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Sat - 5PM, Sun - 8, 10 AM & 12 noon
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THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. MATTHIAS
 SUNDAY, JUN 11, 2023-
 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

“This
 is
 my
 Body”

Luke 22:19



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
 Revival**

**Inauguration of the
 Parish phase of the
 Eucharistic Revival
 is TODAY.**

This Week @ St. Matthias From Our Senior Pastor

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, Jun 11, 2023 Body & Blood of Christ Corpus Christi

8:00AM Mass Church
10:00AM Mass—Sign Language Interpreter Church
12:00PM Mass Church

Monday, Jun 12, 2023 St. John of Sahagun, Priest SMS Dismissal at 12:15PM

8:00AM Mass / Miraculous Medal Novena Church

Tuesday, Jun 13, 2023 Memorial— St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor

Last Day of St. Matthias School –

Dismissal at 12:15PM

8:00AM Mass Church
10:00AM SMS School Awards Church
11:00AM SMS Prayer Service Church
7:00PM St. Matthias Racial Justice Grp. Zoom
7:30PM SVDP Mtg. de Porres Rm

Wednesday, Jun 14, 2023 St. Joseph, the Hymnographer

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

Thursday, Jun 15, 2023 St. Germaine Cousin, Virgin

8:00AM Mass Church
7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday, Jun 16, 2023 Solemnity - Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00AM Mass Church

Saturday, Jun 17, 2023 Opt. Memorial—Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:30AM Secular Franciscans Mtg. de Porres Rm
3:30PM Reconciliation Church
5:00PM Vigil Mass Church

Sunday, Jun 18, 2023 Father's Day

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



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If you would like to send information to be included in our bulletin, please email it to bulletin@stmatthias.net by 8 AM, MONDAY, 5 business days before the needed bulletin date (earlier for holiday weekends).

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Dear Friends,

Today's bulletin is a special edition as we inaugurate the Parish Phase of the National Eucharistic Revival that our nation's Bishops Conference has initiated. Please read in this bulletin the objectives and practical plans of this revival.



What are we doing here at St. Matthias for reviving Eucharistic spirituality?

Our newly formed Eucharistic Revival Committee has proposed many ideas for me to consider and implement those that are practical during the course of the year. We begin with the following:

- 1. Eucharistic Procession:** This weekend we are celebrating the feast of "Corpus Christi" which is the traditional name for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We have announced holding the Eucharistic Procession after the 5 pm Mass. Processing with the Holy Eucharist around our church and school praying and singing is a public expression of our faith in the Eucharist.
- 2. Weekly Adoration:** Being in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord is a very pious personal devotion. Sitting quietly in front of the Blessed Sacrament is a spiritually fulfilling experience that Catholics all over the world love. We are dedicating two hours every Monday from 6-8 pm. Many have already signed up. Most welcome to experience it.
- 3. Closing the door near the Tabernacle:** You may remember during the Jubilee Year of 2000, all our side doors were closed and everyone had to enter through the main door in the front. This time, only one door near the Tabernacle side in the church will be closed in order to signify the sacredness of the area. It is only human that we stand near the Tabernacle, having chitchat and laughter, taking the presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle for granted. Leaving that door closed is just a symbolic reminder to us of the reverence and silence we need to have in front and near the Lord in the Tabernacle.
- 4. Communion from the Chalice:** During the pandemic, we had suspended our practice of receiving the Precious Blood of the Lord from the Chalice due to the fear of the risk of cross-contamination. In this post-pandemic times, it is only right that we offer the chalice to those who wish to receive. We will plan the logistics and try this soon.

There are more ideas and plans in the offing as we intend to promote the four pillars of the Eucharistic revival: 1) Reinvigorating worship, 2) Personal Encounter with Christ, 3) Robust Faith Formation, and 4) Missionary Commissioning. (see page 4 of this bulletin for more on this).

Congratulations to three of our parishioners – Ricky Michel, Ivette Michel and Donna Vattelana – who have been trained as Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers. Their commissioning at the 5 pm Mass this weekend is a reminder to others to consider becoming a Minister of Holy Communion.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 — 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36—10:8

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, Jun 10	5:00PM	Joseph Doyle, by Isabelle & John Baker
Sunday, Jun 11	8:00AM	Eulailia Villanueva, by The Tibay Family
	10:00AM	Health & Blessings for Moksha & The Nathan Families, by The Nathan Family
	12:00PM	Intention of Parishioners
Monday, Jun 12	8:00AM	Charles Coffaro, by Mary Ann Coffaro
Tuesday, Jun 13	8:00AM	Alba Arias, by Frances & Carl
Wednesday, Jun 14	8:00AM	Louise Orlowski, by Brendan & Ginger Boyle
Thursday, Jun 15	8:00AM	Alex Manuel, by The Tibay Family
Friday, Jun 16	8:00AM	James Weber, by Eileen Weber
Saturday, Jun 17	5:00PM	Intention of Parishioners
Sunday, Jun 18	8:00AM	Hugh Scott, by Wife, Pearl
	10:00AM	All Fathers, Living & Deceased
	12:00PM	Maurice (Max) Regan, by The Family

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.](#)

Carolyn Banghart
 Tammy Baskaran
 Arthur & Regina Berlowitz
 John Blum
 Bishop Paul Bootkowski
 Barbara Butler
 Tara Capatosto
 Ellen Catalina
 Kyle Davidson
 Lisa DeFeo
 William Dolphin
 Hattie Evans
 Josephine Geenty
 Claudia Gemgnani
 Helen Geraghty
 Emma Gergely

Marilyn Horvath
 Robert Kashinsky
 Kathleen Langenbacher
 Henrietta Lesiak
 Mary Lou Litrakis
 John Litrakis
 Joseph Lubrano
 Aries Magali
 Al Maglio
 Anne McElwee
 Margaret Menendez
 Carol Millemann
 Kathlyn Moore
 Eleanor Nagy
 Danny Ongchango
 Robert Pellegrino

Jim Pettit
 Randolf Pinard
 Valerie Polci
 Kim Price
 Doris Regan
 Gabriel Rivera
 Arina Robinson
 Arthur Robinson
 Maria Schwenzer
[Amy Shepp](#)
 Sr. Rosaria Shina, OSF
 Sr. Bernadine Marie
 Stemnock
 Jeff Sullivan
 Tom Szabo
[Don Tibay](#)

Nancy Whelan
 Mark Worthington
 Carl Wyopen
 Angie Yetyet

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*

Nancy Siringano, Alan Ziata, John Scibilia

Reflect



Smile with Your Family



They have Dial-a-Prayer for atheists now. You call up and it rings and rings but nobody answers. 😊

Therapist: We need to deal with this constant need of yours to please others.

Client: Sure, if it makes you happy! 😊

"You're a high-priced lawyer! If I give you \$500, will you answer two questions for me? "Absolutely! What's the second question?" 😊

What a similarity between an actor and politician:

Everyone knows them for who they pretend to be. 😊

Flight Instructor: Umm... seems a bit windy today.

Student: "Yeah – sorry, I had beans last night." 😊

A dentist opened an office on a boat. What was the boat's name? The Tooth Ferry 😊

I asked a pilot once, how often do these things crash? He replied "just once usually" 😊

A man is talking with his therapist. The therapist says, "It seems you have a severe phobia of marriage. Do you understand the symptoms?" The man replies, "Can't say I do." The therapist says, "Yeah, that's the main one." 😊

Parenting Tune-Up



"The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?" (1 Corinthians 10:6)
Hopefully your family says a blessing before meals. Good. What we eat becomes part of our body. As your family eats together this weekend be mindful that God is in each of you. Together, we are the body of Christ.

Marriage Tune-Up



"Couples who are finding it hard to stay married deserve our prayers and assistance."
(Follow the Way of Love, USCCB). Pray for a couple you know who is struggling in their marriage. Perhaps your prayer is for yourself.
Consider trying 'Retrouvaille', www.helpourmarriage.org or 'The Third Option', www.thethirdoption.com

Eucharistic Adoration



We invite you to sign up to be a guardian of the Eucharist during our proposed time of Exposition on Monday evenings from 6-8 pm.

Watch the bulletin and our parish website for updates on these ambitious plans.

If you have any questions, please call Fr. Abraham or Msgr. Brennan or speak to them after Mass.

Let us join the rest of the nation in this Eucharistic Revival and be renewed.

The Real Presence is Transubstantiation

The doctrine of Transubstantiation means that the *substance* of the bread and wine offered during Mass is changed during Consecration to the *substance* of the risen Jesus' glorified Body and Blood by the action of the Holy Spirit, though its *accidents* (like color, shape, taste etc.), remain the same.

PADRE PIO'S PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION



"Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You.
Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often.
Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without fervor.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness.

Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You.

Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You very much, and always be in Your company.

Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You.

Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of love.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late, the day is coming to a close, and life passes; death, judgment, eternity approach. It is necessary to renew my strength.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

OBJECTIVE

In 2019, the US Conference of Catholic bishops decided to launch a program of National Eucharistic Revival. The goal is to try to have a deeper understanding and love of the Eucharist, and to intensify our commitment to the mission of charity implied in the celebration of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the source and the summit of our Christian life. How do we help everyone – those who attend the church and those who do not – to have this experience?

THE STRATEGY

Our Bishops have proposed three phases for this revival: The **Diocesan phase** was launched on the feast of Corpus Christi in June of 2022. The second phase, the Parish Phase, will be launched on the feast of Corpus Christi, June 11, 2023. The third and final phases will be launched at a National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July 2024 and from this celebration, Catholics will be sent on a mission to live a renewed and vibrant Eucharistic Life.

OUR PLAN HERE AT ST. MATTHIAS FOR THE PARISH PHASE:

We have formed a Eucharistic Revival Committee to plan and implement ideas for Eucharistic Revival, following the guidelines proposed by the National Eucharistic Revival Committee. **The four pillars of the Revival are:**

Reinvigorate worship: Beauty in the worship elevates the mind and hearts of those who participate. The beauty of the sacred space, vessels, music, actions, vestments, proclamation of the Word, preaching and more moves people to contemplate God’s beauty and grandeur. **The Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession on June 10th after the 5 pm Mass is one expression of worship.**

Personal Encounter: Creating time and space for people to encounter Christ in personal reflection before the Lord in the Eucharist. This could include exposition of the Eucharist, Benediction, liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic

processions, Forty hours Eucharistic Adoration, etc. **Starting Monday June 12th, and every Monday for the rest of the next year, we will have exposition from 6 – 8 pm. The Eucharist will be exposed on the altar in the monstrance. Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion will expose and repose the Eucharist every week. We need guardians of the Eucharist to volunteer to spend time in prayer during these hours.** There is a sign-up sheet in the main vestibule. Select a 30-minute period (or more), and commit to that time every week. If you have an emergency or weather is very inclement, then you can inform the coordinator who will find a substitute. Bring your Bible, some spiritual reading or your rosary or simply sit and reflect. There will be no public reading or program. This is time for silence and prayer.

Robust Faith Formation: Every Catholic is in need of better faith formation. The full details of this formation are still being worked out. But, it will involve our small faith-sharing groups and other larger gatherings for the study of the Eucharist. There are some great resources available online, on CD’s and in printed forms to help promote understanding and renewal. In the meantime, we encourage Catholics to visit these websites: www.eucharisticrevival.org, www.wordonfire.org and www.usccb.org where you will find great videos and information about this revival.

Missionary Commissioning: The Eucharist is described as the sacrament of charity because it was given to us as a gift out of the supreme love of Christ when he sacrificed his life on the cross. Renewed by the Spirit and love of Christ, and nourished by the Eucharist, we are sent on mission to the poor and those on the margins and those who have lost their fervor and faith in our Eucharistic Lord. The Eucharist is the source of our Christian fervor and it nourishes us to focus outward to others as Christ reminds us when he said, “I was hungry and you gave me food...” (Matthew 25:35)

The Greatest Work of Art in St. Peter's Basilica



One of the seminarians who gives tours of St. Peter's shared an interesting incident. He was leading a group of Japanese tourists who knew absolutely nothing of our Faith. With particular care he explained the great masterpieces of art, sculpture and architecture. He finally concluded at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel trying

his best to explain quickly what it was. As the group dispersed, an elderly man, who had been particularly attentive stayed behind, and said, "Pardon me. Would you explain again this 'Blessed Sacrament?'" The seminarian did, after which the man exclaimed, "Ah, if this is so, what is in this chapel is a greater work of art than anything else in this basilica."

Today's feast of Corpus Christi gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of the "Real Presence" so that we may appreciate the Sacrament better and receive maximum benefit from the Eucharist. We believe in the "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist because 1) Jesus promised it after miraculously feeding the 5000. 2) Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist during his Last Supper. 3) Jesus commanded his disciples to repeat it in his memory. 4) "Nothing is impossible for God."



The Real Presence: Biblical Basis:

Our belief in this Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist derives from the literal interpretation of the promise of Christ to give us his Body and Blood for our spiritual food and drink, as

found in St. John's Gospel, Chapter 6, and also in the four independent accounts of the fulfillment of this promise at the Last Supper (Mt 26; Mk 14; Lk 22; 1 Cor 11).

Eucharistic theologians explain the *Real Presence* by a process called *transubstantiation*: the entire *substance* of bread and wine is changed into the entire *substance* of the risen and glorified Body and Blood of Christ, retaining only the "*accidents*" (taste, color, shape) of bread and wine. Can there be a religion in which God is closer to man than our Catholic Christianity? Jesus does not believe that he is humiliating himself in coming to us and giving himself to us in his Flesh and Blood; rather, he is expressing his everlasting love for us

Do we prepare to receive Holy Communion?

We are not perfect. We have our weaknesses and sinfulness. Hence, there is always need for repentance, and a need for the Sacramental confession of grave sins, before we receive Holy Communion. We should remember the warning given by St. Paul:

"Whoever, therefore, eats the Bread or drinks the Cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the Body and Blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the Bread and drink of the Cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the Body, eat and drink judgment against themselves." (1 Cor. 10:16-17).

Hence, let us receive Holy Communion with fervent love and respect – not merely as a matter of routine. St. Paul is speaking also of the Mystical Body of Christ, i.e., the people of God gathered at the altar. Such a union, plainly, means that our outward piety towards the consecrated Bread and Wine cannot coexist with rudeness, unkindness, slander, cruelty, gossiping or any other breach of charity toward our brothers and sisters.

Silver & Gold Anniversary Mass



Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration



You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen

on **Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:00 PM.**

Registration is required.

Please register online at:

<https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>.

If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on **October 6, 2023**. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543.

Part-Time General Maintenance Person

St. Matthias is looking for a **part-time general maintenance person**. This employee will be responsible for maintaining the safety and cleanliness of the church/school.

Please contact **Mary Pat Burke-Grospin** at:
mpburke-grospin@stmatthias.net or (732) 828-1400 ext.121



BEFORE and AFTER SCHOOL DIRECTOR POSITION AVAILABLE

Saint Matthias School is looking for a director for our before and after school program for the 2022-2023 school year. This is a part-time position for an individual who enjoys working with children and who has some managerial experience. The hours are 2:00-6:00, Monday to Friday. If you are interested, please phone the school at 732-828-1402, extension 144 or send an email to jgidaro@stmatthiasnj.org.

CALLING ALL SMS ALUMNI

With summer within view, it is a good time for our Saint Matthias School alumni to let us know what they have been up to. We love knowing how our school may have helped you achieve your goals in furthering your education and/or with your career. Would you please share this news with us? We would like to acknowledge your accomplishments in our church bulletin so that your story gets known to all of our community. Did you recently graduate high school, college, or graduate school? Have you entered an engaging profession? Did you get

married? Are you living out of state due to a job offer you just could not refuse? Have you recently become the proud mother or father of a special bundle of joy? Will you be running for President in 2024? Please take a few moments to tell us about yourself. Inquiring eyes and ears want to know. Send your information to Joseph Gidaro, Director of Development and Marketing at jgidaro@stmatthiasnj.org or you can mail your information to the school, 170 John F Kennedy Boulevard, Somerset, NJ 08873.



Dear St. Matthias,

On behalf of the clients we serve, our staff, volunteers, and Board of Trustees, thank you so much for your donation in the amount of \$5,997 made on 5/22/2023 in support of Ash Wednesday Collection, 2023 General Funds.

As the sun rose on 2023 the food bank had served more families in one year than we have in the past five years combined – including the Covid-19 pandemic. This blossoming has all been made possible by the incredible support of our neighbors like you.

We are here for the residents of Franklin Township and beyond. The need is there and we know how we are going to meet it in this next year. Thank you for believing in us, for supporting our efforts, and for giving us the chance to help so many. We promise to work to make you proud and will keep you updated on our successes and challenges.

To an exciting year ahead – and to you for being with us through it all – thank you!

With Gratitude,

Allie O'Brien
Development Director

From the Pastoral Staff

Today's Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ provides us an opportunity to pause and reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist in our spiritual lives. In this year of The National Eucharistic Revival, it's a powerful day to give thanks to God for the Eucharist. Where would we be without it?

Over the years, I have come to a fuller appreciation of the word "Communion". When I receive the Eucharist at Mass each weekend, I actually feel that I am part of the Body of Christ that is St. Matthias. When I receive the Communion, I feel connected, not only to Jesus Christ- his passion, death and resurrection- but also to you, my faith community. The act of receiving the Body of Christ connects me to your joys, your pain, your hopes and dreams. We are actually in "communion" with each other through the Body of Christ.

I was so moved at our First Eucharist celebrations this past year. When I think about the richness of faith in store for these young children and their families. Jesus chose a meal to establish his eternal legacy, knowing that we will always need to be fed and will always need to be part of each other's lives. We come closer to Jesus every time we receive His Body and His Blood. Our children are joining us on the journey- how we need their enthusiasm and spirit!

Today we sang a new Gathering Song-

Ang Katawan Ni Kristo- by Filipino-American liturgical composer Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP PHD. (Fr. Ricky actually grew up in Marlboro, NJ) He is the composer of some of our

favorite liturgical songs at St. Matthias- Many and Great, By the Waking of Our Hearts, Spirit and Grace, In These Days of Lenten Journey, Beyond the Days With One Voice, just to name a few.



"Ang Katawan Ni Kristo" is Tagalog for The Body of Christ. Fr. Ricky's song reminds us that we gather around the Table of the Lord at Mass the same way we gather around our own tables at home. Our families are strengthened and healed by the words of our Savior and by Jesus' Living Presence.

I am happy to say that the Metuchen Chapter of the Pastoral Musicians Association is sponsoring a presentation entitled "The Liturgy of Life" by Fr. Ricky Manalo on Saturday, June 24, 2023 from 8:30-12:30 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Three Bridges, NJ. This is not a presentation for musicians only, but for all of the people of God who want to grow in Eucharistic understanding and reconnect Sunday worship with their daily lives. I have heard Fr. Ricky speak many times. He is an inspiring presenter. You will be so glad you came.

Registration info is below and if you have any questions about whether this presentation might be for you, please ask me.

Behold the Body of Christ- Jesus our Savior and Life!

Joan Best Seamon,
Pastoral Associate for Liturgical Music, St. Matthias Church

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Catholic Community of St. Matthias

**RACIAL
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Mission/Purpose Statement: We are a ministry of affiliated parishioners seeking to address and eradicate racism within our parish community and beyond through prayer, awareness, education, and action on issues, attitudes, and behaviors that prevent us from living our call to a covenant with God to build relationships of love, justice, and peace.

For more information please email matthiasracialjustice@stmatthias.net or speak with one of our core team members:

Phyllis Stone, Neil Purcell, and Kerry Millan



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Why not celebrate the Spring Season by treating you and your spouse to a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **July 14 - 16**. Please apply ASAP as space is limited.

Phone 732-904-9636 for application and information (Tom & Ruth DeFalco). Visit us at: www.wwme.org for more information.

Pray

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD



On behalf of Bishop James F. Checchio, all are invited to attend a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations and the Sanctification of Priests on **Friday, June 23, 2023, at 5 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Included in the intentions of this Holy Hour are Deacon Jose Lim, who will be ordained a priest the following day, and the sanctification of all priests of our diocese. All are also invited to the Priesthood Ordination, which will take place on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.

On this day, Bishop Checchio will ordain Deacon Jose Lim as a priest for service in the Diocese of Metuchen. Access to the live-stream and updates about the ordination can be found on the diocesan website: diometuchen.org/ordinations.

Give (and Receive!)

Stewardship Reflection June 11, 2023 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.” (1 Corinthians 10:17)

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God’s kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other’s relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our road map to Heaven. Let’s help each other get there!

Reflexiónese 11 de junio de 2023 Santísimo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo (Corpus Christi)

“Como hay un pan, nosotros, que somos muchos, pasamos a ser un solo cuerpo, porque todos participamos del único pan”. (1 CORINTIOS 10:17)

Como discípulos de Jesús, estamos llamados a llevar vidas santas e invitar a otros a unirse a nosotros. Vivir un estilo de vida de mayordomía, ser agradecidos y generosos con nuestros dones, tiene un doble propósito. Primero, ayuda a construir el reino de Dios aquí en la tierra. Segundo, nos ayuda a fortalecer la relación de cada uno con Dios Padre, con Jesús y con el Espíritu Santo. Se convierte en nuestra hoja de ruta hacia el cielo. ¡Ayudémonos unos a otros a llegar allí!

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 49 - June 4, 2023	\$9,285.00	\$14,255.25	\$23,540.25	\$36,320.75
Week 50 - June 11, 2023	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,165.25
Week 51 - June 18, 2023	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Week 52 - June 25, 2023	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
			Month-to-date Total	June Total Last
			\$23,540.25	\$65,486.00
Building R & R Collection: \$2,304.00			Current Year-to-date	Year-to-date as of
			\$1,317,860.48	\$1,322,499.06

Connect with Our Local Community

Day for Grandparents and Seniors July 26, 2023



The Diocese of Metuchen is pleased to host a Celebrate Life Event - A Day for Grandparents & Seniors (55+) on Wednesday, **July 26, 2023 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway.** The morning will include, breakfast, fellowship, and a guest speaker presentation followed by Eucharist Adoration and Holy Mass. This event is an outreach to our aging Catholic community and promises to be an upbeat day! There is no fee but registration is required.

For more information or to register, visit: <https://www.diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity>



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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, 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.

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