different. Community scholars concur in describing contemporary society as alienated, rootless, lonely, and lacking a sense of belonging. This is heightened because most of us will never get back to the extended family, the parish, and the village of earlier life. That’s why there is such a proliferation of support groups in our country for all kinds of causes – a positive development that speaks of the human need to be in community. Sociological studies and scholarly opinions support this. Let me cite just one. Pastoral psychologist Robert Leslie says:

*God is not found in objective law, in sterile formulas, in impersonal rules. God is found in participation, in involvement, in celebration. God is found in relationships, in encounters, in the joys and sorrows of human experience, in the give and take of dialogue. In the miracle of relatedness we discover that we are no longer strangers, but members together in a household, bound together in our common loyalty to God.*

**What happens in small groups?** In many church small groups the participants share their ideas and experiences about their efforts in trying to understand and live the Word of God. They experience an openness to talk about the more important things in their lives - to listen and care, to provide support and strength. Group members experience sufficient freedom to be themselves, without judgment from others. • From such openness and acceptance, including prayer for one another, they experience a powerful kind of bonding or warmth that brings growth and change – a feeling of being rejuvenated.

## THE FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION RETREATS ARE RESCHEDULED FOR

**March 23rd, 2025**

in the

**St. John XXIII Room**

#### COMMUNION RETREAT:

11am to 1pm

1 Parent & Child Attend

#### CONFIRMATION RETREAT:

2pm to 5pm

1 Parent or Sponsor & Candidate Attend



Communion



Confirmation

## Learn

### WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

#### Pastoral Council Seeks New Members

The Parish Pastoral Council is currently seeking new members. The Council advises the Pastor on all matters concerning the good health of the parish. Terms are for 3 years. If you are interested, or if you have any questions, please email **Stephen Busono** at [sbusono@gmail.com](mailto:sbusono@gmail.com) or **Bill Isele** at [t33sm@aol.com](mailto:t33sm@aol.com)

#### Finance Council Seeks New Members

The Parish Finance Council is seeking additional members to join. The main role of the Finance Council is to advise and consult with the Pastor in matters of financial administration. For this reason, we are looking for parishioners who have had experience in the areas of business, finance and accounting. If you are interested in being considered for this ministry, please contact **Kester Hector** at [FinanceCouncil@stmatthias.net](mailto:FinanceCouncil@stmatthias.net)



### THE 2025 THEME FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH IS APTLY DEDICATED TO "AFRICAN AMERICANS AND LABOR."

[Adapted from the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH)].

The 2025 Black History Month theme, African Americans and Labor, focuses on the various and profound ways that work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – intersect with the collective experiences of Black people. Be it the agricultural labor of enslaved Africans that fed Low Country colonies, the importance of vocational training by Black educators, self-help strategies and entrepreneurship, or organized labor's role in fighting both economic and social injustice, Black people's work has been transformational throughout the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora. This year's theme celebrates the potent impact of this work.

A complete explanation of the theme can be found on the ALASH website - [www.asalh.org/black-history-themes/](http://www.asalh.org/black-history-themes/) In addition to bringing you articles each week in the bulletin, the St. Martin de Porres Society of St. Matthias erected a Black History Month display within St. Matthias School for the students there. The display features several children's books purchased for the library by the Society on Black and Labor for use by school students. The display will be brought to the church vestibule in the final weekend of February to coincide with the February 22nd parish-wide Mass in celebration of Black History Month at 5pm. A reception in the cafeteria will follow the Mass. All are welcome to celebrate.

## Connect



### 7th Annual Art & Restaurant Showcase

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

DOUBLETREE HOTEL, SOMERSET, NJ



Empty Bowls - Franklin is back, and our Parish, the Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society at St Matthias, and individual members of our Parish each have again signed up as sponsors of this worthy cause that serves so many people of the township. Come try delicious dishes from local chefs & restaurants, shop talented artists & potters, all while supporting Franklin Food Bank. The event will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center at 200 Atrium Drive in Somerset on March 9, from 1pm-4 pm. Tickets, sponsorships, and donations can be purchased online by visiting

<https://franklinfoodbank.org/emptybowls/>

All proceeds benefit the Franklin Food Bank. We hope to see you there!



## Give (and Receive!)

| Stewardship Totals for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 |             |               |                                   | Last Year's Total                           |
|---|-------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---|
|   | In-Pew/Mail | Parish Giving | Weekly Total                      | Weekly Total                                |
| Week 31 - Feb. 2, 2025  | \$11,179.50 | \$9,145.50    | <b>\$20,325.00</b>                | \$23,533.25                                 |
| Week 32 - Feb. 9, 2025  | \$6,480.00  | \$27,424.00   | <b>\$33,904.00</b>                | \$53,109.73                                 |
| Week 33 - Feb. 16, 2025   | \$8,000.00  | \$13,992.50   | <b>\$21,992.50</b>                | \$20,568.93                                 |
| Week 34 - Feb. 23, 2025   |             |               |                                   | \$22,498.25                                 |
|   |             |               | <b>Month-to-date Total</b>        | <b>February Total Last Year</b>             |
|   |             |               | <b>\$76,221.50</b>                | \$119,710.16                                |
|   |             |               | <b>Current Year-to-date Total</b> | <b>Year-to-date as of February 29, 2024</b> |
|   |             |               | <b>\$859,699.01</b>               | \$807,945.13                                |

### REMINDER!

When we contribute via check, the Chase Bank requires that the checks must be made out to **“Church of St. Matthias.”**

No other variation of this designation will be acceptable due to greater security controls.

#### Stewardship Reflection February 23, 2025 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

*“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back...” - LUKE 6:35*

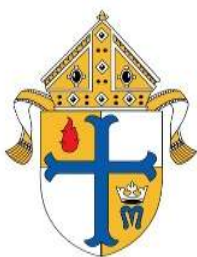
Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

#### Reflexiónese – 23 de febrero de 2025 Domingo 7<sup>o</sup> del Tiempo Ordinario

*“Antes bien, amen a sus enemigos, y háganles bien, y presten sin esperar nada a cambio...” - LUCAS 6:35*

Eso es más fácil decirlo que hacerlo, ¿verdad? Sin embargo, si queremos imitar a Cristo, la mayoría de nosotros necesita practicar la misericordia y la compasión más frecuentemente. Comience con las pequeñas dificultades que experimentamos diariamente, las palabras poco amables o las miradas de odio que recibimos. En lugar de preparar venganza, trate de decir una rápida oración por esa persona. Rezar por nuestros enemigos no los cambia a ellos, nos cambia a nosotros. La misericordia y la compasión nos mantienen en el camino de la santidad.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2025-2026 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPENED January 1<sup>st</sup>



Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2025. A signed Parish Verification Form is also required by the Diocese, and should be signed by your Pastor, and submitted to the school or schools your children attend. Eligibility requirements, instructions and forms can be found at: [www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance](http://www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance). Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

# Connecting to Our Local Community



## FREE TAX PREPARATION

There are AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers providing free tax returns to Somerset County residents.

These volunteers go through intensive training and testing to prepare to be IRS-certified tax preparers. Several of our parishioners have had their taxes prepared by them. If anyone wishes to make use of their assistance, know that their phone lines open **after February 1<sup>st</sup>**. It is completely free.

**For an appointment, call 908-541-5710**



## The Lenten Journey... Reconciliation to Resurrection

Presenter: Mumbi Kigutha CPPS

**March 8, 2025 • 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Our Lenten Retreat Day will focus on the movement and invitation to reconciling love with self, others and God. Mumbi Kigutha CPPS, will facilitate the day weaving prayer, input, contemplative time and sharing.

Mumbi was born and raised in Kenya but currently resides in Silver Spring, MD. She has worked with diverse vulnerable populations in various parts of the world, including assignments with various U.N. agencies. She is a dynamic writer, speaker, facilitator and retreat leader. Currently, Mumbi ministers full-time as President of Friends in Solidarity and offers retreats and days of reflection.

### Ways to Register and Participate:

- In-person for the Day Donation—\$35 (includes lunch)
- Virtual via Zoom: Suggested Offering: \$15-\$20
- Overnight Friday and attending the Retreat Saturday—Donation: \$85
- Register now via email **S. Joannie Cassidy** at: [jcassidy@ssjphila.org](mailto:jcassidy@ssjphila.org)



## METUCHEN CURSILLO MOVEMENT

Annual Lenten Encounter with Christ

**Saturday, April 5, 2025 - 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Mary, Mother of God Church, 157 S. Triangle Road Hillsborough, NJ

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Dcn. Sal Bonfiglio, OFS (Mary, Mother of God Church, Hillsborough)

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<https://annual-lenten-encounter-with-christ.cheddarup.com>

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## Parish Leadership

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| <b>Parish Pastoral Council:</b><br><b>Co-Chairs:</b><br>Stephen Busono<br><a href="mailto:sbusono@gmail.com">sbusono@gmail.com</a><br>Bill Isele<br><a href="mailto:t33sm@aol.com">t33sm@aol.com</a> | <b>Secretary:</b><br>Sheila Tartaglia<br><b>Members:</b><br>Teresa Yannotta<br>Joe Percoco<br>Miles London | Fr. Lancelot McGrath<br>Fr. Abraham, Ex-Officio<br><b>Trustees:</b><br>Pearl Scott<br>Marge Richards | <b>Parish Finance Council:</b><br>Kester Hector, Chair<br><b>Finance Council</b><br><a href="mailto:@stmatthias.net">@stmatthias.net</a><br>Carmen Driz-Mellini<br>Barry Dusault<br>Joan Pritchard | Mary Pat Burke-Grospin,<br>Ex-Officio<br>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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