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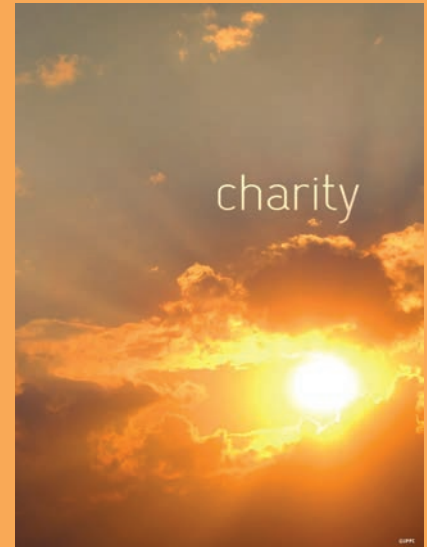
THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. MATTHIAS SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022–15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Appeal Collection

Next weekend, July 16/17, we will have the Mission Society Collection. We welcome Fr. Pauly Thekkan, CMI, to all Masses. The collection will be for the Carmelite Missions. Please be generous as you are able.



To learn more about the missionary work of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI), please visit:
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How Does/Should the Church Make Decisions?

It's not too late to sign up for the Vatican Synod video classes addressing how the church can make future decisions through the process of communal discernment.

Discernment involves listening to what the Holy Spirit is telling us and inviting us to do. The videos examine what discernment is and how to use it, especially when there are conflicting views among people. This is especially timely in our world today which has many examples of division.

The videos also reflect on current leadership and governance within the church and discuss how to retrieve the early church's Tradition of listening to the Holy Spirit's guidance through communal discernment – a process critically needed for future leadership and governance in our Church. Don't miss this opportunity!

The videos were released July 4 and you can watch them whenever they fit your schedule. Start watching the videos (for free) at: <https://formaciononline.bc.edu/en/home> (If you are reading this bulletin online, just hold down the Ctrl key and click on the above link.)

The title for the first course is:
 "Common Discernment and Decision Making in a Synodal Church"
 People from all over the world are participating in these courses which are hosted by Boston College.



"Let's walk together as a church with the Holy Spirit."



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This Week @ St. Matthias From the Pastor's Desk

Masses are also livestreamed on our YouTube channel: [youtube.com/c/StMatthiasSomersetNJ](https://www.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 Jul 10, 2022

8:00AM Mass Church
10:00AM Mass Church
12:00PM Mass Church

Monday, Jul 11, 2022 St. Benedict, Abbot & Founder

8:00AM Mass Miraculous Medal Novena Church

Tuesday, Jul 12, 2022 St. John Gualbert, Abbot & Founder

8:00AM Mass Church
All Day—SVDP Mtg. Off Site

Wednesday, Jul 13, 2022 St. Henry II, Roman Emperor

8:00AM Mass - St. Joseph Novena Church
9:30AM Prayer Group 1—Holy Spirit de Porres Rm

Thursday, Jul 14, 2022 St. Kateri Tekakwitha, 1st Native American to be declared "Blessed"

8:00AM Mass Church

Friday, Jul 15, 2022 St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00AM Mass Church

Saturday, Jul 16, 2022 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

10:00AM Secular Franciscans de Porres Rm
3:30PM Reconciliation Church
5:00PM Mass Church

Sunday Jul 17, 2022

Mission Appeal Collection

8:00AM Mass Church
10:00AM Mass Church
12:00PM Mass Church

Bulletin Article Requests:

If you would like to send information to be included in our bulletin, please email it to bulletin@stmatthias.net by 8 AM, **MONDAY, 6 before the bulletin date** (earlier for holiday weekends). Approved content is published on a space-available basis.



Dear friends,

12 or 72 disciples? We reflected on this question last Sunday based on the Lukan gospel about Jesus sending out 72. It is such an important point for our understanding of our own role as disciples that I wish to emphasize it further. Luke, the only gospel writer who mentions this, has a universalist outlook. He wants us to know that the mission of Jesus is not restricted just to the 12 Apostles, but also to a much larger group. **The 72 thus represents us all who are baptized Christians whose duty it is to pass on our Faith, as Pope Francis wrote in his first Encyclical 'The Light of faith' (Lumen Fidei): "... from one person to another, just as one candle is lighted from another. ... It is through an unbroken chain of witnesses that we come to see the face of Jesus."**

We are part of that beautiful chain of witnesses, binding us all the way back to Christ and the first 72 he sent out. Whether others become part of that chain depends on whether we do our part like those ahead of us have. It is wonderful to see some of our parishioners doing precisely that. **When I talk to some of our parishioners, they tell me they came because someone invited them to worship at St. Matthias.** That's a beautiful example for the rest of us. If more of us were to do that.... well, you know the result!

But there are difficulties, too. Some parishioners have shared with me their struggle to answer some of the questions people put to them about our faith, our church, our doctrine or about the Bible in general. We feel less confident to share or speak about faith matters. **That's one reason I have been giving an open invitation to all to attend as many sessions as you can – whether it be the RCIA, GIFT or FAITH SHARING. Many parents have expressed – to us priests, deacons and the catechists – their lack of understanding of our faith as they truly want to educate themselves about what we believe. Attending these sessions will enable them not only to teach their children but also to engage other adult acquaintances and friends on religious topics.**

Here's another suggestion for all of us: this summer offers us a wonderful opportunity to enrich ourselves with some knowledge of our faith. **When media gurus speak about summer reading lists, why not make our own list of faith-related summer reading list? How many of us have read the writings of or about Pope Francis? Last Sunday I mentioned, "The Joy of Love" which made people more aware of the joy of living the Christian? Or his writing on *The Care of Creation (Laudato Si)*? This one caught the world's attention like a wild fire as soon as it was published. In fact, my plan to go solar for our parish buildings was approved due to the openness created by *Laudato Si* towards better stewardship of our natural resources.**

My point is this: we all need enrichment about matters related to our faith. The more effort we will make, the better we will be able to speak boldly about why we believe what we believe. Hence I invite you to do something constructive this summer for our inner life, the life of our soul.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Orapankal

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Jul 9	5:00PM	Nicandro Ventura, by Menchie Ventura & Family
Sunday, Jul 10	8:00AM	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Flynn, by Flynn-Rasimowicz Family
	10:00AM	Don Bacon, by Phil & Freda Russo
	12:00PM	Maria Raitano, by Linda Anthony Alfano & Family
	(5:30PM)	Intention of ParishionersJ
Monday, Jul 11	8:00AM	Matthew Kelley, by The Pastore Family
Tuesday, Jul 12	8:00AM	Bruce Heyda, by Christina Rath
Wednesday, Jul 13	8:00AM	Health & Blessings for Christian Baker, by Alma Valdez
Thursday, Jul 14	8:00AM	John & Helen Dolak, by daughter, Eileen
Friday, Jul 15	8:00AM	Frank Catalina, by Catherine Campen
Saturday, Jul 16	5:00PM	Lisa Wehner, by The Goodman Family
Sunday, Jul 17	8:00AM	Filomena Giannattasio, by Linda & Anthony Alfano
	10:00AM	James Romba, by Phil & Freda Russo
	12:00PM	Erlina Liem, by The Sukendro Family
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Pray for those who are sick...

If you or a family member are sick, please call the Parish Office or email Kelly Counts at kcoun@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.*

Beth & Jay Adams

Erika Adams

Carolyn Banghart

Brandon Barbarite

Gloria Barone-Tuckey

Edith Benko

Anthony Brandi

Barbara Butler

Tara Capatosto

Ellen Catalina

[Michael DiMaggio](#)

Mary Dolan

William Dolphin

Vivian Dong

Tom Duffy

Josephine Geenty

Claudia Gemgnani

Emma Gergely

Rose Gessner

Mary Gidaro

Sloopy & John Hoffman

Baby Isla-Rose Huffman

Rose Larangeira

The Litrakis Family

John Litrakis

Kenneth & Kelly Magat

Al Maglio

King Manansala

Susan & Tosh Manansala

Beatrice May

Margaret Menendez

Carol Millemann

Sabrina Moloney

Dave Moynihan

Eleanor Nagy

Janice Navatkowski

Jean Oberlander

Dan O'Brien

Danny Ongchangco

Paul & Doris Paetow

Robert Pellegrino

Jim Pettit

Christina Pietrowiak

Ruth Piscadlo

Gabriel Rivera

Jaxon Rivera

Barbara Ruziska

Maria Schwenzer

Lena Sciotto

Buddy Scott

Sr. Mary Amata Shina, OSF

Sr. Rosaria Shina, OSF

Jeff Sullivan

Jeff Tami

Angie Montalbo Tinio

Jeaninne Tosh

Regina Wellman

Mark T. Worthington

And for all who are ill, homebound, elderly, in nursing care, or living with chronic illness, we pray.

Pray for those who have died...

— “His mercy endures forever.” Chronicles

Dennis Stuewe—husband of Rita

Henry Lee

Reflect



Smile with Your Family



Little Tim was in the garden filling a hole when his neighbor peered over the fence. Interested in what the youngster was doing, he politely asked, "What are you up to there, Tim?" "My goldfish died," replied Tim tearfully, without looking up, "and I've just buried him." The neighbor said, "That's an awfully big hole for a goldfish, isn't it, Tim?" Tim patted down the last heap of earth, and then replied, "That's because he's still inside your stupid cat." 😊

A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?" "That's disgusting — don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies. After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone." 😊

"The Good Samaritan eye." A man went to see his bank

manager to ask for a loan. After he had taken particulars, the bank manager said: "By rights I should refuse your request, but I will give you a sporting chance. Now, one of my eyes is made of glass. If you can tell me which one it is, I will grant you the loan." The customer looked at the manager intently for a few moments and then said: "It's your right eye." "That's correct, said the bank manager." "How did you guess?" "Well," replied the customer. It's your Good Samaritan eye; I mean the kind and sympathetic one." 😊

A little boy returned home from Sunday School, and his mother asked him what lesson the teacher taught. He said, "It was about two preachers who saw a man in a ditch, but they didn't stop because he had already been robbed." 😊

Companions on the way to eternity *The parable of the Good Samaritan.* Luke 10: 25-37

One night, Nurse Sandra Clarke was making her rounds at Sacred Heart Medical Center in Eugene, Oregon, when an elderly, frail patient made a request. His organs were failing; he had a do-not-resuscitate order. He knew he was dying. "Will you stay with me?" Sandra promised she would — as soon as she finished her rounds. Ninety minutes later, after checking charts and assessing vital signs, dispensing meds and assisting with bathroom trips for the other patients on the floor, she returned to the man's room. But it was too late.

"I was angry because I was so helpless," Clarke later said. "All he wanted was companionship."

That led the Oregon nurse to start "No One Dies Alone" — NODA. NODA places volunteers with patients as they die. Sandra Clarke modestly calls it a "fancy phone tree," but the program has saved thousands of patients from a lonely death. NODA serves dying patients who may not have any family, the homeless, those whose families must travel long distances, those who are estranged from their families. More than fifteen hundred NODA programs are operating in hospitals and prisons worldwide.

Ken Budd is a NODA volunteer in Virginia. He understands the responsibility of what he's taken on. Six years ago his mother died alone in her home of a heart attack. He still hasn't shaken the feeling of guilt and failure. On this particular evening, Ken enters the room of a 78-year-old woman who is dying. She may not survive the night. He says quietly, "My name is Ken. "I'm a volunteer and I'm going to be staying with you a bit. It's an

honor to be here." Ken writes of that night in *The Washington Post Magazine* [December 8, 2021]:

"I sit quietly. The dying can feel our presence, I've been told. That's the mission here. To be a compassionate human being. To provide family members — in this case, the woman's devoted daughter — with a break from their vigil. To make certain someone is here if she needs something. To ensure that she won't feel alone and, most important, that she won't die alone."

On our life's journey, we do not travel alone. We are all companions on this adventure to the life of God. As "neighbors" to one another, we are called to lift one another up, to seek what is good for one another, to put one another first — and allow ourselves to be caught and lifted up by others when we stumble and fall. The work of No One Dies Alone volunteers, like the Samaritan's compassion for the man nearly killed by robbers, mirrors the unconditional love of God and the selfless compassion of Christ. May we journey with one another as such "neighbors," honoring the sacred dignity each one of us possesses as sons and daughters of the God of all that is good.

Marriage Tune-Up

"Be your partner's cheerleader, not his/her teacher, supervisor or critic. This creates a partnership rather than a hierarchy." (Trudy Costa, "How To Create a Satisfying, Lasting Marriage")



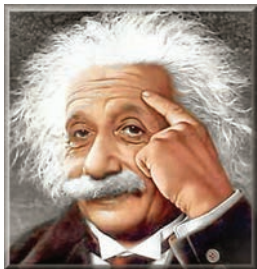
Reflect



Parenting Tune-Up

"...love you neighbor as yourself (Luke 10:27)

It's a familiar verse; perhaps so familiar we take it for granted. How do I love myself? (Do I take care of my health, my mind?...) Help your children identify their strengths today. Not just general strengths. Be specific. Later you can go on to apply this to your neighbors.



Einstein's Little Neighbor

When Einstein fled Nazi Germany, he came to America and bought a two-storied house within walking distance of Princeton University. There he entertained some of the most distinguished people of his day

and discussed with them far-ranging issues from physics to human rights. But Einstein had another frequent visitor. She was not, in the world's eyes, an important person like his other guests. Emmy, a ten-year old neighbor, had heard that a very kind man who knew all about mathematics had moved into her neighborhood. Since she was having trouble with her fourth-grade mathematics, she decided to visit the man down the block to see if he would help with her problems. Einstein was very willing and explained everything to her so that she could understand it. He also told her she was welcome to come anytime she needed help. A few weeks later, one of the neighbors told Emmy's mother that Emmy was seen entering the house of the world-famous physicist. Horrified, she told her daughter that Einstein was a very important man, whose time was very valuable, and shouldn't be bothered with the problems of a little schoolgirl. She then rushed over to Einstein's house, and when Einstein answered the door, she started trying to blurt out an apology for her daughter's intrusion -- for being such a bother. But Einstein cut her off. He said, "She has not been bothering me! When a child finds such joy in learning, then it is my joy to help her learn! Please don't stop Emmy from coming to me with her school problems. She is welcome in this house anytime."

And that's how it is with God! He is our neighbor, and He wants us to come to His house anytime! We can approach him with a childlike trust. He will always welcome us with those gracious words: "Come to me all who are weary and find life burdensome and I will give you rest!"

Operation Smile ☺

I was reading sometime back about Dr. William Magee Jr., a plastic surgeon in Norfolk, Va. In 1981, Dr. Magee traveled to the Philippines to operate on children with cleft lips and other facial deformities. Unfortunately, there were so many children with this deformity, a deformity that can render it impossible for them to speak or eat, that hundreds had to be turned away. This caused Dr. Magee and his wife to found an organization called Operation Smile. Operation Smile sends volunteer doctors to perform reconstructive facial surgery for children worldwide. "It wasn't a strategic plan," said Magee. "It was just a matter of emotion and passion to make sure children didn't have to live this way." The group, which already has treated 50,000 children worldwide, also trains doctors in other nations to perform the procedure. Magee hopes to use satellite technology in the future, so he can teach a greater number of medical professionals the necessary techniques. (The Associated Press.) Dr. Magee didn't have to do that. He could have justified himself. "What's in it for me? There are so many children in my own city whose parents or whose insurance company could pay for this surgery. I'm a busy doctor here. I don't have to go halfway around the world and minister to indigent children. Not my problem." I doubt if Dr. Magee even wondered if this act of service would get him into Heaven. He simply saw a need and filled it. He became a Good Samaritan, encouraging fellow surgeons to become Good Samaritans.



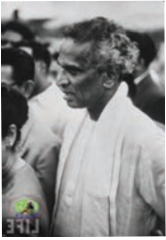
Repairing your smile.

In today's gospel, a scribe asked Jesus a very basic religious question: "What should I do to inherit eternal life?" In answer to the question, Jesus directed the Scribe's attention to the Sacred Scriptures. The Scriptural answer is "love God and express it by loving your neighbor." However, to the scribe, the word "neighbor" meant another scribe or Pharisee – never a Samaritan or a Gentile. Hence, the scribe insisted on a clarification of the word "neighbor." So Jesus told him the parable of the Good Samaritan. The parable clearly indicates that a "neighbor" is anyone who needs help. Thus, the correct approach is not to ask the question "Who is my neighbor?" but rather to ask, "Am I a good neighbor to others?"



Reflect

“You owe this debt to any stranger in need:”



V. P. Menon was a significant political figure in India during its struggle for independence from Britain after World War II. Menon had a splendid reputation for personal charity. His daughter explained the background of this trait after he died. When Menon arrived in Delhi to seek a job in government, all his possessions, including his money and I.D., were stolen at the railroad station. He would have to return home on foot, defeated. In desperation he turned to an elderly Sikh, explained his troubles, and asked for a temporary loan of fifteen rupees (equivalent to about 25 cents) to tide him over until he could get a job. The Sikh gave him the money. When Menon asked for his address so that he could repay the man, the Sikh said that Menon owed the debt not to him but to any stranger who came to him in need, as long as he lived. The help came from a stranger and was to be repaid to a stranger. Menon never forgot that debt. His daughter said that the day before Menon died, a beggar came to the family home in Bangalore asking for help to buy new sandals, for his feet were covered with sores. Menon asked his daughter to take fifteen rupees out of his wallet to give to the man. It was Menon's last conscious act. Menon ministered to strangers because a stranger had ministered to him. [Robert A. Fulgham, *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* (New York: Villard Books, 5322).]

Why have Christians been historically so charitable, so caring? It is because once we were lying beside the road broken, and bleeding, nail-scarred hands reached down to us and ministered to us in our need. While we were unworthy, Christ the Divine Good Samaritan died for us. We need to remember that the road from Jerusalem to Jericho passes right through our home, parish, school and work place. The Jericho Road is any place where people are being robbed of their dignity, their material goods or their value as human beings. It is any place where there is suffering and oppression. As a matter of fact, the Jericho Road may be our own home, the place where we are taking care of a mother or father, husband or wife, or even our own children. We may find our spouse, children or parents lying “wounded” by bitter words, scathing criticism or other, more blatant forms of verbal, emotional or physical abuse. Hence, Jesus invites us to have hearts of love. What God wants more than anything is for us to show our love to others, in our own home and school, in the workplace, and in the neighborhood, as the Good Samaritan did. Jesus is inviting us to have hearts of mercy for those who are being left hurt or mistreated on any of the “Jericho Roads” of life.

“I’ll be happy to honk your horn for you!”

Have you heard the story about the elderly woman who lived in a small town in East Texas who had car trouble on the way to the supermarket one morning? Her car stalled at a stop sign. She tried everything to get her car started again, but no luck. Suddenly, a man in a pick-up truck came up behind her and, with obvious agitation, he started honking his horn at her impatiently. She doubled her efforts to get her car going. She pumped the gas, turned the ignition, but still no luck. The man in the pick-up truck continued to honk his horn constantly and loudly. I love what the elderly woman did. Very calmly she got out of her car, walked back to the pick-up and motioned for the man to lower his window and then politely she said: "I'll make a deal with you. If you will start my car for me I'll be happy to honk your horn for you!"

Now, that is what you call "Rising to the occasion!" -- and that is precisely what Jesus does here in Luke 10. The lawyer was "testing" Jesus, honking his horn loudly. He was trying to trap Jesus and trip Him up with a loaded question, but Jesus (as He so often did), rose to the occasion and passed the test with flying colors. In so doing, He reminded the people back then (and us today), of what the main thing is in the Christian Faith.

“He did not answer the cry for help!”

There is a respectable lawyer in Albert Camus' novel, *The Fall*. He is walking in the streets of Amsterdam one night and hears a cry. A woman has fallen into the canal and is crying for help. Then the thoughts come rushing through his mind. Of course he must help, but...a respected lawyer getting involved in this way? What would the implications be? ...what about the personal danger? After all, who knows what has been going on? By the time he has thought it through, it is too late. She has drowned. He moves on, making all kinds of excuses to justify his failure to act. Camus writes, "He did not answer the cry for help. That is the man he was." [David Shelly, "A Master of Saves," *Presbyterian Survey* (July/August, 1986).]

We would have done better, we tell ourselves, and yet all around us are people in need. Not just physical needs -- emotional needs can be more devastating than physical needs. The most serious disease in America today, according to many experts, is loneliness. Many of us could hear cries for help right in our own neighborhood, if we would listen -- or in our own families. Why do we not listen? "Do this and live," said Jesus.



From the Pastoral Staff

'You must love the **Lord** your **God** with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.' This is such a profound statement in today's gospel. Love your neighbor as yourself... Sometimes, that is not the easiest to live by. How can we do that each and every day? How do we not quickly judge someone else? We are surrounded by people who are different from us. It is important for all of us to remember we are all God's children. All of us are created in the image of God. By following and putting our faith in Jesus helps us to be a better person. Jesus helps us remember that our

"neighbors" are those who need us. Those who need us to unconditionally love them no matter who they are.

Let us continue to pray for peace in our country. Pray for all of us to be that "Good Samaritan" each and every day.

God Bless,
Mary Lynch
Principal



Pray

Pope Francis' New Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi* ("I have earnestly desired") on Liturgy

On June 29, 2022, Pope Francis released a new, short Apostolic Letter on Liturgy. An excerpt is below. The full text can be found at: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html



"I would like this letter to help us to rekindle our wonder for the beauty of the truth of the Christian celebration, to remind us of the necessity of an authentic liturgical formation, and to recognize the importance of an art of celebrating that is at the service of the truth of the Paschal Mystery and of the participation of all of the baptized in it, each one according to his or her vocation. (§ 62)"

"No one had earned a place at that [Last] Supper. All had been invited. Or better said: all had been drawn there by the burning desire that Jesus had to eat that Passover with them... The world still does not know it, but everyone is invited to the supper of the wedding of the Lamb (Re 5:3). To be admitted to the feast all that is required is the wedding garment of faith which comes from the hearing of his Word..."

"Here lies all the powerful beauty of the liturgy. If the resurrection were for us a concept, an idea, a thought; if the Risen One were for us the recollection of others, however authoritative, as, for example, of the Apostles; if there were not given also to us the possibility of a true encounter with Him, that would be to declare the newness of the Word made flesh to have been all used up. Instead, the Incarnation, in addition to being the only always new event that history knows, is also the very method that the Holy Trinity has chosen to open to us the way of communion. **Christian faith is either an encounter with Him alive, or it does not exist [emphasis added]...**

"The fundamental question is this: how do we recover the

capacity to live completely the liturgical action? This was the objective of the [Second Vatican] Council's reform. The challenge is extremely demanding because modern people — not in all cultures to the same degree — have lost the capacity to engage with symbolic action, which is an essential trait of the liturgical act.

"With post-modernity people feel themselves even more lost, without references of any sort, lacking in values because they have become indifferent, completely orphaned, living a fragmentation in which an horizon of meaning seems impossible.

"The non-acceptance of the liturgical reform, as also a superficial understanding of it, distracts us from the obligation of finding responses to the question that I come back to repeating: how can we grow in our capacity to live in full the liturgical action? How do we continue to let ourselves be amazed at what happens in the celebration under our very eyes? We are in need of a serious and dynamic liturgical formation..."

"In this is posed the decisive question of liturgical formation. Romano Guardini says, "Here too the first practical task is indicated: carried along by this inner transformation of our time, we must learn anew how to relate religiously as fully human beings." This is what the Liturgy makes possible. For this we must be formed..."

"The Liturgy gives glory to God because it allows us — here, on earth — to see God in the celebration of the mysteries,
(Cont'd on next page)

Pray

Pope Francis' New Apostolic Letter *Desiderio Desideravi* (I have earnestly desired) on Liturgy (cont'd)

were dead through our sins and have been made be alive again with Christ — we are the glory of God...

“Above all we must reacquire confidence about creation. I mean to say that things — the sacraments “are made” of things — come from God. To Him they are oriented, and by Him they have been assumed, and assumed in a particular way in the Incarnation, so that they can become instruments of salvation, vehicles of the Spirit, channels of grace... If created things are such a fundamental, essential part of the sacramental action that brings about our salvation, then we

must arrange ourselves in their presence with a fresh, non-superficial regard, respectful and grateful. From the very beginning, created things contain the seed of the sanctifying grace of the sacraments...

“Let us abandon our polemics to listen together to what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Let us safeguard our communion. Let us continue to be astonished at the beauty of the Liturgy. The Paschal Mystery has been given to us. Let us allow ourselves to be embraced by the desire that the Lord continues to have to eat His Passover with us.”

Learn

2022-2023 GIFT for K-8 Religious Formation

We are happy to invite all parents/families with children in K-8, who are not attending a Catholic school, to register their children for our wonderful religious education/formation program for 2022-2023.

The 2022-2023 registration form for our K-8 family-based parish program of religious formation, G.I.F.T. [Growing In Faith Together], is currently available to complete online at 2022-2023 GIFT for K-8 Religious Ed. <https://www.stmatthias.net/faith-formation/>

Please register your family/children in grades K-8. This year we are planning to offer 3 sessions each month: on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM *without a meal* because of the COVID-19 precautions; and on Sunday afternoons at 2PM, again without a meal. You choose which one of the three sessions to attend.

The fees for the program are noted on parish website page. Please register online; the fee can also be paid online. **Please note: GIFT is required for all children in grades 1-8 who are not attending a Catholic school; it is optional for kindergarten students. It is required for non-Catholic school children also during the sacramental prep years.**

Attention 2nd Graders: First Eucharist Preparation 2022-2023

For all families in GIFT and for those who are students at St. Matthias School who have (baptized) children who are in 2nd grade [fall 2022] or older who desire to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation/First Eucharist in 2023, sacramental preparation is required through the parish-you **must register online**. Typically, classes are held for all children and at least one parent on certain Sunday mornings in the cafeteria or the St. John XXIII room [school building] and certain classrooms from 10:30AM -11:30AM. We are planning in person sessions for 2022-2023. Be sure to register early.

The sacramental preparation fee for this program is \$80. The 2022-2023 Registration for **First Eucharist/First Reconciliation are available online at <https://www.stmatthias.net/first-eucharist-first-reconciliation/>**

Questions? Please email Dee Nann at dnann@stmatthias.net or call the Parish Office, 732-828-1400.

Attention 7th & 8th Graders: Confirmation Preparation 2022-2023

Register for Confirmation Preparation as soon as possible!

Families who have a 7th or 8th grader in either St. Matthias School or the GIFT program and desire to have their child prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation need to complete the **2022-2023 Confirmation registration form online**, available at <https://www.stmatthias.net/confirmation/>.

A parent meeting for 7th grade parents will be held in November for all registered 7th graders-or those in Year 1 of Confirmation Preparation who may be a bit older. **Questions?** Please email Dee Nann at dnann@stmatthias.net



Join St. Matthias School Today!

Have you considered registering your child to attend SMS this September and have him/her learn about Jesus throughout the school day?

Saint Matthias School continues to accept new students for the 2022-2023 school year for PreK 3, PreK 4, and Kindergarten through grade 8. Before School and After School programs available.

ALL are welcome! Explore our website, www.stmatthias.info, and contact Maria Kosty at mkosty@stmatthiasnj.org to schedule an appointment. We look forward to welcoming your child!



Don't delay! Come visit St. Matthias School and learn what a wonderful decision this will be for your child and family.

Give (and Receive!)

Stewardship Totals for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023				Last Year's Total	
Current Month	In-Pew/Mail	Parish Giving*	Weekly Total	Weekly Total	
Week 1 - July 3, 2022	\$10,494.53	\$0.00	\$10,494.53	\$22,576.25	
<i>Please note: The Parish Giving amount for July 3 will added to next week's bulletin.</i>				Month-to-date Total	
				\$10,494.53	July Total Last Yr
				Current Year-to-date Total	Year-to-date as of Jul 31,
				\$10,494.53	\$122,093.69

Stewardship Reflection Jul 10, 2022 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’” Luke 10:37

This was Jesus’ command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know, or someone that looks different than you, or someone that has different beliefs than you, or someone that you don’t like. All without expecting anything in return.

Reflexiones — 10de julio 2022 - 15º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

“Jesús le dijo, ‘Ve y haz lo mismo’” Lucas 10:37

Este fue el mandato de Jesús al final de la historia del Buen Samaritano. ¿Sabía usted que los Samaritanos y los judíos se despreciaban los unos a los otros? La moraleja de la historia es amar a nuestros vecinos. Eso quiere decir amar a alguien que usted quizás no conoce, que luce diferente a usted, que tiene creencias diferentes a las suyas, o que a usted no le gusta. Todo sin esperar nada a cambio.



Part-Time Summer Help

St. Matthias Church is looking for part-time summer janitorial help. This is a perfect opportunity for a responsible high school or college student.

For more details, please contact Mary Pat Burke-Grospin at 732-828-1400 ext. 121 or mpburke-grospin@stmatthias.net.

Connecting with Our Local Community

Movement on the Monocacy Summer Series

Wed, Aug 3, 2022:00 PM Wed, Aug 24, 2022:00 PM

Wendy Arner



St. Francis Center for Renewal 395 Bridle Path Rd., Bethlehem, PA 18017, www.StFrancisCtr.org.

St. Francis Center for Renewal invites you to our first-ever *Movement on The Monocacy* summer series. Join us for four weekly outdoor movement classes on the beautiful meadow behind the White House convent. All fitness levels are welcome. **Classes will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, August 3, 10, 17 and 24. Please bring a mat or large towel and a water bottle.**

Registration Options: \$15 per person per class or \$60 for the entire series

How to Register: Please call the Center at 610-867-8890.



SAINT MATTHIAS SCHOOL POSITIONS AVAILABLE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

- 1. INSTRUCTIONAL AID** needed for Pre-Kindergarten class. Candidates must have a minimum of 60 college credits and will assist the classroom teacher in all aspects of pre-school teaching. Twenty-nine hours per week maximum, Monday thru Friday. Compensation is hourly.
- 2. AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM ASSISTANTS** needed. The program begins at 2:30 and ends at 6:00. Compensation is hourly. Working options include 1, 2 or 3 days per week. Some duties include homework help, indoor and outdoor games, playtime, overall monitoring of children in grades Pre-K 3 to 8.
- 3. SUBSTITUTES** needed to teach Pre-Kindergarten 3 to grade 8. Candidates must have a minimum of 60 college credits and be available Monday thru Friday.
- 4. FOOD SERVICE WORKER** needed to join our cafeteria staff in September. This is a part-time position. We are looking for candidates that are friendly; able to establish and maintain effective working relationships with coworkers, students and staff; and able to work as a team in a fast

paced environment. No experience necessary.

Duties and Responsibilities

Primary responsibilities include providing assistance to the school lunch program by preparing and serving food to school students and staff.

In addition, your duties include restocking and maintaining supplies for the kitchen and cafeteria, as well as maintaining and cleaning the kitchen, equipment, and washing dishes. You are required to stand and be able to lift up to 35 pounds.

Prior to employment, all candidates for all positions will be:

- *Fingerprinted
- *Subject to a background check
- *Complete the "Protecting God's Children" Program
- *Be in compliance of the school's vaccination requirement

If interested, please contact Joe Gidaro, jgidaro@stmatthiasnj.org OR Mary Lynch, mlynch@stmatthiasnj.org

Parish Leadership

Parish Pastoral Council:	Co-Secretaries:	Ana Kelly, Ex-Officio	Parish Finance Council:	Joe Porter
Co-Chairs:	Frank Rees	Fr. Abraham, Ex-Officio	Kester Hector, Chair	Joan Pritchard
Rose Peng, rosepeng@optonline.net	Marilyn Wegg		Finance Council	Mary Pat Burke-Grospin, Ex-Officio
John Taylor, jptaylor1068@yahoo.com	Stephan Busono	Trustees:	@stmatthias.net	Fr. Abraham, Ex-Officio
	Anne Marie Francis	Isaac Peng	Barry Dusault	
	Bill Isele	Marge Richards	Gwen Orłowski	
	Maria Tapia-Burch		Audrey Francis	

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, 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 8th 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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